

## **Comet Open Redesmere Sailing Club**

The weather was fine with a fairly steady southerly which is great for Redesmere as the first leg can be a beat the length of the mere. By the third race the wind had veered to SSW and the rain came.

The OD set a figure of eight course, taxing the helms skill at avoiding the wind shadows on the west shore.

In all the races the fleet quickly spread out into a leading group of visitors followed by the locals.

All the starts were very clean, no one over the line. Immediately after the start of the first race, all still on starboard, Eddie Pope tacked but had straight away to tack back and to do his turns! He soon recovered. The OD later commented that all the helms were so well behaved, acknowledging their mistakes and duly doing paying their penalty turns.

In the first race Dave Turtle got away and there was no catching him.



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Eddie Pope then took the second race closely followed by Steve Bellamy.

Going into the final race there was all to play for, and whilst Eddie did dominate the 3<sup>rd</sup> race there was fierce competition for second, third and fourth place right up to the last mark, with Chris Robinson snatching 2nd.

Lower down there was close competition in that race between two of the Redesmere helms and Martin Loud, with Martin holding off the local Ancient Mariners!

From the club house it was noticeable how skilfully the lead boats rounded mark 8 (a reach to a beat) in the classic text book way: come in wide and leave close.