

## Severn Sailing Club 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

13 competitors arrived to compete for the Severn Sailing Club comet Open trophy, of which 7 were visitors. The weather was fine albeit with only a 2 - 5 knot breeze shifting through up to 45 degrees.

### Race 1

The anticipated busy start line with 13 boats across a narrow river did not occur with most competitors caught out in the intermittent breeze and nowhere near the start line. Dave Peacock and Dave Turtle got away well with Peter Mountford following some way behind. Apart from a couple of tail-enders finding the reeds on the leeward bank the race was uneventful and finished in this order

### Race 2



For the start of race two the breeze dropped to virtually nothing with the occasional zephyr coming through. The fleet were again spread out some way behind the line. Dave Turtle had a good start with Dave Peacock playing catch up this time, and Mike Weaver following. The breeze did not recover and after a tacking battle approaching the finish line Dave Turtle held on by a margin of 1 second to take the win from Dave Peacock, Mike Weaver finishing third.

### Race 3

A chaotic start in a slightly fresher breeze as this time the fleet pushed the start line. Trisha Peacock was over the line aided by David Peacock. With a first and second place each, David Peacock and Dave Turtle started to match race each other allowing Mike Weaver, Ben

Palmer and Jon Cooper to get away at the front. These three swapped positions for the lead but as the race progressed the breeze diminished and Dave Peacock found more speed than those in front to come though into first place with Jon Cooper second despite having not sailed a Comet for 10 years and Mike Weaver again in third place.

Despite the disappointing wind conditions all the competitors had an enjoyable day keenly contesting for honours throughout the day. An excellent tea with nibbles and cakes was enjoyed during the presentation before setting off home.

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