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## Last chance to join the Comet's in Bermuda

The 2020 Comet International Regatta in beautiful Bermuda is now only 6 months away and there is still time to join the fun. We have two spots remaining, of the 12 available to ship boats. All charters have been spoken for. If you want to join us, please send your \$100 deposit, made out to CCYRA, to the address below as soon as possible.

Tina Lauver 1841 Clarks Valley Rd. Dauphin, PA 17108

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## From the President's Desk

First and foremost I would like to thank all past officers for all of their past and future services to this class. Without them we wouldn't have the many of regattas on our regular schedule, or be the great group of collected sailors that we are. I would like to thank everyone for voting for me to be the next Class President, we all know I have some extremely large shoes to fill following Talbott.

The Comet is near and dear to my heart. I grew up sailing this awesome boat, starting when I was only 4 years old crewing for my dad in Highland Lakes, NJ. Sailing in Comets not only taught me how to sail as a crew and skipper, but how to work together as a team. We all experience this everyday we are on and off the water, working together to keep our boats and lives moving forward. Sailing in Comets got me ready for sailing in College. I can remember the interviews I did where the college coaches just thought I was a little lake sailor who knew nothing about sailing because I grew up on a small lake. Little did they know the Comets got me to travel (thanks to my parents) to all these great venues and taught me how to sail in all types of conditions. The Comet gave me the opportunity to come into college sailing knowing how to sail with a crew. It's because of the Comet class I was able to go into the UNH sailing program as a top sailor, and future captain of the team.

The Comets have been given new life. We now after a very long time have a builder who is making a great boat. We have the opportunity to get new, young and old sailors, into the Comets again. In the last few years, we have been able to get several new boats on the water both in the US and Bermuda. Whitecap is currently building another round of boats, two for sailors and one as a demo. We as a class need to continue this growth. I can remember getting 20 plus boats on the line for regular regattas and having a lot of boats for the Junior Championships. Our class has the opportunity to have these numbers again with the revitalization of the boat. If you haven't tried one of these new boats, you need to. The Comets could be the new double handed dinghy for all ages if we can get our boats out there.

We recently had a group of 6 boats make the trip, from as far away as Ohio, up to the Boston area to sail in the Sailing World NOOD Regatta in Marblehead, MA. This event was one for the books. If you wanted to go and couldn't, you missed a great time. The sailors enjoyed a great venue, great wind, race committee, and tent parties. The Comet class was one of the classes highlighted at this event. The Comet, a new class to the event, had great publicity including an article from Dave Reed and video from sailing from Day 1 on the Sailing World website. This event is just an example of what we as a class can do to help promote this boat we all love to sail and get more of us out on the water.

I look forward to serving you as the Class President and I look forward to our future. Thank you for your time and I hope to see you all soon.

Kevin Buruchian Comet Class President

Click to download the minutes from the Comet Class Annual Meeting

## From the Past President's Desk

The past eight years have been quite an adventure. With the exception of a few months during the ski season I have devoted a lot of effort keeping the Comet Class moving forward.

During my Presidency many things were undertaken. We have found a good new builder in Whitecap Composites, the Junior Championship was brought back after a ten year hiatus and we had the Atlantic Coast Championship at Newport in 2017 and 2019 at Marblehead.

Now, after many years, the Internationals will be back at Bermuda in 2020.

The nine new Comets that Whitecap built were from the new hull mold, which was built from the donations of many devoted members. Thank You to all those who continue to believe in the Class and support her financially and continue to do so each year. This is the life blood of the Class.

The Comet was displayed at the Annapolis Sailboat Show in 2012 and 2014, thanks to the assistance of many of

the Chesapeake sailors sharing their time in the booth with me. In particular, Wick for setting up his Comet and Andy Woods for devoting many days to the show. Thanks to Tina Lauver for maintaining the website and for performing her magic in publishing the quarterly Newsletter.

I owe many thanks to my wife/personal secretary for her countless hours of assistance and to Brad Meade for his endless wealth of knowledge about the Comet Class. I also want to thank the MANY others I relied on for information, guidance, support, and articles for the newsletter to keep the Class running smoothly - Thank you.

Looking to the future, I know the Class is in good hands with Kevin Buruchian at the helm, who will guide the Class on a proper course.

Smooth Sailing to all, and I look forward to seeing you on the race course next season.

Talbott Ingram Immediate Past President, CCYRA

# **Junior Championship Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club** - July 20, 2019



Happy Junior Sailors

It was a small but talented fleet of juniors sailing Comets this year. Though Matt Bell & Joe Richter had all bullets, it did not come easy. In many of the races they had to claw their way back to the lead after finding a good wind shift. Thanks to Jon Burnham for loaning his Comet to Aidan Rydan & Leo Brickner who demonstrated much talent. Hopefully they find a Comet so they can continue sailing in many other regattas.

Results	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total	Place
4154 Matthew Bell & Joe Richter	1	1	1	1	1	5	1
3374 Aidan Rydan & Leo Brickner	3	2	3	2	2	12	2
EXP Justin Modin & Aeden Moran	2	3	2	3	3	13	3

## **Marblehead NOOD Regatta Results**

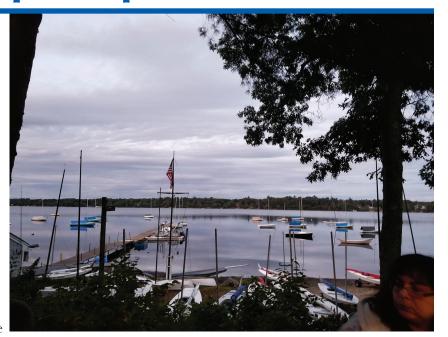
## **Atlantic Coast Championship** - July 26, 27 & 28, 2019

### By Sam Turvey

This year's Comet Atlantic Coast Championship was held in conjunction with the Marblehead, Massachusetts edition of the 2019 NOOD Regatta, rewarding those who participated and the Class, with a world class forum for the event. It also provided tremendous exposure for our resurgent class.

The regatta was held at the Boston Yacht Club with certain fleets such as Comets, Lasers and I 80s originating from Eastern Yacht Club. Both clubs have tremendous sailing facilities and there were very fluid transitions by launch back and forth between the two clubs. For those with long memories the Eastern Yacht Club even featured a harbor facing swimming pool with a 10' high diving board (A feature jettisoned at many pools at the behest of the insurance industry). While the social events and a North Sails seminar emanated

out of Boston Yacht Club, Comet Sailors had access to the



The victory went to Mark Buruchian. Harmon's mistake was

Results	R1	R2	R3	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total I	Place
4151 Talbott Ingram	2	3	2	1	2	1	1	1	13	1
4123 Richard Harmon	5	1	1	2	1	5	3	3	21	2
3952 Mark Buruchian	1	2	4	4	5	3	4	4	27	3
4088 Kevin Buruchian	6	5	5	3	3	2	2	2	28	4
4090 Sam Turvey	4	4	6	5	4	4	6	5	37	5
4117 Brad Meade	3	6	3	dnf	dns	dns	dns	dns	52	6
4152 Tom Layton	dns	64	7							

not realize our windward marks were the shorter course.

not repeated for the next two races when he took two bullets in the downwind finishes. Sam Turvey nailed the starboard shift in the 2nd race and rounded the first mark in 2nd place.

Saturday brought true ocean racing with 12 to 14 knot breezes with steep seas and frequent gusts which sent the fleet planing. The rescue boats were excited to see the fleet of Comets overlap at

the windward mark, planing towards the offset and heading downwind. It was very close racing for the day with the Ingrams pulling out two wins and a 2nd place. Again Harmon fell victim of not having a radio, and was unfortunately late starting the third race.

Sunday's final two races captured the best of both days with the first race presenting 8 knots and building breezes with smooth water.

By Sunday's second race the breeze and seas built replicating Saturday's conditions. Harmon's speed was slightly off the pace from the previous two days and the Ingrams were able to win two very close races to take the series over Dick Harmon.

full panoply of the storied Eastern Yacht Club's facilities ranging from their locker room, launch facilities and large harbor facing bar to a very strategic location on the hoist pier making getting in and out of the water quite easy.

The sailing didn't disappoint. Ocean courses were utilized on all three days with an array of wind, current and chop conditions which provided a test for all the sailors as to which gear(s) would work on any given day with changing conditions between and within the course of a single race.

Friday saw three races get off in relatively steady 6 to 8 knot breezes with generally smooth water. Dick Harmon showed blazing speed, but unfortunately, without a VHF radio did

# **Marblehead NOOD Regatta Results Atlantic Coast Championship** - July 26, 27 & 28, 2019

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Race courses were windward leewards with leeward finishes. Jibing on the lifts vs. sailing by the lee became key choices in most races.

The only down side of the event was the inability of Regatta crash boats and/or Sea Tow to address Brad Meade's capsize and broken mast which took hours to recover. Ultimately some of Eastern Yacht Club's finest were recruited to accomplish the task and Brad's boat was rescued to sail another day in the future.

The Social events were superb and with so many sponsors the regatta itself was relatively price effective. Those lucky enough to stay in B and B's (air or otherwise) in Marblehead were treated to a well preserved revolutionary war era downtown which happens to share an equally strong yachting history.

The presence of Comets did not go unnoticed and generated a lot friendly questions and enthusiasm that another one design class was participating in the regatta. Sailing World did an interview with Kevin and Mark Buruchian as can be seen in the following link

### www.sailingworld.com/comets-land-in-marblehead

Kudos to Talbott Ingram and all who facilitated our participation in this high profile regatta. Only good can come from it. If you want to experience One Design sailing in a community that feels like a division one college town on a Football Saturday, try to make the next regatta when we align with NOOD.

# **Corsica River Annual Regatta Results Corisica River Yacht Club** - July 27 & 28, 2019

### Results

/2		Score	Score	Score	Score	Point Total	Finish Place in
Skipper/Crew	Sail No.	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Regatta	Class
wick dudley	2908	2	1	3	1	7	1
Tom Price	3741	1	2	5	3	11	2
Elliott Oldak	4037	7	4	2	2	15	3
Andrew Wood	4087	4	6	1	5	16	4
Joe Lauver	4137	6	3	7	4	20	5
John Costanzo	3866	3	5	6	13	27	6
Art Silcox	4069	5	7	8	7	27	7
Woody Grainger	4070	12	8	4	6	30	8
Chris Schott	3014	8	11	9	9	37	9
John Ebken	4147	11	10	10	8	39	10
Michael Hulme	3794	9	9	11	13	42	11
Eric Fee	2265	10	12	12	13	47	12
scott wolff	4089	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	52	13

## Comet International Regatta Tred Avon Yacht Club

August 23 - 25, 2019

Tred Avon Yacht Club was host to a fantastic Championship. Sixteen Comets competed in a wide variety of conditions, from medium winds to blowouts, along with many substantial wind shifts that kept rearranging the finishing positions.

Rudy Bailey came from behind in the last race to win by one point over the Ingrams. The hard luck prize goes to Pat Curran who was on his way to win the regatta when his rudder broke in the last leg of the last race. He still finished 10th in the race and 3rd overall. Maxwell Curtis with Stefan Furbert showed great speed in the heavy winds, and having all consistent races to finish 4th overall. Tom Price, sailing in his first Comet Internationals, (with decades of other racing experience) finished 5th overall.

Thanks to the many Tred Avon members and staff that made this a successful regatta. Also, thanks to Wilbur Keyworth for his up close and personal pictures.



Maxwell and Stefan brought their boat all the way from Bermuda to sail Internationals

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### Results

Pos	Sail	Boat	Skipper	Yacht Club	1	2	<u>3</u>	4	<u>5</u>	6	Z	Total
1	4127	Equalizer	Rudy Bailey / Corey Bean	West End Sailboat Club/	4	7	1	[17/RET-AF]	3	4	1	20
2	4151	Gemini II	Talbott Ingram / Lee Ingram	Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club/	3	4	2	4	2	6	[7]	21
3	4103		Pat CURRAN / Hartley Cooper	RIVERTON YC/	1	2	7	3	[12]	2	10	25
4	4153	POLE POSITION	Maxwell Curtis / STEFAN FURBERT	EAST END MINI YACHT CLUB/	5	1	[13]	9	4	5	2	26
5	3741	Scrapple	Tom Price / John Zseleczky	Potapskut Sailing Assn./	9	3	4	[17/RET-AF]	11	1	3	31
6	3737	Brute	Elliott Oldak / Barbara Best	Severn SA/	2	6	[17/OCS]	17/RET-AF	1	3	5	34
7	3932	Sharkbite	Jon Burnham / Tori Burnham	Cooper River yc/	8	12	3	[17/RET-AF]	8	7	4	42
8	4155		Dale Brangman / Tajahri Rogers	East End Mini Yacht Club/	6	[14]	6	6	9	12	6	45
9	4073	Mermaid	Cookie DuPont / Emily duPont	Tred Avon YC/	7	9	10	2	10	8	[12]	46
10	4123	Harms Way	Richard Harmon / Beth Pinder	Leatherlips Yacht Club/	[17/DNF]	11	5	1	7	11	13	48
11	4137	Rebel	Joe Lauver / Ian Lauver	SYC/	11	[13]	12	5	6	10	11	55
12	3866		John Costanzo / Stacey Kelley	SSYC/	[14]	10	9	11	14	9	8	61T
13	4087	Merlot	Andrew Wood / Hannah Worth	Corsica River Yacht Club/	10	8	11	10	[13]	13	9	61T
14	4152		Bradley Meade / Mel Keen	Shrewsbury Sailing and Yacht Club/	13	[17/DNS]	17/DNS	7	5	17/DNS	17/DNS	76
15	4104	Mayhem	DAN CURRAN / Scott Errickson	riverton YC/	12	[17/DNF]	8	8	17/RET	17/DNS	17/DNS	79
16	2908	Samurai	wick dudley	Corsica river	[17/DNS]	5	17/DNC	17/DNC	17/DNC	17/DNS	17/DNS	90

# Massapoag Annual Regatta Massapoag Yacht Club - September 7 & 8, 2019

Massapoag Yacht Club held their 70th Annual Regatta this September. As always, they are low key and lots of fun with six different One Design classes for this two day event.

The two Buruchian Comets and the Ingrams were shifting positions every tack and most legs, with everyone winning at least two races. Brad Meade was present but was not able to find an able Comet crew.

Keep this regatta in mind for next year, as it is always held the weekend after Labor Day.



Results	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total	Place
4151 Talbott & Lee Ingram	1	1	1	2	(3)	1	2	3	11	1
4088 Kevin & Ashley Buruchian	(3)	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	13	2
3956 Mark & Shannon Buruchian	2	(3)	3	1	1	3	3	2	15	3
Brad Meade	DNF	DNS	35	4						

## Pumpkin Bowl Regatta Results Tred Avon Yacht Club - November 02, 2019

### Results

Pos	Sail	Boat	Skipper	Yacht Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Pos
1	3741	Вор	Tom Price / Lyn Sheeler	Potapskut Sailing Assn/	1	2	2	3	1	1	10	1
2	4151	Gemini II	Talbott Ingram / lee Ingram	Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club/	2	1	3	1	5	4	16T	2
3	3932	Shark Bate	Jon Burnham / Tori Burnham	CRYC/	3	4	1	2	4	2	16T	3
4	4148	wicked 2	wick dudley / Betsy Kulman	Corsica river/	4	3	5	5	3	9/DNS	29	4
5	USA 4117		Bradley MEADE / Mel Keen	Shrewsbury Sailing and Yacht Club/	9/DNS	9/DNS	4	4	2	3	31	5
6	4152	Total Eclipse	Thomas Layton / Russ Seltzer	Niantic Bay Yacht Club/	9/DNC	9/DNC	9/DNC	9/DNC	9/DNC	9/DNC	54T	6
6	4087	Merlot	Andrew Wood / Hannah Worth	Corsica River Yacht Club/	9/DNC	9/DNC	9/DNC	9/DNC	9/DNC	9/DNC	54T	6
6	3737	Brute	Elliott Oldak / Barbara Best	Severn S.A./	9/DNC	9/DNC	9/DNC	9/DNC	9/DNC	9/DNC	54T	6

## **Drew Bowl** - September 28, 2019 **Shrewsbury Sailing and Yacht Club**

The Comet Drew Bowl was a Big success. Shrewsbury Fleet Captain Sam Turvey made sure everything was in order for his first regatta as host. A large breakfast spread was laid out by Shrewsbury Sailing and Yacht Club Commodore Susan Ricker to welcome the twelve competing Comets travelling from four states.

The stars of the day were Peter Schell and Ainsley Hilfiker who dominated the fleet, by winning both the Drew Bowl and the Territory III Championship. As Buddy Melges suggested, they got good starts, sailed fast and went the right direction.

The balance of the fleet was battling for the other top spots, with the Ingrams and Larry Suter with crew Peter Fernberger coming out 2nd & 3rd. Jeff Pfister with crew Alli Hester 4th, and one point back was Andrew Tamblyn with crew Jack Hunger.

Many thanks to PRO Jeff Jacobi and the many helping hands on and off the water that made this a successful regatta.



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	Results			RACE					
BOAT	SKIPPER	CREW	CLUB	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	POSITION
4115	Pete Schell	Ainsley Hilfiker	Shrewsbury Sailing & YC	X2	2	1	1	4	1
4151	Talbott Ingram	Lee Ingram	Shrewsbury Sailing & YC	1	3	3	X4	7	2
3430	Larry Suter	Peter Fernberger	Storm Trysail	X8	5	2	3	10	3
4099	Jeff Pfister	Alli Hester	Shrewsbury Sailing & YC	3	4	4	Х6	11	4
3932	Jon Burnham	Tori Burnham	Cooper River YC	5	Х9	5	2	12	5
4154	Andrew Tamblyn	Jack Hunger	Shrewsbury Sailing & YC	Х9	1	7	5	13	6
4152	Brad Meade	Mel Keen	Shrewsbury Sailing & YC	4	7	X1 2	10	21	7
4088	Mark Buruchian	Shannon Buruchian	Highland Lakes, NJ	7	6	9	X1 1	22	8
3866	John Costanzo	Stacey Kelley	Shrewsbury Sailing & YC	6	X1 0	8	9	23	9
2165	Joe Calvitti	Jackie Calvitti	Cooper River YC	X12	11	6	7	24	10
4137	Joe Lauver	lan Lauver	Susquehanna Y C	X11	8	11	8	27	11
4090	Sam Turvey	Bill Sverapa	Shrewsbury Sailing & YC	10	X1 2	10	12	32	12

## The Comet Class Yacht Racing Association AnnualMeeting was called to order at 7:56 pm on Saturday, August 24, 2019 at Tred Avon Yacht Club, Oxford, MD by Talbott Ingram, Class President.

### PRESENT

Talbott Ingram, Joe Lauver, Richard Harmon, Bradley Meade, Maxwell Curtis, Dale Brangman, Andy Wood

27 people in attendance. 14 members

### President - Talbott Ingram

Opening thoughts

This has been another active year with many regattas.

We had the Jack Peters Regatta held at Tred Avon Yacht Club. Green Pond held the Annual Randall DeLeeuw Regatta. The North Americans were a big success, thanks to Rich and Sue Warren of Surf City Yacht Club. We also had Corsica River Yacht Club's Annual Regatta complete with their famous chicken feast and local musicians under the tent on Saturday evening.

A big Thanks to Joe Lauver for organizing both the North Americans at Surf City Yacht Club and the Internationals here at Tred Avon Yacht Club. A lot of time and effort goes into organizing both to make them a success.

For the first time Comets participated in the NOOD (National Offshore One Design) Regatta in Marblehead, MA. As Dick Harmon and Brad Meade will attest, it was an exciting, well run regatta co-hosted by the Boston Yacht Club and Eastern Yacht Club. Shrewsbury Sailing & yacht Club again hosted the Junior Championship. After an hour clinic and some assistance in rigging their boats, they were off to five competitive races. All these juniors find the Comet exciting, and a good challenge. It is important for each fleet to encourage the younger sailors they know to step into a Comet, whether it is week-end sailing or one of our regattas. As an example, Jon Burnham loaned his Comet to two young sailors from Cooper River for the Juniors. They went home very excited and were looking into buying an inexpensive Comet.

Coming up this Fall is the Massapoag Yacht Club Annual Regatta, September 7 & 8th and the Drew Bowl at Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club on September 28th and the Pumpkin Bowl here at Tred Avon Yacht Club on November 2nd.

Thanks to Tred Avon Yacht Club for hosting the Internationals this year. Comets have come from seven states and Bermuda to compete in this event. Thanks to the three Bermudian teams for returning with Rudy Bailey here (with his grandson, Corey) to defend his title. Both Dale Brangman and Maxwell Curtis are here with their new Comets.

There are two skippers competing in the Internationals for the first time - Pat Curran and Tom Price.

Much of the excitement about the present growth of the Class is the fact that we now have a quality builder after so many years and they are presently building new Comets.

### VP Reports

### VP for Championship Regattas - Joe Lauver

This year has been an interesting journey.

The North Americans at Surf City Yacht Club was a great event. With their long history of Comet sailing they were happy to have us and Steve Warren wants us to come back.

We had the Marblehead NOOD Regatta

Here at Tred Avon Yacht Club we have been warmly welcomed for our International Regatta and encouraged to return.

Joe said that Bermuda will be putting on a good show and called on Maxwell Curtis and Dale Brangman to talk about the plans for the Internationals in Bermuda next year.

Brad Meade said he hadn't been there in years and was looking forward to next year's event.

Dale -

June 15, 2020 – The Wilbur Cross Long Distance Race will be sailed before the Internationals with the hope that sailors will arrive early enough to participate.

Bermuda Tourism Authority is supporting it and wants to make this a big event.

All three sailing clubs are sponsoring this event.

As of now they are getting sponsors to defray shipping costs.

Currently they are able to offer a \*\* \$500. Round trip fee and a \$250. One-way fee for the first 12 boats. This was met with much excitement.

\*\*Plans are being made for 2 six boat trailers to get the special fee. After that individual boats would have a higher fee as yet undetermined.

We would be using the Dockyard area where the America's Cup was located. There would be a ramp and a hoist available.

The ENTRY FEE will be around \$300.00 which would include a social event at each club.

There will be an extra charge for The City of Hamilton Lobster Pot.

Elliott Oldak asked about local sailing conditions. Dale said that time of year the wind is usually 10-15 knots.

There were many handouts including a tentative schedule of events, accommodations and shipping port information.

The Tourism Authority's website is: GoToBermuda.com

- Elliott Oldak was the contact between TAYC and Joe and stated that it had been easy to schedule the Internationals here and not to rule out either Surf City Yacht Club or Tred Avon for regattas in the future.

### Secretary – Treasurer - Jim Widdis

Not present. Talbott Ingram read the report

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	Junior	3			
	Associate	4			
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Opening Balance					\$ 3,707.53
	Income	Dues		2,100.00	
		Dues (2020)		40.00	
		Dev Fund		910.00	
		Patron		70.00	
		Booster		10.00	
		Orders		25.00	
		Charter Fee		200.00	
		Sail Tax Labels		100.00	
		2018 Internationals	All Proceeds	6,345.54	
		Total Income		\$ 9,800.54	
	Expenses	Bob Slook	Web Hosting	150.00	
			Dues Refund	67.00	
		Andy Wood	Plate Engraving	56.71	
		Peacock Graphics	Tee Shirts/Plaques	977.20	
		LHYC	2018 International's	5,255.01	
		US Sailing	Membership	200.00	
		Chubb	Insurance	1,808.00	
		Pete Schell	Boat Repair	626.96	
		Jim Widdis	Postage	42.09	
		Bonnier Corp	Sailing World	799.00	
		Valley National	Checks	37.80	
		Miscellaneous		10.00	

	Total Expenses	\$ 10,029.77	
Profit/Loss			\$ (229.23)
Closing Balance			\$ 3,478.30

### VP for Information and Publicity - Christina Lauver

Not present. No report.

Talbott – Tina is doing a fabulous job and I thank her for it.

### **Chief Measurer - Richard Harmon**

No report at present.

### VP for Class Development - Kevin Buruchian

Not present. No report at present.

### VP for Bermuda - Maxwell Curtis

See Joe Lauver's report above for update on 2020 Comet Internationals in Bermuda presented by Dale Brangman.

### Election

President Kevin Buruchian

Vice President Carl Oberg (in charge of Class Development)

Vice President Joe Lauver (in charge of Championship Regattas)

Vice President Christina Lauver (in charge of Information and Publicity)

Secretary-Treasurer Jim Widdis

Chief Measurer Dick Harmon

Past President Talbott Ingram

Member at Large Brad Meade

Member at Large Wick Dudley

Member at Large Andy Wood

Voters 17 unanimously for, 0 against, no write-ins

Proxies 9 unanimously for, 0 against, no write-ins

No By-Law changes

Ballot passed unanimously.

Bradley Meade read Kevin Buruchian's Acceptance speech, which follows.

Comet Sailors,

I regretfully am unable to attend this evening due to work commitments. However I would like to take a moment to say a few words and promise to get everyone get back to the bar as fast as possible.

First and foremost please join me in thanking all past officers for all of their past and future services to this class. Without them we wouldn't have regattas like this one, or be the great group of collected sailors that we are. I would like to thank you for voting for me to be the next Class President, we all know I have some extremely large shoes to fill following Talbott.

Please take a moment to give Talbott a round of applause for all the efforts he has given us over the past years.

The Comet is near and dear to my heart. I grew up sailing this awesome boat when I was only 4 years old crewing for my dad in Highland Lakes, NJ. Sailing in Comets not only taught me how to sail as a crew and skipper, but how to work together as a team. We all experience this everyday we are on and off the water, working together to keep our boats and lives moving forward. Sailing in Comets got me ready for sailing in College. I can remember the interviews I did where the college coaches just thought I was a little lake sailor who knew nothing about sailing because I grew up on a small lake. Little did they know the Comets got me to travel (thanks to my parents) to all these great venues and taught me how to sail in all types of conditions. The Comet gave me the opportunity to come into college sailing knowing how to sail with a crew. It's because of the Comet Class I was able to go into the UNH sailing program as a top sailor, and future captain of the team.

The Comets have been given new life. We now after a very long time have a builder who is making a great boat. We have the opportunity to get new, young and old sailors, into the Comets again. In the last few years, we have been able to get several new boats on the water both in the US and Bermuda. Whitecap is currently building another round of boats, two for sailors and one as a demo. We as a class need to continue this growth. I can remember getting 20 plus boats on the line for regular regattas and having a lot of boats for the Junior Championships. Our class has the opportunity to have these numbers again with the revitalization of the boat. If you haven't tried one of these new boats, you need to. The Comets could be the new double handed dinghy for all ages if we can get our boats out there.

We recently had a group of 6 boats make the trip, from as far away as Ohio, up to the Boston area to sail in the Sailing World NOOD Regatta in Marblehead, MA. This event was one for the books. If you wanted to come and couldn't you missed a great time. The sailors enjoyed a great venue, great wind, race committee, and tent parties. The Comet Class was one of the classes highlighted at this event. The Comet, a new class to the event, had great publicity including an article from Dave Reed and video from sailing from Day 1 on the Sailing World website. This event is just an example of what we as a class can do to help promote this boat we all love to sail and get more of us out on the water.

I look forward to serving you as the Class President and I look forward to our future.

Thank you for your time and I hope to see you all soon.

Kevin Buruchian

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm by Talbott Ingram, Class President.

The Annual Meeting Raffle immediately followed the Adjournment.

Submitted by: Lee Ingram

August 30, 2019

## **Annual Meeting Raffle 2019**

Raffle Prizes were donated by:

### GRAND PRIZE - Mark Beaton of Beaton Sails

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Omega hats

Omega shirts

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Comet Class!

### From BERMUDA

Bermuda books (3) about the country and its charms

East End Mini Yacht Club shirt

### And the WINNERS are:

4104	Dan Curran	EEMYC shirt
3932	Jon Burnham	hat
3741	Tom Price	Omega shirt

4152 Brad Meade Bermuda book

2	4123	Dick Harmon	Bermuda book	
2	4155	Tajahri Rogers	Microfiber towel	(Dale's crew)
3	3737	Elliott Oldak	Omega hat	
3	3866	John Costanzo	sailing gloves	
2	4087	Andy Wood	Omega shirt	
2	4153	Maxwell Curtis	\$25.00 West Marine gif	t card
2	4137	Joe Lauver	boat paddle	
2	4103	Pat Curran	Bermuda book	
And the	WINNI	ER of the GRAN	D PRIZE is	

4103 PAT CURRAN

CONGRATULATIONS to all!