



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S HELM

Here we are in mid-August and the sailing season is really “heating up”. I am glad July is over, what a hot month. The Bay area has had record breaking heat with 39 day’s over 90 and 8 day’s over 100 this summer. Fortunately we had only three regattas in all that heat.

RACING IN GLORIOUS BERMUDA



I went to Bermuda on vacation with two other family friends, the last week of June. The trip was a live auction item I won at a local fundraiser. Jim and Susan Widdis were one of the two families to come with us. Sunday the 27th we got to sail at the West End Dingy Club. The Comets had sailed the Long Distance Race that prior Monday, so the boats were still at the West End club. Fourteen boats sailed on Sunday in perfect conditions. Jim’s boat broke the jib stay so he only got to sail one of the two races. I luckily was sailing the *pink* boat, and we had no break downs. It was cool to see so many different colored Comets in one place. Gladwin with his *lime green*, Stevie’s *bright red*; and the rest of the fleet in *black, gold, pink, light blue, dark blue and white*, made quite a sight on that *turquoise* water. After racing everyone hung around at the club for the BBQ, beer and stories; with the sparkling bay as a backdrop, to end a beautiful day. It truly was a great day sailing Comets in Bermuda. Now I understand why everyone enjoys sailing there. All Comet sailors need to experience sailing off this beautiful island at least once. Gladwin and I tied for second with Stevie winning the event.

Wick Dudley, *President, CCYRA.*



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Dale Bragmon and crew,
Shean Smith, in 4121



Wick Dudley and crew,
Drake Clarke, in 4129.



Antoine Wingood and crew,
Miziya Selessie, in 4119 and
Quinton Simons and crew,
Reggie Paynter, in 4118



NORTH AMERICAN'S AT GREEN POND

The weekend of Father's Day the North American's were held in Green Pond. N.J. Bill Ingles and his volunteers did a super job in hosting this event. He and his band played Saturday evening to everyone's enjoyment. There were 20 boats racing both Saturday and Sunday on a very fare race course. Saturday the wind was a puffy 10 to 12 kts from the south-southwest.

For those who have not sailed there you are missing an interesting spot. Sunday we sailed two races in very light winds. After the 5 races Dick Harman showed us all how to sail on a lake. Great sailing Dick.

At 1000ft. above sea level and the wind blowing over the cool lake water made for just very comfortable sailing. It was at least 10 degrees cooler there than along the coast and it is not that far away. It was just a very nice weekend. Thank you everyone at Green Pond. The results are on the web site.



Reed Rodgers, Ridgley Kelly and Jim Widdis.
Lee and Talbott Imgram.



COMET INTERNATIONALS 2010 AT CORSICA RIVER AUGUST 20-21-22

Check the web sites for the NOR. Dave Rodgers and CRYC are working hard to put on a first class event. Their famous crab feast is on Saturday along with BBQ chicken with all the fixings. With all the entrants food and sailing for only \$160 per boat is a great deal. Call ahead for anyone needing lodging.



THE RESTORATION OF LOON

Elliott Oldak, of SSA, Annapolis, gave Peter Dudley [no relation to Wick] Comet 3453 last summer. LOON had deteriorated during long exposure to weather over a few years. After many hours of meticulous work, Peter and his son Jasper, Miles River Y.C. members, have brought this boat back to a beautiful finish and top sailing condition.

Everyone was impressed with their craftsmanship and attention to details. Peter, with his son as skipper, have also shown us that both they and their boat are very competitive. You can see them racing her in this week-ends Internationals, at Corsica River, Md.

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