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From the President's Desk

The racing season has already been very active with numerous regattas and fleet races. For those of you who missed the North Americans, Rock Hall Yacht Club was a great host. They had convenient camping on their property and a large swimming pool and open lawn for Frisbee and volley ball for those with energy to spare. Fortunately, they held five good races on Saturday because the Chesapeake winds did not cooperate on Sunday. Thanks to Andy Wood for all his organizing efforts.

Everyone should mark their calendar for the Internationals at Ocean Gate Yacht Club. They have a lovely Club house on the adjacent shores of the race course and they will be providing housing for all competitors. Register early to avoid the \$25.00 late fee and to be sure you have housing. We are expecting a large showing including a few boats from Bermuda.

The Junior Championship is back on the Schedule for August 8 & 9 at Shrewsbury Sailing & YC. This is an opportunity to grow your fleet by introducing future Comet sailors to the Class.

The Comet will once again be shown at the Annapolis Sailboat show October 9 to 13. Let me know if you can come down for a couple of days to help man the booth. We have a great location in the center of the show amongst the other One Design boats.

I look forward to seeing everyone out on the race course.

Smooth Sailing and have fun.

Talbott Ingram
President CCYRA

Mark Your Calendar

2014 Comet International Regatta

August 22 - 24

Ocean Gate Yacht Club

Foot of Ocean Gate Avenue, Ocean Gate New Jersey

www.ogyc.net

Notice of Race

Registration Form

Remember to register by August 15 to avoid the \$25.00 late fee.

Comet Junior Championship

by Talbott Ingram

The Junior Championship is back on the racing schedule after a long hiatus. The Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club will host the event on Saturday August 9th. This is an opportunity for younger sailors to race a larger and more challenging boat. There are many excellent young sailors in the Laser Radials and C420 that can handle the Comet who will be excited about competing in this event.

Housing will be available for all sailors Friday night. They are encouraged to arrive Friday afternoon for a boat handling clinic and for some fun practice races. On Friday night there will be a BBQ and a pool party at Bob & Debbie Slook's home.

The age limit is for anyone who has not reached their 22nd birthday by December 31st. Yes it will include college age, so eligible Club instructors are encouraged to race.

If you know a young sailor who will be thrilled to skipper or crew, give them a chance to practice beforehand to prepare them to compete on August 9th. If they have a boat but no crew, Shrewsbury should have capable crews available.

Plan now for a great opportunity to introduce future Comet sailors to your fleet.

Mark Your Calendar

Comet Junior Championship Regatta

August 8 - 9

Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club

Oneida Avenue, Oceanport, New Jersey

www.ssysc.us

Notice of Race & Registration Form



Comet Junior Championship Perpetual Trophy



Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club

Class Information

Looking for boats or parts...For information about new boats and equipment contact Wick Dudley - 410-924-3988, dudley1@hughes.net.

Also check out the Classifieds section at cometclass.com for sailors selling boats and parts and sailors that are looking for boats and parts.

From the Treasurer... A reminder: many Comet sailors have still not paid their 2014 dues.

Everyone's support is necessary to maintain the financial strength of the Class. It is necessary for everyone racing in either their local fleets or any regatta to be a paid member.

2014 North American Regatta

by Elizabeth Dudley

On June 21 & 22 in Rock Hall, Maryland, the Comet Class took to the Chester River for the 2014 North Americans. The 14 Comets hailing from Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Connecticut were joined by Hobie-14s, Hobie-16s, Hobie-17s, Hobie-18s, Windmills, A Cats, Chesapeake 20s, and Wayfarers who were participating in the Rock Hall Yacht Club Annual One Design Regatta.

Saturday morning greeted the sailors with a reluctant sun and low winds which, for the Comets, meant there was a short postponement on shore. The first race got off around noon in a solid 5-7 knots out of the North, North East. With the breeze coming out of Langford Bay, small shifts were plentiful and it was those who patiently waited for the larger shifts that did well. After a 4-leg windward/leeward course and a downwind finish, Talbott Ingram and wife Lee snagged first, followed by Rob and Drew Schell in second, and Brad Meade and Eric Hoffer in third.

Races two and three were short 3-leg windward/leewards with a windward finish and saw the most breeze of the day, with puffs topping out around 10-11s knot. Ingram won both of those races followed by Meade and Rick Sloan with crew Sarah Sloan in the second, and then Elliot Oldak with crew Barbara Best and Meade in the third.

The race committee tacked on two more legs to race number four but the additional race time only allowed Ingram to widen his lead. He took his fourth bullet of the day in a diminishing breeze and was followed once again by Oldak and Meade.



In an effort to get as much racing in as possible due to the unpromising Sunday forecast, the RC started one last race, only 2 legs long. After a string of seconds, Oldak won the last race of the day, followed by Schell in second and Meade in third.

Back on shore, the gracious host, Rock Hall Yacht Club, provided libations and a scrumptious dinner for the hungry sailors.

Sunday was a much sunnier day, but what looked like a promising building breeze, quickly fizzled out. After a brief onshore postponement, the fleet headed out for an attempt at racing. However, competing breezes won out and after a 180 degree wind shift and an abandoned race, the fleet sailed in to pack up, collect silver, and get on the road.



With four bullets in the five races that were sailed, Talbott Ingram and crew Lee Ingram of Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club easily took first. Elliott Oldak and crew Barbara Best of Severn Sailing Association came in second and were followed by Brad Meade and crew Eric Hoffer of Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club in third. Rounding out the top 5 were Rob and Drew Schell of Green Pond Yacht Club in fourth and Jim Widdis and Betsy Kulman of Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club in fifth.

Thanks again to Rock Hall Yacht Club for being a great host!

2014 North American Regatta continued



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2014 North American Regatta Results

1. Talbott & Lee Ingram -----	1,	1,	1,	1,	(5) =	4
2. Elliott Oldak & Barbara Best -----	(6),	5,	2,	2,	1 =	10
3. Brad Mead & Eric Hoffer -----	(3),	2,	3,	3,	3 =	11
4. Rob & Drew Schell -----	2,	6,	6,	(7),	2 =	16
5. Jim Widdis & Betsy Kulman -----	5,	10,	4,	5,	4 =	18
6. Andy Wood & George Bowie -----	4,	4,	5,	9,	8 =	21
7. Rick & Sarah Sloan -----	(8),	3,	7,	8,	6 =	24
8. Kevin Kerr & Tim Eubanks -----	12,	(14),	8,	4,	12 =	36T
9. Sandy Downes & Linda Barton -----	7,	(12),	12,	6,	11 =	36T
10. Wick & Elizabeth Dudley -----	11,	7,	11,	(12),	7 =	36T
11. Robert Peronne & Jamie Keating -----	10,	8,	9,	(11),	9 =	36T
12. Joe & Ian Lauver -----	9,	9,	10,	(13),	10 =	38
13. Mike & William Hollis -----	14,	13,	DNF,	10,	13 =	50
14. Charles Roth & Kelly Guyton -----	13,	11,	(DNS),	DNS,	DNS =	54
15. Reed Rogers & Ridgely Kelly -	(DNS),	DNS,	DNS,	DNS,	DNS =	60

News From Bermuda

Bermuda Flag Pole Race May 2014

Stephen Dickinson continued his winning way picking up his hat-trick of wins in the East End Mini Yacht Club's Flag Pole to Flag Pole.

Dickinson and his crew Pat Young battle hard from start which was in line with the Hamilton Flag Pole to finish eventually pulling away from the Fleet to win by 2 minutes in line with the Flag Pole in the St. George's Harbor.

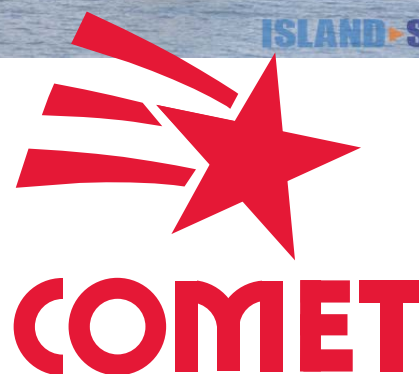
At the start Heath Foggo and his daughter Kairah Foggo, made a break initially, but Rockal Evans and his crew Christine Barnard went to the front before the Fleet had reached the Hamilton Princess, but Dickinson and Young got a lift and took control in the light winds.

Dickinson and Young covered Evans and Bernard and made sure he would lift the 2014 title crossing the line in a time of 4:20:18, while Evans and Bernard finished second with a time of 4:22:46 and Gladwin Lambert and his crew Lorenzo Lambert finished third clocking 4:27:15.

Flag Pole to Flag Pole 2014 Comet Results

- 4:20:18 Stephen Dickinson & Pat Young
- 4:22:46 Rockal Evans & Christine Barnard
- 4:27:15 Gladwin Lambert & Lorenzo Lambert
- 4:32:01 Peter Dill & Ben Smith
- 4:43:08 Maxwell Curtis & Stefan Furbert
- 4:47:35 Heath Foggo & Kiarah Foggo
- 4:48:00 Martin Finnigan & Mick Finnigan
- 4:49:09 Scott Fox & Stacey Paynter
- 4:49:20 Mickey Wollmann & Paul Woolmann
- 4:50:30 Quinton Simons & Winston Paynter
- 4:51:01 Dale Brangman & & Shawn Smith
- 5:22:00 Zaniko Hendrickson & Patraig Castle

Bermuda Flag Pole Race Photos



More Bermuda

2014 West End Sailboat Club Edward Cross Long Distance Race

Stephen Dickinson and his crew Gerrick Farquharson from the Bahamas sailed to victory in the West End Sailboat Club Edward Cross Long Distance Race.

The pair had to come from behind after coming out of the Town Cut Channel in second place behind previous winner Heath Foggo and his crew Kiarah Foggo, but Dickinson took control of the race just off Buildings Bay and then sailed away from the rest of the Fleet.

Dickinson sailing out of the East End Mini Yacht Club clocked a time of 2:04.23, while Scott Fox and his crew Wesley Tucker finished second clocking a time of 2:06:31 and Foggo made it an East End Mini Yacht Club one, two three finished third with a time of 2:13.48.

West End Sailboat Club Edward Cross Long Distance Race 2014 Results

1. Stephen Dickinson & Gerrick Farquharson – Kitty Hawk
2. Scott Fox & Stacy Paynter – Get The Cat
3. Heath Foggo & Kiarah Foggo – Cedric
4. Ben Smith & Peter Dill – Summers
5. Ellie Wollmann & Mikey Wollmann – Star Burst
6. Anthony Smith & TreShun Smith – Rebel
7. Lorenzo Lambert & Brendon Minors – Melody
8. Maxwekk Curtis & Stefan Furbert – Raymor Has It
9. Rockal Evans & Christina Bernard – High Yella
10. Dale Brangman & Michori Parfitt-Jones – Shaka-Zulu
11. Liam Perry & Blair Blakeney – Sea Breeze
12. Zaniko Hendrickson & Zanikae Hendrickson – Radical
13. Ross Smith & Jorel Smith – Punisher
14. Geovanni Masters & Trey Maxwell – Mai Lucy
15. Antoine Wingood & Greg Proctor – Stir De Pot
- DNF Quinton Simons & Fred Bulford – Swizzle
- DQ Gerald Smith & Clive Maybury - IsMay

Comet Masters Regatta

The Comet Masters was sailed at the Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club on May 25th, during their Memorial Day Regatta. Three races were held with nice moderate breeze on a warm sunny day.

The winner was Bob Slook with crew Dominique Neubelt taking the event with a third and two bullets.

Bob navigated the low waters with high sand bars to take a commanding lead. He gave much credit to his crew and new Mylar sails.

Rounding out the top three were Mike & Kathy O'Brien and Brad Meade with new crew Eric Hoffer.

2014 Comet Master Regatta Results

1. 4074 Bob Slook & Dominique Neubelt 3,1,1 = 5
2. 3090 Mike & Kathy O'Brien ~~~~~ 2,3,3 = 8
3. Brad Meade & Eric Hoffer ~~~~~ 1,4,4 = 9
4. Talbott & Lee Ingram ~~~~~ 6,2,2 = 10
5. Pete Schell & Ainsley Hilfiker ~~~~~ 4,5,5 = 14
6. Peter & Georgi Munger ~~~~~ 5,6,6 = 17



2014 Randall Deleeuw Regatta

by Bill Engels

June 7, 2014

Green Pond Yacht Club

Winds were light and variable for most of the regatta. Mostly local sailors, but some old friends from Shrewsbury joined us to add some friendly competition to the races.

The final results were a surprise due to several sailors not honoring the gybe mark during the final race and ending with a DNF. Rick Sloan with daughter Sarah had a couple great races with a come from behind win in race two and a second in the last race, to give them a third place finish in the regatta, behind the winning Ingram team and Bob Griswold with crew Rosely Poyle.



2014 Randall Deleeuw Regatta Results

1. Talbott & Lee Ingram -----	2,	(4),	1,	1 =	4
2. Bob Griswold & Rosely Polye -----	1,	2,	4,	(DNF) =	7
3. Rick & Sarah Sloan -----	6,	1,	(6),	2 =	9
4. Ralph & Jack Grossman-----	4,	(5),	2,	3 =	9
5. Brad Mead & Eric Hoffer -----	3,	3,	3,	(DNF) =	9
6. Richard La Bossiere & Kathy Watson ---	5,	(6),	5,	4 =	14