

Yare Cup 2014

The 2014 Yare cup for IOM's took place at Norwich on Saturday 27th December. Unfortunately due to the weather forecast of bitter cold and rain, the entry on the day was somewhat curtailed.

However, the 8 competitors, all from the Norwich clubs were greeted to a cold, but dry day, with a NE 10 knot wind.

Race officers Vinnie Zammit and Rob Owen set a short Triangular and Sausage course and racing commenced just as the sun came out.

Rick Buxton, despite a hangover, won the first race with his MX14, with Tom Wilkinson who had the distinction of being the only Competitor not belonging to both clubs being 2nd.

The next 4 races were dominated by John Hanton with his homemade Corby, with Terry Burton running him close in most of the races.

After coffee, as predicted, the wind decreased and moved to the North. This gave Vinnie a bit of a headache as the course had to be set directly across the lake. However once achieved this made for some good sailing with Terry Burton, Duncan Ellis and Keith Whiddett all managing first places.

After lunch with the temperature dropping, the threat of rain and yet another wind shift back to the NE, racing resumed. John Hanton immediately set the scene for the rest of the afternoon by winning the first four races, with Terry Burton winning the 5th and once again John Hanton winning the last. .

With rain threatening, the wind increasing and the temperature dropping fast, it was generally agreed that the meeting would end while we were all still dry.

Mention must be made of Harry Ellis, by far the eldest statesman, who stuck it out till the end and achieved some good results. Well done Harry, you are a great example to our younger members.

Vinnie Zammit PRO