

Storm Eowyn warnings for the end of this week, but conditions could not have been more different for dinghy racing on West Baldwin reservoir last Sunday morning.

The gentle south easterly wind blew mostly up the lake, the odd waft here and there, difficult to call then gusts and of course the usual deadly hollows.

The fleet of thirteen started Race one and quickly sorted themselves out, large sails at the front, Jerry Colman (Finn), Andrew Dean (D-Zero) and Ralph Kee (ILCA 7). The juniors in their Tera Sport and Pro sails to the rear.

Although the first three finished in the same order it was the only double-handed dinghy of Joe and Eric Whitelegg that took the win after correction, their first of this winter series and good going for a pair of rugby players in light conditions.

For Race two the Race Officer shortened the course, thankfully and yet again it was a sort into sail size affair again. For this race though, Ralph pulled ahead of Andrew to finish second on the water. Being ahead of the fleet gives competitors the luxury of racing in 'clear air', if there is such a thing in the Baldwin Valley, Jerry Colman made the most of this. Even after correction he finished more than a minute ahead of Ralph in second and the Whitelegg's in third.

Racing has been exceptionally close with only one second separating some of the competitors and with only next weekend left of the January Series all to play for next Sunday. For results and photo's please visit the MS&CC website and Facebook page

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