

## **Comet Open Winsford Flash Sailing Club June 4<sup>th</sup> 2022**

A total of 16 Comets made it to Winsford made up of 10 Local boats and 6 visitors.

Very positively, we had 7 lady helms competing.

Conditions – The sailors were met 12-14 mph easterly wind with occasional gusts up to 17 /18. This ensured a challenging day of racing sailing with hiking, planning and wind shifting up to 50 degrees.

### **Race 1:**

Within 30 seconds of the start, we had our first couple of capsizes.

As the fleet worked its way towards the first mark Eddy Pope led Pete Coop and Chris Robinson. By the third lap Pete had got past Eddy only for Eddy to re-take the lead on the final lap.

All competitors reported close racing with lots of position changes.

### **Race 2:**

Alan Bennett rounded the windward mark first followed by Pete and Chris.

Pete overtook Alan and built a good lead which he maintained to the finish.

A great race by Rosemarie Benson saw her climb into 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Eddy had been as low as 7<sup>th</sup> but made a good recovery to finish 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Race 3:**

So, with Eddy and Pete both sharing a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, it was all to play for going into the final race and with the strongest wind of the day.

On the first leg Eddy went left, Pete was in the middle and several boats chose the right.

Surprisingly all 3 choices were reasonable which resulted in a big compression of boats arriving at the windward mark.

Eddy just got round in first, Pete was back in 7<sup>th</sup> and despite climbing back to 2<sup>nd</sup> it was not enough to deny Eddy outright victory.

Rosemarie Benson sailed another good race finishing 4<sup>th</sup> and securing the prize for first lady Helm.

Our race officer John Close and his team did a great job and the day finished with plenty of homemade cakes.

Report by Pete Coop WFSC.

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## WFSC

Rank	SailNo	Helm Name	R1	R2	R3	Total	Nett
1st	377	Eddie Pope	1	-2	1	4	2
2nd	610	Pete Coop	-2	1	2	5	3
3rd	867	Chris Robinson	3	-6	3	12	6
4th	311	Rosemarie Benson	-8	3	4	15	7
5th	126	Alan Bennett	4	4	-7	15	8
6th	877	Charlotte Coop	5	-8	5	18	10
7th	293	Catherine Whittaker	6	5	-8	19	11
8th	800	Henry Jagers	-7	7	6	20	13
9th	895	Chris Fowler	9	9	-10	28	18
10th	382	Roger Harrison	-11	10	9	30	19
11th	697	Janet Gaukroger	10	-11	11	32	21
12th	745	Fiona Nidri	-14	12	12	38	24
13th	235	Derek Armstrong	12	-13	13	38	25
14th	705	Martin Loud	13	-14	14	41	27
15th	98	Claudie Black	-15	15	15	45	30
16th	690	Carl Ellis	16	16	DNF	49	32



Photo: Lesley Gooden



Left to Right – Rosemarie Benson, Chris Robinson, Pete Coop and Eddie Pope  
Photo: Brian Herring