

On Saturday 19th March, Wimbleball Sailing Club hosted the K1 Open, usually for the South West venue, it was noted by some competitors from further afield, that it was colder at Wimbleball than Glasgow - it was a cold day, some 10 degrees colder than the North..... But there were steady easterly winds, 8 competitors had good race conditions. Despite arriving in good time Jeff Vander Borgh had a knotty problem, and failed to make the first race – to the relief of some other competitors. Race 1 saw Mike Commander take an early lead, and Mike Deane after a poor start fought through the competitors, but failed to catch up, race 1 to Mike Commander.

Race 2 took place after lunch, and Jeff, with his knots now correctly knotted made a good start and headed to the lead, which he never lost. Mike Commander made valient efforts, but could not take the lead.

Race 3 took a similar course, and despite Mike Commander making huge efforts, Jeff could not be caught.

Full results were as follows

Race 1

Name	Sail Number	Position	Points
Mike Commander	103	1	1
Mike Deane	106	2	2
David Hume	111	3	3
John Shimell	77	4	4
Simon Jones	75	5	5
Toby Sherwin	98	6	6
Colin Allen	25	7	7
Jeff Vander Borgh	117	DNF	9

Race 2

Name	Sail Number	Position	Points
Jeff Vander Borgh	117	1	1
Mike Commander	103	2	2
David Hume	111	3	3
Simon Jones	75	4	4
Mike Deane	106	5	5
John Shimell	77	6	6
Toby Sherwin	98	7	7
Colin Allen	25	8	8

Race 3

Name	Sail Number	Position	Points
Jeff Vander Borght	117	1	1
Mike Commander	103	2	2
David Hume	111	3	3
Mike Deane	106	4	4
John Shimell	77	5	5
Simon Jones	75	6	6
Toby Sherwin	98	7	7
Colin Allen	25	8	8

Overall results

Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Points	Position
Jeff Vander Borght	9	1	1	2	1
Mike Commander	1	3	2	3	2
David Hume	3	2	3	5	3
Mike Deane	2	4	4	6	4
John Shimell	4	6	5	9	5
Simon Jones	5	5	6	10	6
Toby Sherwin	6	7	7	13	7
Colin Allen	7	8	8	15	8

The K1 open on Saturday was followed by the infamous Exmoor Beastie pursuit race on Sunday, and a number of the K1 team took part, among 51 entrants in total. Full results will be posted on the Wimbleball SC web site, but the K1 highlights were Jeff who took second overall, after a long battle for the lead. Mike Deane took 5th and John Shimell 10th... or maybe 9th, depending on a small debate over last minute passing.....