

Manx Sailing and Cruising Club

Watling Streetworks Winter Series November 26th 2023.

Batchelor holds firm at the top

A light to non-existent generally southerly zephyr seasoned with a little ice cold drizzle greeted the slightly reduced fleet of 10 dinghies at Injebreck on Sunday morning for the last two races of the November Series. The battle to find a little more breeze than the rest was engaged from the start together with the need to avoid the rather extensive wind holes spread around the lake like invisible bunkers on a golf course. Your correspondent in Finn GBR 87 proved especially useful to the rest of the fleet by sailing straight into most of them so they could all see where not to go. Unlike last week the light conditions did not wind up much for the second race but fortunately at least the rain stopped allowing for some great photography from the shore and the patrol boat.

Dave Batchelor in the Hadron H2 however didn't need much help getting to the front and staying there (the two strategic targets in sail racing). So a clean sweep for the H2 in the November Series. Excellent performances in the light conditions were also put in by Jimmy Cope (RS Tera sport) and Tom Watterson (RS Aero 5) whose light weight would have helped against some of the meatier amongst us. These two juniors took the other steps on the November podium so well done indeed to them for doing so well against a fleet of 17 generally well sailed boats in the series.

The MS&CC Watling Streetworks Injebreck December Series starts next Sunday (Dec 3rd) and we look forward to an even bigger fleet so get kitted out for the cold and get up there so you can acclimatise for the Frostbite Regatta on Boxing Day. Full results and lots of pics on the MS&CC Facebook page.

Thanks to OOD Keith Poole for the usual excellent race management and Patrol Boat crew Tim Cope and Peter Hoosen-Owen for looking after us and towing stragglers home.

Jerry Colman