



From the President's Desk

The light at the end of the tunnel is the 2015 sailing season and it will soon be upon us. The class officers have been busy scheduling regattas, updating the web site, encouraging membership, and working on Class development.

The biggest and most important news is that there is a NEW builder of the Comet. They are Whitecap Composites in Peabody, Massachusetts. The owner is Ben Parker who uses a proven infusion production technique. They specialize in small high quality performance one design sail boats, as you will see on their web site www.whitecapcomposites.com. With their production process the Comets will be very stiff and at minimum weight. They will also be a one stop shopping destination, like we once had 33 years ago with the Oberg's. When in need of any specific Comet supplies such as a mast, boom, centerboard, rudder, etc, they will be in stock. Their basic ready to race Comet will be available for \$13,995. For the do it yourself sailor, they will also sell the hull and deck with the side tanks and double bottom for \$7,995, or they will sell just the hull for \$3,750 for those who want to build their own deck.

Following in this E-news is the Whitecap proposal in which Ben Parker describes their capabilities and pricing.

Brad Meade, Wick Dudley and I have had extensive conversations and emails with Ben, and we sincerely feel that the Class is moving in a very positive direction. Ben is very knowledgeable about the production of fiberglass boats and has been very enthusiastic about the future development of our Class. The plan is to have three new Comets built this Spring that will be competing in the North Americans in June. They presently have all the newly designed molds that the last Comet was built from, but they will be using the most advanced building techniques.

Andy Wood has been busy scheduling the North Americans at Northern Lake George Yacht Club and the International Championships at the Miles River Yacht

Club, as per his notice in this issue. The Comet Junior Championship is scheduled again at Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club on Saturday August 1st.

Be sure to advise Tina Lauver of your annual club regattas and open club series, so that she can update the web site. We are also looking into having Comets included in either the Newport One-design Regatta in early July or the High Performance Dinghy Open at the American Yacht Club in Rye New York. Both are multi fleet regattas with fun onshore activities as well as an opportunity to put the Comet on display.

Be sure to check out the Comet Class Association on Facebook and click "Like".

We are looking for more people to get involved in the administration of the Comet Class. Let me know how you would like to help.

During the winter months it is important to reach out to potential new Comet sailors. There may be young sailors growing out of junior programs or college sailing looking for a challenging two person boat that does not require the skills of a trapeze or spinnaker. There are many opportunities for Comet sailors to compete in numerous regattas at different venues which should be an attraction for all sailors.

If you have any questions about the new Comet, you can contact me (talbottingram@gmail.com), Brad Meade (bmmeade@optonline.net) or Ben Parker (ben@whitecapcomposites.com).

Smooth Sailing
Talbot Ingram, President CCYRA

2015 Regatta Information

Bermuda

April 9-11 Bermuda International Race Week - Dinghy Regatta

Annual Regattas

April 25 Comet Jack Peters Regatta, Tred Avon Yacht Club,

May 16 Comet Spring Regatta & Laser Invitational,
Corsica River Yacht Club

June 13 Randall DeLeeuw Regatta, Green Pond Yacht Club

June 14 Comet Spring Regatta, Severn Sailing Association

July 25-26 Corsica Annual Regatta, Corsica River Yacht Club

August 8-9 Oxford Annual Regatta, Tred Avon Yacht Club

October 3 Drew Bowl, Shrewsbury Sailing and Yacht Club

October 31 Comet Pumpkin Bowl, Tred Avon Yacht Club

Championship Regattas

June 20-21 Comet North American Championship,
North Lake George Yacht Club

August 21-23 Comet Internationals Championship,
Miles River Yacht Club

Junior Events

August 1 Junior Championship, Shrewsbury Sailing and Yacht Club

For more information about the regatta schedule contact
Andy Wood at woodhaus226@gmail.com.



North American Regatta

The 2015 Comet North American Championship Regatta will be held at North Lake George Yacht Club. Start making your plans now by visiting their website at www.nlgyc.com.

Please forward any changes concerning your Fleet Captain information and all your scheduled regattas for 2015 to Tina Lauer at cometclass@comcast.net.

Looking for a nice warm place to sail this Spring ?

Then you should sign up for Bermuda International Race Week - Dinghy Regatta April 9 - 11 to race on their crystal clear waters. Rockal Evans and Gladwin Lambert have promised at least five loaner boats would be available as well as housing for all those coming from the States. The Royal Bermuda Yacht Club will have three events including the opening ceremonies and awards ceremony at their famous yacht club. The Comet sailors will also organize an additional dinner party. Joe and Tina Lauer are already making their plans to get an early start on the sailing season, how about you ?

For additional information contact Rockal:
rockalevans@gmail.com

Click here for online registration.

Royal Bermuda Yacht Club: www.rbyc.bm



Dimitri, Stephen & Rockal

Send your dues for 2015 soon!

Comet Class Membership Dues Form

www.cometclass.com

Name: _____ Comet # _____ Fleet _____

Please provide the following only if different from last year:

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 – (delivered electronically) \$10 _____

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

Comet Plans – Three pages - hull, centerboard, rudder and more \$10 _____

Extra Comet Bumper Sticker (4" X 3") - one included with dues \$2 _____

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

Total _____

Enclose check payable to CCYRA and mail to:

CCYRA Treasurer, Reed V. Rogers, P.O. Box 646, Centreville, MD 21617



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December 18, 2014

RE: Comet Class Sailboat

Dear Talbott,

On behalf of Whitecap Composites I would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to become the new Comet class builder.

Whitecap Composites was established in response to a need for dependable and high quality one design sailboats. We have been approached by a number of class representatives who felt that the racing in their respective classes would benefit from boats with improved structural integrity, a higher level of consistency, and increased performance.

The construction of the new Comet will result in a stiffer boat that will weigh in to class minimums to ensure a highly competitive product. This will be achieved through extensive use of load specific unidirectional fiberglass sandwiching a ½" high performing closed cell foam core. We will be using vinyl-ester resins throughout to ensure optimal mechanical properties and an extended boat lifespan. All components will be vacuum resin infused to ensure maximum laminate stack compression, an optimal resin to fiber ratio, and a homogenous curing cycle.

We are pleased to announce that the new Comet, with a basic hardware package, will retail for \$13,995.00. This boat will include the following:

- Complete Comet sailboat (white hull and deck)
- Basic Harken hardware package
- Robline line package
- Anodized aluminum centerboard
- Composite rudder and aluminum tiller
- Selden mast, boom, standing rigging, running rigging
- Beaton sails
- Galvanized road trailer

The following upgrades will also be available:

- Colored hull and/or deck (\$250 per color)
- Customizable hardware and line packages (priced on an individual basis)
- No sail deduct (-\$1,000.00)





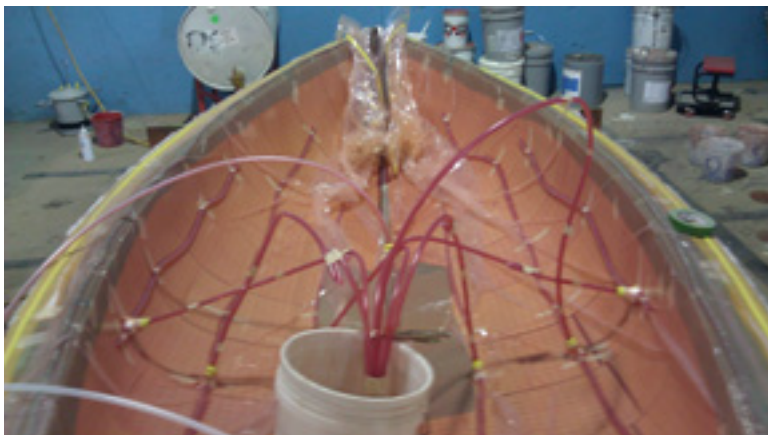
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Once we begin production, we will hold an inventory of spare parts available for sale. In time we will work out a more comprehensive list, but we can divulge the following in the interim:

- All hardware components
- Anodized aluminum centerboard (\$795)
- Composite rudder (\$595)
- Selden mast (\$720)
- Selden boom (\$234)
- Selden standing rigging (\$295)

We are excited to begin building boats for the Comet class, and look forward to facilitating its continued growth and advancement!

Sincerely,
Benjamin Parker





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COMET 16 - One Design



Whitecap Composites - Comet 16

2015 Order Form

White boat, complete with all spars, foils, lines, etc. and road trailer. One set of sails (jib and main) to be selected. Complete to class specifications.

\$ 13,995.00

FOB: Peabody, MA

SAILS

Beaton Sails (choice of woven Dacron or Mylar) **Included**

North Sails (woven Dacron main, choice of woven Dacron or Mylar jib) add: \$ 140.00

No Sail Deduction deduct: \$ 1,000.00

BOAT

Single Hull Color	Color: _____	\$ 150.00	_____
Single Deck Color	Color: _____	\$ 150.00	_____
Non-Skid Color	Color: _____	\$ 300.00	_____
Hull Topsides Color	Color: _____	\$ 250.00	_____
Waterline Stripe Color	Color: _____	\$ 250.00	_____

Windex Indicator Fitted \$ 50.00 _____

Lifting Straps, for dock crane \$ 350.00 _____

COVERS - by Sailors Tailor

Trailing/Mooring Cover \$ 433.00 _____

Mooring Cover \$ 454.00 _____

Skirted Mooring Cover \$ 539.00 _____

Bottom Cover \$ 317.00 _____

Mast Cover \$ 86.00 _____

TOTAL: _____

To place your order we ask for a 50% deposit

Less Deposit _____

For help with your order, please call the factory at (978) 278-5718 or email info@whitecapcomposites.com

Balance Due Prior to Shipment _____



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CUSTOMER NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

I agree to complete this purchase and confirm that all order details are correct.

 Name (Print & Signature)

 Date

- 1.) Complete and sign both pages of your order form & email to info@whitecapcomposites.com or fax to (978) 587-2066.
- 2.) We will accept the deposit payment by wire transfer, bank check, personal check, or credit card (2% CC fee). (If you have concerns about including your card details in an email, please call us at (978) 278-5718. and we can take the details)

VISA/MASTERCARD/ AMEX/DISCOVER	<u>Card Number:</u>		
Credit Card Billing Address: (If different from above)			
Expiration Date:		Security Code:	

- 3.) You will receive an email confirmation of your order, with an estimated delivery date. Boats will be scheduled in the order that deposits are received.
- 4.) Any amendments to your order must be confirmed in writing.
- 5.) The balance is due in our account 14 days prior to shipping. Your boat will not be available until we have confirmation of final payment. Payment of the balance may be made by wire transfer, bank check, personal check, or credit card (2% CC fee).

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