

The Annual New Year Race did happen, if a little later than advertised. We had bright sunshine, but with little to no wind from whichever direction you could think of. After a good bit of thought, it was decided to "invent" a course we could easily alter and sent everyone down to change and got the RIB's on the water - just in time for the wind to fall away completely.

After a very determined wait, there was a breath of breeze, from the expected northern direction. The marks were rapidly shifted to a (very) short windward/leeward and the proceedings started just after 14:00. The wind held enough for the 2nd race to start, after another wee adjustment to the course.

All were finished before 15:30 and in for a warm and a sample of the local mutton pies shortly thereafter. Especially needing a warm, was Martin Latimer, who took the swimming prize for a very enthusiastic roll-tack in his Laser.

Well done to all enthusiasts, in particular to the visiting Optimist sailors - seemingly desperate for their only Christmas sail of the holiday period. Also to the Race Team (on the warm side of the balcony window) for having faith we would get a start! Prizes were donated by sportScotland/Cumbræ Centre for each class, with break-out prizes for our determined Optimist guys. I think we all had fun - eventually.