

Comet Open at Severn Sailing Club – 4th September 2021

7 visitors travelled to Severn to compete with 4 home sailors in a Force 1 to 2 easterly which, coming off Bredon Hill and around the clubhouse, produced fluky winds but with few actual dead patches.

The club start line was angled across the river. This produced a close start but with everyone some way below the line!

Tricia Peacock from the home club got away well with David Peacock close behind. However, Eddie Pope worked his way through the fleet and was leading on the first downwind leg followed by Chris Robinson, Mike Weaver and Ben Palmer.

By the second lap Eddie was still in the lead but now followed by Peter Mountford, Chris, Henry Jagers and David Peacock.

Final top positions in this first 3 lap race were Eddie, Peter, David and Henry.

In Race 2, after a welcome lunch, David was leading Eddie, but missed the starboard intermediate mark, having to return and ending up 2nd behind Eddie. With the wind dropping the course was shortened to 2 ½ laps, finishing in the opposite direction to the start. The final top positions were Eddie, David, Ben and Mike.

In Race 3 Peter was over the line and had to return. Eddie, David and Ben had a very close race. As the wind was again dropping the downstream mark was brought nearer and again the race finished after 2 ½ laps.

The final overall positions were:

- 1st Eddie Pope
- 2nd David Peacock
- 3rd Ben Palmer

The presentation and excellent tea followed and Eddie Pope gave a much appreciated thanks to Severn Sailing Club.

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