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## From the President's Desk

The Summer and Fall of 2017 were extremely active with many regattas. In this issue there are updates on the ACC regatta at Newport, Corsica Annual, Junior Championship, Oxford Annual, Internationals, Massapoag 68th Annual, Drew Bowl and Pumpkin Bowl.

Other good news is that Whitecap Composite will be building four (4) new Comets over the Winter. Now is your last chance to be included in this group order, if you want to launch a new Comet next Spring.

The President's Cup was awarded to Jim Widdis for his contribution as the Corresponding Secretary and the Citizen's Cup was awarded to Nancy Foote for all her efforts in making the Internationals a success.

Thanks to Tina Lauver for all her efforts in maintaining the web site, publishing the newsletter, and making available the assortment of belts, hats, and shirts. Also, thanks to Mark Beaton for donating a Mylar Jib for the annual raffle. The lucky winner was Carl Oberg.

Two of the Class owned Comets have recently been sold, to help finance the purchase of a new boat to better showcase the Class.

More new Comet owners were out sailing this Summer and Fall, which is encouraging to see. There has been a positive response with Comets being present at multi-fleet regattas like Newport, Massapoag, and Corsica. Sailors from other classes see the beauty of sailing the Comet and what our many regattas have to offer.

Hope you enjoy your Holidays and I look forward to sailing with you in 2018.

Smooth Sailing

Talbott Ingram  
President CCYRA

## Purchase Comet Gear Holiday Gifts Now

Limited quantities and sizes available

2017 Regatta Shirt	\$23.00
Canvas Bag	\$20.00
Red Baseball Hat	\$15.00
Belts	\$15.00
Bumper Sticker	\$4.00
Small Comet Logo Sticker	\$3.00

Email Tina Lauver at [cometclass@comcast.net](mailto:cometclass@comcast.net) to purchase any of these items.



# Newport ACC Results

## Newport Annual Regatta - July 8 & 9, 2017

### Results

Comet											
1.	<a href="#">4151</a> <a href="#">Gemini II</a>	Comet	Talbott Ingram	5	1	1	3	1	4		[5] 10.0
2.	<a href="#">4088</a> <a href="#">Gifted</a>	Comet	Kevin Buruchian	1	2	4	1	2	5		[5] 10.0
3.	<a href="#">USA 3956</a> <a href="#">Flying Gypsy</a>	Comet	Connor Swikart	4	3	2	4	3	3		[4] 15.0
4.	<a href="#">3952</a> <a href="#">Molly Brown</a>	Comet	Mark Buruchian	2	6	3	2	4	7		[7] 17.0
5.	<a href="#">USA 4148</a> <a href="#">Wicked 2</a>	Comet	Wick Dudley	3	5	7	6	6	1		[7] 21.0
6.	<a href="#">4137</a> <a href="#">Rebel</a>	Comet	Joe Lauver	8	4	5	5	5	6		[8] 25.0
7.	<a href="#">3468</a> <a href="#">N/A</a>	Comet	Bradley Meade	9	11/DNF	6	7	11/DNF	2		[11] 35.0
8.	<a href="#">3957</a> <a href="#">Widgeon</a>	Comet	Chris Price	6	8	8	8	11/DNS	11/DNS		[11] 41.0
9.	<a href="#">4102</a> <a href="#">Light Green</a>	Comet	Richard LaBossiere	7	7	11/DNS	11/DNS	11/DNS	8		[11] 44.0
10.	<a href="#">USA 4099</a> <a href="#">4099</a>	Comet	Robert Graham	11/DNC	11/DNC	11/DNC	11/DNC	11/DNC	11/DNC		[11] 55.0



The Atlantic Coast Championship held at the Newport Annual Regatta was an exciting event that all participating Comet sailors will remember. What a spectacular view sailing across the harbor towards the race course seeing all the moored yachts, the skyline of the town



Talbot & Lee 1st Place

and Fort Adams. The race course was between Goat Island, Jamestown Bridge and an anchored cruise ship on Saturday. Sharing our race course with four other classes on windward leeward courses in 10 to 20 mph of winds throughout the day, kept everyone on their toes.

The racing was close and exciting with the positions changing often throughout the fleet. Going into Sunday's race the Buruchians led the Ingrams by one point, with college ace Connor Swikart relentlessly pushing their sterns around the course. The sole race on Sunday had more shuffling in the standings with Wick Dudley taking the finish gun with Brad Meade close behind, and Connor in third. With the Ingrams finishing the race just ahead of the Buruchians, it allowed them to win the series on a tie breaker. The tough luck prize

went to Chris Price Sr. & daughter Caroline after their breakdown and not being able to race on Sunday.

For those who extended their weekend or who came as spectators, there was an unlimited amount of activities on shore. They visited the historic Fort Adams, took bus tours of the area to see the mansions, went to many of the museums & sights in town, as well as dined at famous restaurants like the Black Pearl, White Horse Tavern, and the Red Parrot. For Friday dinner Richard & Judy LaBossiere, Kristen Engels, Kathy Watson, Lee & Talbott Ingram were welcomed to the hospitality of the Newport Yacht Club.

The regatta came to a close Sunday afternoon under the huge tent set up adjacent to Fort Adams, providing lunch and beverages before awarding the trophies. Most of the sailors then headed home, with the exception of a few staying for another night on the town. Definitely a regatta and a historic town, not to be missed in the future.



Kevin & Ashley 2nd Place

# Corsica River Annual Regatta Results

## Corisica River Yacht Club - July 22 & 23, 2017

Wick Dudley and his crew Abby Silva won the first two races with good starts and hitting the shifts, to easily take home the winning trophy. Second place went to Dan Curran who had not raced a Comet in many years with his talented crew Lindsey Wood. Dan still has the touch. Art Silcox also showed good speed and finished in third place.



Art & Karen 3rd Place



Wick and Abby taking top honors

The sailing is always fun on the Corsica River, but the highlight is the chicken feast and refreshments on Saturday evening, along with enjoyable entertainment by their local musicians. Thanks to their Commodore, Andy Wood, for wearing many hats to make this another successful regatta.

### Results

	R1	R2	R3	Total	Place
2908 Wick Dudley	1	1	4	6	1
4104 Dan Curran	2	4	1	7	2
4069 Art Silcox	3	5	2	10	3
4151 Talbott Ingram	7	2	3	12	4
4137 Joe Lauver	6	3	5	14	5
4148 Wick Dudley Jr.	5	7	6	18	6
4087 Andy Wood	4	8	7	19	7
3881 John Ebken	8	6	10	24	8
4046 Kate Downes	9	9	8	26	9
4099 Tom Mellies	11	11	9	31	10
4131 Charlie Roth	10	10	DNS	12	32
3819 Kevin Kerr	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	12



Corsica River Regatta sailors

# Junior Championship

## Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club - August 12, 2017

Congratulations to Robert Gruskos and Julianne Brinton for winning the Junior Championship over six other talented teams. As in the past, there was a clinic and practice racing the day before to get everyone familiar with the boats, so they were comfortable racing these borrowed boats. It is very satisfying to see how quickly they learned to be competitive for the five races. Five of the skippers were from SSYC (Mitchell Quinn, Molly Meehan, Susan Munger, Robert Gruskos & Jesse Stevenson), Topher Luyck, a C420 sailor from Monmouth Boat Club, and Adam Wolnikowski from Susquehanna Yacht Club who is now a Freshman on the Yale sailing team.

It was another successful Junior Championship giving an opportunity for these juniors to sail in a higher performing boat. They all look forward to coming back again next summer.



Happy Junior Sailors

### Results

BOAT	SKIPPER	CREW	CLUB	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	RACE 4	RACE 5	TOTAL	POSITION
4061	Robert Gruskos	Julianne Brinton	Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club	2 drop	1	1	2	1	5	1
4074	Topher Lucyk	Kimmy Winters	Monmouth Boat Club	3	3	4	4	5 drop	14	4
4090	Molly Meehan	Michael Meehan	Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club	7	6 drop	5	3	4	18	5
4095	Susan Munger	Lucas Tucker	Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club	7 drop	5	7	7	7	26	7
4151	Mitchell Quinn	Patrick Cashin	Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club	1	4	3	5 drop	2	10	3
3956	Jesse Stevenson	Matt Bell	Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club	5	6 drop	6	6	6	23	6
EXP	Adam Wolnikowski	Coleen Ross	Susquehanna Yacht Club	4 drop	2	2	1	3	8	2

# Oxford Annual Regatta

## Tred Avon Yacht Club - August 12 & 13, 2017

Welcome back to the Comet Class Pat Curran and his sister Nicole. They had no problem hopping into their father's two Comets and dominating the results. It had been many years since crewing with their father Dan. We look forward to seeing this next generation out on the Comet race course over the coming years.

### Results

1. 4104 - Pat Curran & Kathleen Betz - 1, 1, 1, 1, 1 = 5
2. 4099 - Nicole Curran & Jennifer Cox - 2, 2, 2, 2, 3 = 11
3. 4088 - John Ebken & Laura Verdi - 3, 3, dnf, 3, 2, = 16
4. 4069 - Art Silcox & Karen Glass - 4, dns, dns, dnc, dnc = 24

# Comet International Regatta

## Ocean Gate Yacht Club

### August 25 - 27, 2017



Rudy Bailey and Gabi Neubelt took top honors at the Internationals showing the way around the course over the other twelve competitors.

The Wanamaker race course, just off the docks of the Ocean Gate Yacht Club, provided fantastic racing with a variety of conditions which made the regatta exciting for everyone. Going into the Sunday racing three boats were vying for second overall and seven others for fifth place overall. After Bob Slook won the first race Sunday, it was apparent who was going to fill this fifth position.

The Comet Class and all the competitors can not express their appreciation enough for the outstanding efforts that the entire Ocean Gate Yacht Club provided us. The regatta chair, Nancy Foote, organized the help to prepare three meals a day, housing for all competitors, Race Committee, Judges, Registration and all the other planning that makes a regatta a success. We thank Nancy and Commodore Jim Fry for all their efforts and for opening their Club to the Comet Class.

**Results**

**CCYRA Comet International Championship Regatta**  
**August 25, 26, 27, 2017**  
 held at Ocean Gate Yacht Club

Pos.	Total	Sail #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	6	4127	Rudy Bailey/Gabi Neubelt @ West End Sailing Club						
			1	1	1	1	→	1	1
2	17	4151	Talbot Ingram/Lee Ingram @ Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club						
			3	2	2	3	2	→	5
3	24	4043	Chris Price, Jr./Amanda Price @ Susquehanna Yacht Club						
			5	5	6	2	4	→	2
4	26	4037	Elliott Oldak/Barbara Best @ Severn Sailing Association						
			2	3	3	→	5	4	9
5	30	4074	Bob Slook/Kelly Brinton @ SSYC						
			4	8	9	→	1	5	3
6	38	4085	Carl Oberg/Judy Lazo @ Cooper River Yacht Club						
			→	4	8	9	6	3	8
7	40	4148	Wick Dudley/Mel Keen @ Corsica River Yacht Club						
			→	7	4	6	7	10	6
8	43	4137	Joe Lauver/Ian Lauver @ Susquehanna Yacht Club						
			8	9	→	4	10	2	10
9	44	4087	Andy Wood/Abby Silva @ CRYC						
			9	11	5	7	→	8	4
10	45	3468	Brad Meade/Jake Haug @ Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club						
			6	10	→	5	11	6	7
11	55	4088	Mark Buruchian/Shannon Buruchian @ Highland Lakes						
			7	6	10	→	8	12	12
12	64	4030	Richard LaBossiere/Kathy Watson @ Green Pond						
			11	12	7	12	→	11	11
13	68	4090	Kevin King/Joe LaPlaca @ OGYC						
			12	→	13	8	9	13	13



Top winners Rudy Bailey and Gabi Neubelt

# 68th Annual Regatta

## Massapoag Yacht Club - September 9 - 10, 2017

Congratulations to Kevin and Ashley Buruchian for winning their first regatta sailing together. Which means an uphill challenge for everyone else in future regattas.

The score was always close between the Buruchians & the Ingrams throughout the six races, exchanging leads on many of the legs. Also the wise lake sailors Brad Meade and Mark Buruchian were always in the mix, making for exciting racing.

Massapoag has a very practical rustic Clubhouse that can handle the sailors of the 70 boats

that came to enjoy their annual regatta. A majority of the boats are single handed and launch off their beach, with the Day Sailors, Flying Scots, and Comets launching off the ramp. They provide an abundance of food and beverages beginning Friday evening until the last boat has departed Sunday afternoon. The sailing is fun and meeting many of the sailors from other fleets is a positive experience. It is truly worth the trip up to Massapoag Lake the weekend after Labor Day.



### Results

1. 4088 Kevin & Ashley Buruchian MYC ----- 1, 2, (3,) 1, 2, 1 = 7
2. 4151 Talbott & Lee Ingram - SSYC ----- 2, 1, 1, (3,) 3, 2 = 9
3. 3468 Brad Meade & Evan Locke - SSYC ---- 3, (4,) 4, 2, 1, 4 = 14
4. 3952 Mark Buruchian & Casey White - HLYC - (4,) 3, 2, 4, 4, 3 = 16



Massapoag Regatta Sailors

# Drew Bowl

## Shrewsbury Sailing and Yacht Club

September 17, 2016

The weather conditions for the Drew Bowl were close to perfect: warm enough that a long sleeve UV shirt was comfortable and the winds ranged between 10 to 16 which allowed for some hiking and occasional planing. Eight Comets enjoyed these wonderful conditions, that included five young sailors that raced in the Junior Championship. The competition was close with many positions changing throughout the races, including the last 150 ft before the shifty finish line. The wind gods were very generous to the Ingrams, even when they were heading for the wrong side of the course. Several times they would head to a distant layline only to have a favorable shift appear as the winds would taper off in the middle of the course, which allowed them to pull off a victory.



Many thanks go to Bob Slook for organizing the regatta. Also, thanks to the PRO David Whittle and his brother George and the many Club members who assisted in the mark boats for the day. As some of them said, a perfect day to be on the water helping run a regatta.

# Pumpkin Bowl Regatta

## Tred Avon Yacht Club - November 4, 2017

### Results

Pos	Sail	Boat	Skipper	Yacht Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Pos
1	4037	Bruiser	Robert Lippincott/ Lexy Oldak	Tred Avon Yacht Club/ AYC	2	1	2	[8]	7	1	13	1
2	3406	Bully	Elliott Oldak/ Barbara Best	Severn Sailing Association/ Eastport Yacht Club	1	[6]	5	1	5	2	14	2
3	3430	Mares Tail	Larry Suter/ Gayle Marriner-Smith	Storm Trysail Club/ Old Clove Yacht club	3	4	1	3	[9]	7	18T	3
4	4085	River Rat	Carl Oberg/ Judy Lazo	Cooper River Yacht Club/ Cooper River Yacht Club	5	[8]	4	2	2	5	18T	4
5	4151	Gemini II	Talbott Ingram/ Lee Ingram	Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club/ Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club	4	[5]	3	5	3	3	18T	5
6	4148	Wicked 11	wick dudley	cryc	[10]	3	7	6	4	4	24	6
7	4137	Rebel	Joe Lauver	Susquhanna Yacht Club	6	7	8	[9]	1	8	30	7
8	4087	Merlot	Andrew Wood/ Lindsay Wood	CRYC/ CRYC	7	2	9	7	6	[11]	31	8
9	4069	Manu Iki	Art Silcox/ Karen Glass	Corsica River YC/ SSA	8	[12]	6	11	10	6	41	9
10	3881	skosh	John Ebken/ Laura verdi	SDYC/	11	10	10	4	8	[12]	43	10
11	2165		Joseph calvitti/ jackie calvitti	ycsh/ ycsh	[13/DNS]	9	11	10	12	9	51	11
12	4090		Samuel Turvey	Shrewsbury Sailing and Yacht Club	9	11	[12]	12	11	10	53	12

Comet Class Association

# Annual Meeting

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**August 27, 2017 / 8:00 PM / Ocean Gate Yacht Club**

1. ATTENDEES

Talbott Ingram, Mark Buruchian, Andy Wood, Bob Slook, Brad Meade, Christina Lauver, Wick Dudley, Chris Price, Jr., Amanda Price, Joe Lauver, Elliott Oldak, Bob Slook, Carl Oberg, Richard LaBossiere, Kathy Watson, Kevin King, Lee Ingram.

2. The Meeting was called to order at 8: PM

3. AGENDA

4. Welcome by Class President

5. Class Officers Reports

- a. VP Championship Regattas-Andy Wood
- b. VP Publicity and Information-Christina Lauver
- c. VP Development- Kevin Buruchian
- d. Treasurer-Bob Slook
- e. Nominating Committee - Brad Meade
  - i. Proxies and slate of officers & voting
  - ii.

Acknowledgements

6. Raffle

7. President, Talbott Ingram welcomed Carl Oberg and Judy Lazo, Chris and Amanda Price, Jr., and OGYC member Kevin King and crew Joe Joe LaPlaca. and gave a recap of the year's events.

- a. Green Pond Yacht Club hosted The Randall DeLeeuw Regatta in the Spring
- b. Newport Annual Regatta



- i. Nine to ten boats sailed
- ii. Great venue with lots of shore activities
  1. What interest is there in returning next year? move?
  2. The Martin-Murray is the same weekend but could be changed.  
(Richard LaBossiere & Kathy Watson).
    - a. It is run biennially-
      - i. Change the date or Attend Newport on off years?

#### C. New Boats from Whitecap

There is a link on our Facebook page, or you can search

[www.whitecapcomposites.com](http://www.whitecapcomposites.com)

There is a group forming for a fleet build

Anyone else interested, contact Talbott

Fall deposit

Winter build

#### D. Class Boats for sale

#3956 white fiberglass hull with trailer, sails - \$3,500.

#4090 yellow fiberglass double bottom hull with trailer,sails-\$3,500

Bermuda Two teams, The Lauvers & the Ingrams, from the States went down for The Annual Edward Cross Long Distance Race. This event and the Midwinter Regatta should be given consideration to compete in next year.

#### **New Business**

- Class Officers Reports

VP Championship Regattas-Andy Wood

Thank you to Nancy Foote and her team for all their work organizing the Internationals here at Ocean Gate Yacht Club.

Thank you Tina and Joe Lauver for all of their efforts in hosting the North American Championship at Susquehanna Yacht Club.

The work done by these club organizers made it easy to do my job.

Trophies

The North American Trophy

Reintroduced at Susquehanna after Andy Wood and Ridgely Kelly have engraved and updated it.

The International Trophy

All of the plaques were removed, reshuffled and replaced to provide 20 new openings.

The Pumpkin Bowl will be at Corsica River YC or Tred Avon, November 4th.

Talbott's comment- Thank you for all of your efforts to schedule these events and reconfigure and update the perpetual trophies.

Kevin Buruchian not present

- c. Talbott commented
  - i. Kevin is always involved
  - ii. He travels to sail in various regattas
  - iii. Worked on the measurement of the new Whitecap boats with Brad Meade
- d. Massapoag Yacht Club has opened its Annual Regatta to Comets. We will have a class start if we have 5 or more boats. If less, we would race with the Portsmouth Rated boats or with one additional fleet. Housing and camping are available. Kevin has posted the link to Regatta Network to sign up. There will be Friday appetizers, Saturday Lobster Dinner and Sunday awards.

- VP Publicity and Information-Christina Lauver
  - Regatta Network works well, we will continue to use it
  - Includes results and NOR and SIs

Please add your photos and comments on Facebook.

Pictures on Facebook are linked to the website

Thank you Elliott Oldak for getting information on Spin Sheet

If you have any information for the website send it to Tina at

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Available for purchase

Hats

Shirts - 2017 lists all regattas on the same shirt

Belts- 2 styles

Stickers

Bumper sticker with Comet logo & "Sail a Comet" \$4.

Small sticker with Comet logo \$3.

Canvas bags \$20.

Treasurer- Bob Slook

The year opened with \$5,014.00

There is currently \$6,069.59. in the account

Assets: Three boats \$15-\$16,000

Dues: Paid members up from 67 in 2016

2017 - 74 paid members

51 regular memberships

8 Co-owners

8 Classic

7 Junior

Proxy votes and voting

Nominating Committee Brad Meade Chair

This year the Recording Secretary and Treasurer were separated into two positions

Four proxies were received

2017 Slate read by Brad

Unanimously passed

Welcome Joe Lauver as VP of Championship Regattas and

Jim Widdis for taking on the Secretary position.

- Ballot
  - **National Officers**
    - **President** ----- Talbott Ingram

- **Vice President** -----Kevin Buruchian (in charge of Class Development)
- **Vice President** ----- Joe Lauver (in charge of Championship Regattas)
- **Vice President** ----- Christina Lauver (in charge of Information and Publicity)
- **Recording Secretary**-----Jim Widdis
- **Treasurer** ----- Bob Slook
- **Chief Measurer** ----- Dick Harmon
- **Member-at-Large** ----- Brad Meade

- The Bermudian Vice President is Rockal Evans - Elected by the Bermudian members to the Executive Committee.
- Four Proxies were received, all approved the slate.
- The ballot was put to a vote and was unanimously passed.
- Talbott Thank Yous
  - Andy Wood for many years of service. Presented with a Gift Card
  - Nancy Foote for organizing and running the Internationals. Presented with a gift card.
  - Ocean Gate Yacht Club Commodore, Jim Fry accepted an American flag on behalf of the Club
- Raffle
  - Numbers were placed in a basket and drawn by Ian Lauver. Winners must be present or a new number is chosen. If the Grand Prize is won by a Skipper who has borrowed a Class Loaner Boat, the Grand Prize stays with the boat.
  - And the winners are:
    - Beaton L shirt - Elliott Oldak
    - Beaton M shirt - Chris Price, Jr.
    - Beaton Hat - Wick Dudley
    - Beaton Hat - ?
    - Sailing Gloves - Talbott Ingram
    - Telltales - Brad Meade
    - Flag Chart - Mark Buruchian

- Croakie - Kevin King
- Electrical tape - Bob Slook
- 1 7/8" trailer hitch ball - Carl Oberg
  
- **And the GRAND PRIZE, The Omega MYLAR Jib, goes to Carl Oberg! Congratulations!**
- A BIG THANK YOU goes to MARK BEATON of BEATON SAILS for donating the Mylar jib. He has been generously providing our Grand Prize for many years. This year he also generously donated shirts and hats as well.

Motion to adjourn Brad Meade

Seconded by Joe Lauver

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.