

During the month of November a total of 15 dinghies have taken part in the Watling Streetworks Winter Series. Despite Storm Bert's best efforts racing did take place on Sunday on the West Baldwin Reservoir with little evidence of the havoc being caused on the adjacent Isle.

The Race Officer set a triangular course, down to the dam wall, across and back up to the top of the lake.

Dave Batchelor set the pace and so far this month he has been difficult to catch, especially when he is going the right way! It was Ralph Kee's (ILCA 7) turn to give chase, second on the water and after correction within 15 seconds.

With the wind, more importantly, the gusts picking up the Race Officer shortened the course to a straight forward windward/leeward course avoiding the now really messy wind behind the dam(n) wall.

For this race the 'Batch chasing position' was taken on by junior, Thomas Watterson (Aero 5) after many of the following crews wasted so much time checking centre boards, water temperature and such like!

At the finish Thomas was close enough to take the win on correction with Batch 2nd.

Highlight off the closing leg was Ralph out hiking both Jerry Colman (Finn) and Simon Pressly (ILCA 6) on the final beat, a moral victory which is still being felt on Tuesday!

The November Series winner was Dave Batchelor, Simon Pressly second and Ralph Kee third, best junior was Thomas Watterson.

Manx Sailing & Cruising Club would like to thank our sponsor Doug Watling, Keith Poole for Racer Officer duties and the patrol boat crew of Graham and Adrian Wilson.

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