

IOM Copiers Easter Regatta took place in Ramsey Bay hosted by Manx Sailing & Cruising Club. As usual, the sun was shining with a brisk southerly breeze which may have been a little too much for some, but no worries for those who kept up the practice at West Baldwin during the winter.

The fleet was mixed with the extremes of dinghy performance clearly on show with the Cope brothers, Jimmy in the Tera and big brother Peter in a foiling Waszp (is it even a boat?)

The three races were over the same windward/leeward (up and downwind) course and after a minor delay, patrol boat assisting a competitor with gear failure racing started.

First over the start line in Race one was Peter Cope and over the five laps, with speeds of up to 22 knots recorded, he was easily the first on the water by at least two laps. Even after correction Peter took first place from Simon Pressly (Radial) by over two minutes and junior, Thomas Watterson (Aero 5) only thirteen seconds back in third place.

Race two, with the wind easing slightly and with some of the outright speed of Peter's Waszp muted, he was still first on the water but on correction it was a Laser 1,2,3. Simon Pressly (Radial), first, just back from the ILCA (Laser World Champs) in Australia, second Jason Hyett (Laser) and Donald Edwards (Laser) third.

The breeze eased further for Race three with Donald showing what he could do after a bit of practice (Race 1 & 2), Peter still led the fleet home but Donald was second on the water. After correction it was Simon who again took the win with Donald second and junior, Thomas in third.

Overall, not surprisingly, with two wins and one second was Simon Pressly with first place junior and second overall, Thomas Watterson and a thrilled Jason Hyett in third. First lady was Elsie Hyett and MS&CC Commodore, Jerry Colman finishing the windy day in the dinghy with by far the largest sail, the Finn.

MS&CC would like to thank Mark Corrin of IOM Copiers for his continued support, Keith Poole for Officer of the day, ably assisted by Dave Edwards and Ralph Kee. The patrol boats crews of Jade Leach, Peter Hoosen-Owen, Helen Kee and Martin Jackson and Niamh Poole for organising an excellent Regatta Tea.

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