



From the President's Desk

2020 has been a wild and crazy year for us all even though most of us haven't been sailing and competing nearly as much. Almost all of our regattas and major championships had to be canceled for the first time in the Class's history. 2020 definitely set records, it was first the time since the early organization of the class where we have not been able to host the Comet North Americans and Internationals. Now we can look forward to the future.

While most of our fleets were not able to sail, a couple have not only been able to sail but been able to grow. Both Shrewsbury YC and the Bermudian fleets were able to increase attendance and the competition was heating up. This shows that even in the hardest of years the Comet is still a great boat to sail and we can survive a pandemic of worldly proportions.

Many of you had probably read the email requesting interest in attending the 2021 internationals in Bermuda. Sadly due to limited response and the continued pandemic issues, the event will be postponed again for this year. We thank all those in Bermuda for their efforts and hope we can make this amazing event happen in 2022. This said we are now looking into alternative venues for the 2021 Internationals. If any YC is interested in hosting the Internationals please let us know.

Corsica River YC has agreed to host the 2021 North Americans later this year. We thank thank them for their continued support and willingness to host the NA's again this year.

The class wants to thank all of you who have paid your dues last year. its through the dues that we are able to keep the class going. Last year we were able to procure a new trailer for the Molly Brown. This now enables us to transport the boat to other venues on its own trailer. Thank you to those who made this happen. We know last year and this year will be tough years for all of us, but consider paying your dues agin in 2021. A 2021 form is attached to the end of this newsletter for your convenience.

While COVID seems to be spiking more and more these days, but there is a vaccine!. We all should use our free time this winter while you are stuck at home and get your Comet ready for 2021. I know I need to get some things done to my boat. We hope the new normal will allow us to have a great 2021 season, see you all on the water in 2021. Kevin

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Comet Class President



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Peter D. Tasi

Peter Tasi passed away after a brief illness on April 11, 2020 at the age of 86 years old. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Ann McNew Tasi, his children Dr. Andrea Tasi-Nichols, Amanda Tasi, Alexander Tasi and two grandchildren. Born and raised in Bridgeport, Connecticut, Peter attended the Fine Arts School of Pratt Institute in New York. He is a Korean War Era US Army Veteran.

In 1965 Peter moved to Annapolis to work as a graphic artist starting his own business. In his 60 year career Peter established himself as one of the premiere graphic artists of the area. Peter designed the now-iconic logo that anchored the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's "Save the Bay" campaign and is still in use today.

Peter loved sailing and after meeting some of the SSA Fleet 40 Members in 1980, he decided to buy a Comet. He had owned a Comet in his earlier years, which he only day sailed. Peter owned and raced several boats over the years with his last Comet being the famed MARIAH (#3864), Dave Torok's original boat.

Peter served the Comet Class in several capacities, one of which was as the Head of Championship Events. Over the years he also enjoyed producing promotional materials, photos, and anecdotal stories of Comet history. His 40 years associated with the Comet Class, Events and people were some of Peter's happiest times!



[Peter Dimitri Tasi Obituary](#)

News from Bermuda

Sunday, September 6, 2020

[Fox Wins 50th Annual Flag Pole to Flag Pole Race](#)

[IslandStats.com](#)

Scott Fox and his crew Joanna Santiago sailed Get the Cat to victory to win the Warren D. Mickey Foggo 50th Annual Flag Pole to Flag Pole Race.

[Click Here to see Pictures of Flag Pole to Flag Pole Comet Race September 6th 2020](#)

The race saw Stephen Dickinson and his crew Anderika Gilbert blast out of the Hamilton Harbor, with 12 other boats chasing.

Edward Cross Long Distance race champion Maxwell Curtis and his crew Stefan Furbert made a break to catch the leaders, but it was Gladwin Lambert and his crew Stefan Maybury who would battle Fox as they eventually made a challenge on Dickinson.

The battle was on at the front of the fleet, while behind Antione Wingood left his crew Fred Bulford in the boat while he jumped over to get his rudder that flew off the boat after being struck by a wave, George Hayward and his crew Mikia Brangman struggled after capsizing and eventually had to be towed in.

Fox took control of the race off Fort St. Catherine as he and his crew entered the Town Cut Channel and were able to claim the title.



News from Bermuda

Sunday, August 23, 2020

Dickinson & Tucker Win Comet Race

Bernews.com

Club racing returned to the St. George's Harbour in the Bermuda Comet Class as Stephen Dickinson and his crew Wesley Tucker sailed to victory.

The day started with a bit of a reunion as Dickinson and Tucker are previous Edward Cross Long Distance Race and Comet International Championship Champions.

The pair finished second to Maxwell Curtis and Stefan Furbert in the first race of the day, Curtis showed tremendous boat speed in race one as he was forced to do a turn after pushing Dale Brangman onto the first mark, but Curtis was able to sail through the fleet and finish first.

Race two saw Dickinson and Tucker work the boat and finish the race comfortably, Curtis finished second, with Gladwin Lambert and his crew Stefan Maybury in third.

The final race of the day saw Dickinson and Tucker once again take control of the race after getting around the mark just ahead of Scott Fox and his crew Joanna Santiago, Dickinson never looked back, Curtis finished second and Fox finished third.



Stephen Dickinson & Wesley Tucker

East End Mini Yacht Club Comet Class Club Race

Sunday, August 23, 2020

EEMYC - East End Mini Yacht Club
WESBC - West End Sail Boat Club
MASBC - Mid-Atlantic Boat Club

4109	Stephen Dickinson & Wesley Tucker	Kitty Hawk	EEMYC	4
4153	Maxwell Curtis & Stefan Furbert	Pole Position	EEMYC	5
4128	Scott Fox & Joanna Santiago	Get the Cat	EEMYC	12
4126	Gladwin Lambert & Stefan Maybury	Melody	WESBC	12
4132	Zaniko Hendrickson & Zanikae Hendrickson	Radical	MASBC	16
4155	Dale Brangman & Tajahari Rodgers		EEMYC	16
4118	Quinton Simons & Gregory Proctor	Stir De Pot	WESBC	19
4094	Lorenzo Lambert & Gregory Wade	Sea Hawk	WESBC	24
4121	Ja'Cal Washington & Jason Sukdeo	Lady Commodore	EEMYC	27

Drew Bowl - October 3, 2020

Shrewsbury Sailing and Yacht Club

By Jack Swikart

The 2020 Comet Drew Bowl was a big success. Although the regatta had originally been planned to take place on September 19th, very high winds on the original date prompted a two-week postponement in hopes of safer conditions. Undeterred, the SSYC community led by our fearless Comet fleet captain Sam Turvey was able to bring together nearly 30 Comet sailors and a legion of volunteers to close out what most would consider a very strange summer of sailing.

Winds from nearly every direction from a fluky Northeasterly in the morning to a steadier Westerly in the afternoon proved to be challenging for the competitors as well as the race committee, who did an incredible job squaring up the course countless times to ensure that each race was as fair as possible. Led by PRO Paul Clauss with assistance from no fewer than 3 support and rescue boats, the racing proved to be incredibly close throughout the day. Without such a large and qualified group of volunteers both on the water and on shore it would not have been possible to pull off such a high-quality event.

Sibling duo Jack and Kate Swikart came out on top, winning two of the four races, while Jeff Pfister and Alli Hester were hot on their heels with three second-place finishes. Dave and Wendy Whittle came from behind to win the second race of the day, powering them to a third-place finish overall, and visitors from Cooper River Jon and Tori Burnham also made a strong showing with a win of their own in race three.

In spite of the low visitor turnout this year (thank you to the Burnhams for joining us), the number of competitors at the Drew Bowl has increased each of the past five years. The entire SSYC Comet fleet will be looking forward to even more visiting sailors at the Drew Bowl in 2021!



Drew Bowl - October 3, 2020

Shrewsbury Sailing and Yacht Club



[Click to see more photos from the Drew Bowl on Facebook](#)

Results

Boat #	Skipper		Crew	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	TOTAL	PLACE
3977	Jack	Swikart	Kate Swikart	1	6-D	2	1	4	1
EXP	Jeff	Pfister	Alli Hester	2	2	8-D	2	6	2
4158	Dave	Whittle	Wendy Whittle	7-D	1	4	3	8	3
3934	Jon	Burnham	Tori Burnham	3	4	1	7-D	8	4
3090	Mike	OBrien	Cathy OBrien	6	7-D	3	4	13	5
4117	Brad	Meade	Jesse Stevenson	9-D	3	6	5	14	6
4151	Talbott	Ingram	Lee Ingram	4	8-D	7	8	19	7
4154	Fred	Hunger	Jack Hunger	10-D	5	9	6	20	8
4061	Jessica	Gruskos	Kelly Saccone	5	9	13-D	10	24	9
4074	Andrew	Tamblyn	Julianne Brinton	11	14-D	5	11	27	10
3866	John	Costanzo	Stacey Kelley	13-D	10	10	9	29	11
4079	Cliff	Bebout	Keila Martinez	8	11	11	13-D	30	12
1090	Bill	Green	Diane Shires	12	12	12	14-D	36	13
4090	Sam	Turvey	Bill Sverapa	14-D	13	14	12	39	14
4095	Connor	Swikart	Bailey Carter	DNC					

*** D = drop race DNC = Did not come

Comet Class Membership Dues Form 2021

www.cometclass.com

Name: _____ Comet # _____ Fleet _____

Please print the following legibly:

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address(es): _____

Telephone

Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Occupation/Interest re CCYRA participation: _____

(Legal, Graphics, Printing, Marketing, Composition, Photography, Boat Construction/Restoration etc.)

Select Membership Type:

Regular – Comet owner or charterer. Skipper can vote and hold office \$40 _____

Co-Owner – May share ownership of a Comet listed by a Regular member. \$20 _____
May skipper or vote in place of the Regular Member and may hold office.

Regular Member's Name: _____

Co-Owner's Name: _____

Associate – No boat needed. Great for crews, retired sailors or yacht clubs \$20 _____

Classic – Owners of pre-1965 Comets with original bronze/steel centerboard \$20 _____

Junior – No boat needed. Must be under age 19 during calendar year. \$20 _____

Junior's Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Other Items:

Class Development Fund Suggested minimum \$25 _____

Patron \$10 _____

Booster \$5 _____

CCYRA Handbook – Update in process. PDF of 1994 Handbook Free _____

Comet hull line drawing – Blue lines on white, suitable for framing \$10 _____

Comet Plans – Three PDF files Free _____

Comet Bumper Sticker (4" X 3") \$2 _____

Comet Bumper Sticker (3.75"X 9") \$3 _____

Check # _____ Total _____

Enclose check payable to CCYRA and mail to:

CCYRA Treasurer, Jim Widdis, 43 Genesse Avenue, Oceanport, NJ 07757