

Baltic Wharf Comet Open 5th June 2016.

Ten visitors joined three local comets for the Baltic Wharf Open. Sailors were treated to 25 degree temperatures and wind that ranged from nothing to 15mph in each race.

Race one was set with a head of the harbour course. 12 boats started after a small delay waiting for Nigel to swap his Xtra boom with the standard to match the sail. As the wind shifted past the SS Great Britain it allowed Eddie Pope and Chris Hatton to catch and overtake Chris Robinson and Ben Palmer. Chris Hatton led on the run back down the dock until he sailed into a hole and was caught by Eddie and Ben. Chris held the lead to the end followed by Ben and Eddie.

The second race was set as a figure of eight course closer to the club. Ben was over the line and had to restart (A fact the OOD has reminded me to include) Chris Hatton led from start to finish with Brian Welham holding second until lap 5 when Eddie passed him to take second. Special mention to the competitors that managed to miss the rowing skiff on the reach from the first mark.

After a short break the final race was the same course with the first and final marks extended. Chris Hatton took the final first place of the day. There were a few changes of position but Eddie took second again and Henry took third.

First place overall went to Chris Hatton, Second to Eddie Pope and Third to Ben Palmer on countback over Henry Jagers.