

Frensham Pond

Somewhat lower numbers than expected at the Frensham open this year given it was in mid June and a fantastic all in deal with breakfast lunch and afternoon tea was included.

For the seven Comets that came conditions were ideal and the course was well set. The wind was force 3 to 4 with occasional strong gusts providing interesting major shifts through the gaps in the trees at the west end of the pond. The course set was a double sausage linked by a wonderful reach at the open East end, which enabled us to keep clear of the 19 Solos also sharing the day.



Race 1

Reporting on the race leaders from my usual position at the back of the field is difficult and in the first race after a dreadful start I tagged along as the lead boats pulled away into the distance Eddie Pope making first and Chris Robinson second.

Race 2

The second race was much better at the beginning, although I gradually slid down the field and was hit by a 'gust bomb' from between the trees just 30m before the finish line. Eddie and Chris were long finished as were the rest of the field. I frantically recovered from a dry capsized, only to see Henry calmly pip me by about a foot !

Race 3

The third race after lunch was my best start of the day, rounding the first mark in 3rd, with Carol Butcher doing even better ahead of me. As I slipped back again, she continued to sail her best race of the day coming a creditable third behind the usual suspects, this time Chris beating Eddie.

Race 4

The final race was more closely fought as everyone was getting used to the pond and the conditions, but Eddie, the master of playing the wind-shifts, registered his third first place of the day – winning the overall contest

comfortably. I was lying 4th approaching the last tack, only to see that a certain Mr Jagers had snuck up on me again and had me covered over the line. I just wish he wouldn't smile and wave!

Second place went to Chris who had only Eddie to beat all day and third to John Sturgeon

Eddie proposed thanks to Colin Dutton the Frensham Commodore, Jeff Dolton the Solo class captain (for sharing the pond and organising the day) and Jeremy Hudson for setting the excellent course.

Steve Gregory

Many thanks to Steve for this report; composed and transmitted whilst on his bike ride.

Ed.

Comet Frensham 2017 Open Results

Date:

25 June 2017

Helm	Boat Number	Sail (Comet, Mino, Xtra)	Club	Race #1	Race #2	Race #3	Race #4	Points
Steve Gregory	231	C	FPSC	-6	6	5	5	10
Chris Robinson	867	C	Burghfield	-2	2	1	2	5
Eddie Pope	804	C	Ogston	1	1	-2	1	3
Henry Jagers	800	C	Beer	4	5	-R	4	10
Carol Butcher	614	X	Hawley Lake	5	4	3	-6	10
John Yarnhams	713	C	FPSC	7	R	6	DNS	2
John Sturgeon	400	X	Hawley Lake	3	3	-4	3	9

Steve Gregory