

Another blustery weekend and again dinghy racing for the Watling Streetworks Winter Series went ahead in the relative shelter of the West Baldwin valley on Sunday morning.

A turnout of 12 crews, which included 5 juniors rigged their boats for the first round of the December series.

The wind was blowing mostly up the valley so the race officer set a longer than usual course using the length of the lake. It wasn't long before Dave Batchelor (Hadron) was out in front, but unlike in November, not very far ahead. In fact nobody was very far away from each other at the finish Batch, Andrew Dean, James Walker and Ralph, who at some point was second. However, no-one was far enough ahead of Simon Pressly (ILCA 6) who took the win after correction with James Walker (Streaker) and Ralph (ILCA 7) in third, best junior was Thomas Watterson in fifth.

For Race two the course was unchanged, we all checked this week! Unlike the usual, Batch made a poor start, he used another word, was scratching about in the middle of the fleet.

Out in front, were the evergreen duo of Andrew and Jerry, even at the finish they were far enough ahead to get first and second after correction. Third place was James Walker and best junior was again Thomas in sixth.

After the first round of two races, points are so close that two crews are in first and three in second, all to play for!

Manx Sailing & Cruising Club would like to thank our sponsor Doug Watling, Race Officer Keith Poole and patrol boat crew of Martin and Muir.