

Manx Sailing and Cruising Club

Watling Streetworks Injebreck 2025 February Series Races 5 and 6, Sunday 16th February

Report by Andrew Dean

Bob Love and Jerry Colman take the honours

The weather forecast unsurprisingly reduced the fleet from last week's 16 to just 4, although your correspondent might have competed had he not lost an argument with a drill. With winds in excess of 20 knots in the Irish Sea, with a direction of just south of east, giving it a miss seemed sensible. A temperature of 3 degrees added to the unpleasantness.

But this did not deter Jerry Colman (Finn), George Pearce (RS Tera Sport) and Bob Love and Jason Hyatt (both Laser Radials), who seemed to enjoy the challenging conditions. The wind arrived in medium gusts from every direction, not always easy to see from the water surface's appearance.

The course for both races used just marks 2 and 6, the first leaving marks to starboard, reversing direction for the second. Young George made the best start but it was Bob who powered through in the faster boat to win on corrected time from George who had his best ever result in second. Jason took third from Jerry who found an enormous flat spot near the eastern shore. In between races the wind filled in a bit enabling 3 laps for the three leaders in order results Jerry, Jason and Bob.

After three weekends Ralph Kee still leads the series but Bob and Jason have climbed many places to share 5th place on points, and George lies an excellent 12th. With just 10 points covering the top 7 it's all to sail for on the 23rd.

Thanks to Keith Poole for race officer duty, and the Patrol boat crew of Graham and Adrian Wilson. Thanks are also due to sponsors Watling Streetworks, supporting sailing in our lovely island.