

# Winsford Flash Comet Open

Great turnout of 23 entries at WFSC Comet Open with 15 local sailors and 8 visitors. Travellers came as far from Essex and Bristol and we had 3 juniors.

Weather conditions on the day were light variable winds with some rain.

Race 1.

Race officer and team did a great job of getting the fleet away on the first start at 11am. A tight battle took place between Eddie Pope, Pete Chambers and Pete Coop. Throughout the rest of the fleet, there were lots of place changes due to the shifty conditions.

After several place changes at the front, Pete Coop finally came through to take the win, followed by Pete Chambers in 2nd and Eddie Pope in 3rd. All 3 boats finished within 15 seconds of each other.

The fleet adjourned for lunch break, which included Cottage pie, sticky toffee pudding and apple crumble provided by the excellent catering team at WFSC.

Race 2 took place after a short postponement to allow the wind to fill in. Yet again, the fleet got away cleanly. Pete Coop led the race from start to finish, followed by Eddie Pope in 2nd and Ben Palmer in 3rd

There was not enough wind to start the final race, so only 2 races completed with no discards.

Overall results 1st Pete Coop, 2nd Eddie Pope, 3rd Dave Turtle, 1st Junior and Lady Jessica Skelding.

Thanks were given to race team, travelling sailors, rescue boat and catering teams. Everyone shared an impressive Comet Open cake made by Ros Stevenson to finish.

Charlotte Coop

| Club     |                   | Winsford Flash Sailing Club |      |           |    |    |       |     |     |  |
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| Date     |                   | 01/10/2023                  |      |           |    |    |       |     |     |  |
| Boat No. | Helm              | Age Category                | Club | Sail type | R1 | R2 | Total | O/A | Pos |  |
| 610      | Pete Coop         | Ancient Mariner             | WFSC |           | 1  | 1  | 2     | 2   | 1   |  |
| 377      | Eddie Pope        | Ancient Mariner             | OgSC |           | 3  | 2  | 5     | 5   | 2   |  |
| 815      | Dave Turtle       | Ancient Mariner             | SuSC |           | 5  | 4  | 9     | 9   | 3   |  |
| 437      | Pete Chambers     |                             | WFSC |           | 2  | 11 | 13    | 13  | 4   |  |
| 867      | Chris Robinson    | Veteran                     | BrSC |           | 4  | 9  | 13    | 13  | 5   |  |
| 889      | Victoria Skelding | Adult                       | WFSC |           | 9  | 5  | 14    | 14  | 6   |  |
| 311      | Stephen Bellamy   | Ancient Mariner             | WFSC |           | 8  | 6  | 14    | 14  | 7   |  |
| 126      | Alan Bennett      | Ancient Mariner             | SHSC |           | 6  | 8  | 14    | 14  | 8   |  |
| 788      | Andy Dale         | Veteran                     | EySC |           | 7  | 10 | 17    | 17  | 9   |  |
| 597      | Ben Palmer        | Adult                       | BWSC |           | 15 | 3  | 18    | 18  | 10  |  |
| 877      | Charlotte Coop    | Veteran                     | WFSC |           | 12 | 7  | 19    | 19  | 11  |  |
| 643      | Finley Monks      |                             | WFSC |           | 10 | 13 | 23    | 23  | 12  |  |
| 888      | Ros Stevenson     | Ancient Mariner             | WFSC |           | 11 | 15 | 26    | 26  | 13  |  |
| 349      | Zoe Goodden       |                             | WFSC |           | 16 | 12 | 28    | 28  | 14  |  |
| 705      | Martin Loud       | Ancient Mariner             | WFSC |           | 17 | 14 | 31    | 31  | 15  |  |
| 864      | Peter Mountford   | Ancient Mariner             | SHSC |           | 14 | 17 | 31    | 31  | 16  |  |
| 745      | Fiona Niddrie     | Ancient Mariner             | WFSC |           | 13 | 19 | 32    | 32  | 17  |  |
| 690      | Carl Ellis        | Veteran                     | WFSC |           | 20 | 16 | 36    | 36  | 18  |  |
| 864B     | Nigel Fern        | Ancient Mariner             | SHSC |           | 18 | 18 | 36    | 36  | 19  |  |
| 697      | Janet Gaukroger   | Ancient Mariner             | WFSC |           | 19 | 20 | 39    | 39  | 20  |  |
| 98       | Claudie Black     | Veteran                     | WFSC |           | 21 | 21 | 42    | 42  | 21  |  |
| 702      | Jim Murie         |                             | WFSC |           | 23 | 22 | 45    | 45  | 22  |  |
| 739      | Mel Randell       |                             | WFSC |           | 22 | 23 | 45    | 45  | 23  |  |