

The IOM Copiers Easter Regatta 2025, initially scheduled for Easter Saturday, was moved to Easter Sunday due to the forecast which was for a brisk onshore breeze that would produce surf on the beach making launching impossible. Easter Sunday, despite it being windier than expected, the sun was shining which boosted enthusiasm and 23 dinghies made it to the beach, with 21 starting the first race.

As expected this early in the season the patrol boat crews were kept busy with capsizes, leading to one retirement in the first race of three. The wind eased for the second race over the same windward/leeward course, champagne sailing for some, but too much for others, causing three more retirements due to tiredness.

The third race featured a 'P' course to add some interest, but with the breeze dropping perhaps the reaches could have been tighter for added interest, the top three finished in the same order as the overall results after 3 races. Teddy Dunn in first place in an Aero 5 (who would of guessed..), the ever improving Ivan Nicholls aboard a ILCA 6 in second, and the evergreen David Batchelor riding his now repaired Hadron H2 (unpronounceable named winter Injebreck storm mishap) in third.

It was good to see so many juniors out on the water, the 3 Tera's of Jimmy Cope, Tullie Hyett and Charlie Watterson. The Aero 5 fleet of Thomas Watterson, Will Osbourn and Archie Dunn, not forgetting George Pearce who finished all 3 races in a Laser Radial (ICLA 6), bit of a step up from last season's Tera!

Racing over, a quick clean up then a prize giving and another excellent Regatta tea.

The prize giving also included the Watling Streetworks Winter Series Trophies: Thomas Watterson won the Kara Cup and Scott Trophy, David Batchelor the Steam Packet Trophy and Tynwald Cup, and Ralph Kee the Shipyard Trophy. Gratitude was expressed to all the volunteers who helped with the events over the past six months. Now it's getting warmer we get busier so watch this space.

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