

Vane 36 Racing Saturday 11th February 2017

The forecast for our third vane 36 race day of the season was even worse than we had come to expect this winter. Underlying temperatures of 2 degrees, reduced to minus 3 by wind chill, light snow flurries, and a north-easterly breeze didn't look promising. In spite of this, four skippers, and then a fifth, and their mates arrived ready to sail.

Having discussed it with the fleet, class captain and race officer Mervyn Cook cancelled vane racing for the day on health and on safety grounds. The unique demands of vane racing would have involved crews to be too long in the open, in icy conditions, which was not sensible. The decision was relayed to the RC laser class captain offering the use of the main lake. It was possible for radio sailing to take place mainly from the lee of the club house, which offered some shelter.

The next vane 36 racing is scheduled for Saturday March 11th. Let's hope that there's no snow in the forecast by then. Our next vane racing is for A's in just over a week, on Sunday 26th February.

Mervyn