



## From the President's Desk

I am totally pleased with the new Comet and all the effort that Whitecap Composites has contributed to become our reliable source for competitive Comets for years to come. Their prototype is very stiff, minimum weight, all the controls work well and she is very competitive, as shown at the Pumpkin Bowl.

Ben Parker and Paul Zimmerman the owners of Whitecap Composites have been totally committed to the success of the Comet. When it was determined that the old hull mold would not work with their infusion molding process, they were very accommodating about the financial requirements needed to build the new hull mold. Thanks to the fifteen people whose donations covered the \$6,000 cost for the new mold, Whitecap was able to begin production around September 14th.

It amazes me that in seven weeks, Whitecap made the new hull mold, let it cure for two weeks, made a race ready Comet, test sailed her at MIT on the Charles River, and successfully raced at the Pumpkin Bowl at the Tred Avon Yacht Club. Thanks to their diligence, all the fine tuning and necessary rig adjustments were made quickly and efficiently.

Having sailed my Oberg doublebottom for 33 years, I am now ready to move on to the new state of the art design. The Whitecap Comets will be stiffer and still at minimum weight. They are much more comfortable, particularly for the crew because of the round sidetank design. A nice round surface to lean against that also allows a few more inches for the crew to sit in the cockpit. The new design makes hiking much more comfortable, which Lee really appreciated. As tested by a MIT coach, when they tipped over, the boat came up practically dry, which means no additional time is needed to drain the water and get back to sailing.

In addition to building a race ready Comet, Whitecap will be a one stop source for all our parts. Ben will soon be making a new rudder mold with the ideal shape. They have also purchased a machine to shape the new aluminum

center boards. They will have a supply of masts, booms, whiskerpoles, tillers, etc, that are only a phone call away.

Pass on this information to other sailors at your Club and those sailing other one design classes. Now is the time for them to join the Comet Class for fun sailing and exciting regattas.

The old Oberg hull mold is now available for anyone who wants to hand lay their own fiberclass Comet. There is no charge, but you would need to pick it up from Whitecap Composites in Peabody, MA, ASAP.

Hats off to Whitecap Composites for all their efforts in supporting the future of the Comet Class. Their concern for detail and quality workmanship is exceptional.

Smooth Sailing and have fun.  
Talbot Ingram  
President CCYRA

PS: I cannot wait until next Spring when Lee and I will be sailing our new green Comet. Our Gemini 4099 is now For Sale!

## Mark Your Calendar

Bermuda Race Week Regatta

March 31 to April 2.

At least six (6) good loaner boats will be available, as well as housing for all those coming from the states. Start planning now by contacting either Rockal Evans - [rockalevans@gmail.com](mailto:rockalevans@gmail.com) or Scott Fox - [coolasfox@hotmail.com](mailto:coolasfox@hotmail.com)

# Introducing the New Comet

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Simple and efficient controls



Comet layout



Clean layout

Talbott and Lee testing the new boat



# Comet featured in Sail1Design Article

[www.sail1design.com/the-international-comet-class-is-alive-and-well-with-a-new-builder](http://www.sail1design.com/the-international-comet-class-is-alive-and-well-with-a-new-builder)

## The International Comet Class is Alive and Well with a New Builder

Whitecap Composites has been selected as the exclusive builder of the International Comet Class. With active fleets in Maryland, New Jersey, the Midwest and Bermuda, the appointment of a new builder will keep the class going for many more years to come.

Whitecap has already completed new molds and tooling and has produced its first hull which has been tested at MIT and won its first regatta at the Pumpkin Bowl in Maryland this month.

“We are very excited to be the new builder for the International Comet Class. Our manufacturing process allowed us to use thicker cores and a more elaborate grid system resulting in a stiffer and stronger boat while maintaining the class minimum weight required by the class rules. We are also thrilled that the boat was victorious in it’s very first regatta. We feel that we have put a modern twist on such an historic design in terms of cockpit layout, ergonomics and controls.” states the owners of Whitecap Composites.

The Comet was designed by C. Lowndes Johnson as a trailerable version of the Star. The design combines a 16 foot hard chine planing hull with a classic sloop rig. Her light weight (260 lbs.), generous sail area (140 sq. ft.) and semi-flat bottom, make her easily driven to weather and can be planed off the wind in breezes of only 10 to 12 knots. The Comet carries a mainsail and jib, the mast stands twenty feet five inches above the deck and is supported by a fully adjustable three stay rig. The hulls feature watertight side tanks and a false bottom which is self-bailing in the event of a capsize. The boat has evolved greatly since 1932 and has kept pace with the times. The modern Comet sports “Go Fasts” such as vang sheeting, mast benders and depending on the



skipper’s appetite for complexity, ball bearing travelers, and magic boxes for mast rake control.

All sail adjustments may be placed on the cockpit coaming, to be at fingertip control from a fully hiked position.

The boat carries a crew of two for racing, making it ideal for husband and wife or parent and child teams, yet it can hold three adults for pleasure sailing. The

boat is easily trailered, rigged and launched. Even more importantly, the Comet is one of the most affordable one-designs in its class.



See the 2016 order form for a new comet on the next page.



For those who want to completely rig their own new boat and save some money, you can purchase just the hull with the double bottomed side tank deck for \$7,995.

A new rudder will be available if you need to upgrade the quality and shape of your rudder, you can order one now for the coming season.



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# COMET 16 - One Design

**Whitecap Composites - Comet 16** **2016 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)	<b>Included</b>	_____
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 Strops, for dock crane	\$ 350.00	_____
Mast Chocks (set of 6)	\$ 75.00	_____
Jib Barber Haulers	\$ 250.00	_____

**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](mailto:info@whitecapcomposites.com) **Balance Due Prior to Shipment** \_\_\_\_\_



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**CUSTOMER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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](mailto: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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# The New International Comet Wins the Pumpkin Bowl!!!

Posted on Facebook by Ben Parker

The Pumpkin Bowl proved to be a success for the new International Comet! With conditions ranging from light and flat to medium with gusts and chop, the boats were tested in a full range. Thanks to skipper Talbott Ingram and crew Lee Ingram, the new boat was led to success, winning 4 out of the 5 races. The new boat is certainly as competitive as its predecessors! Pumpkin Bowl proved to be a success for the new International Comet!

The new boat was reported as being "rock solid" and simultaneously "light and lively" in all points of sail. This, combined with the upgraded modern deck layout, self bailing ergonomic cockpit, improved aesthetics, and a host of other user friendly upgrades have made for a fast and low maintenance boat!

## A View from the Pumpkin Bowl

by Art Silcox

On Nov 7, Eight hearty crews arrived at the Tred Avon Yacht Club for the last Comet event in the Mid Atlantic area. We had 3 boats from Corsica River, 2 boats from Susquehanna River, 2 boats from Severn Sailing Assn and the Brand New Boat fresh from the mold at Whitecap Composites sailed by Talbott and Lee Ingram from Shrewsbury Sailing & YC.

The weather when we all arrived didn't look too promising (55 degrees and little to no wind and a chance of rain) but as the morning wore on the wind filled in, between 8-10 for an eleven o'clock start. The TAYC race committee laid out a 3/4 mile windward-leeward finish to windward course as the wind filled from the NE and we were off to a great day of short races as the wind and some rain intensified (12-15 gusting to 18)

All the starts were close and most of the finishes were closer with short breaks between races.

All in all the racing was pretty close with the exception of the Ingram team in the new boat doing what they have done at most regattas this year, whether in their old boat or in this case the brand new boat, leading the fleet even



Father and daughter team finishing 3rd place

when over early in one race. A real surprise was having Christopher Price and his daughter Caroline join us for this event from Susquehanna Yacht Club who was in contention in every race- we all hope that he joins us in 2016 for more events. Thanks to TAYC for putting on a great end of season regatta. 2015 has been a good year of Comet sailing and hopefully we can increase the number of boats at our regattas both older and NEW boats.

### Pumpkin Bowl results 2015

1. Talbott & Lee Ingram	4099 SYC - 1, 1, 4, 1, 1 = 8
2. Elliott Oldak & Barbara Best	3737 SSA - 2, 2, 1, 3, 2 = 10
3. Chris Price, Sr. & Caroline Price	3957 PSA - 4, 3, 3, 2, 4 = 16
4. Art Silcox & Deborah Brower	4069 SSA - 6, 6, 6, 4, 3 = 25
5. Andy Wood & Evan Huffaker	4087 CRYC - 7, 8, 2, 5, 5 = 27
6. Wick Dudley & Betsy Kulman	4148 CRYC - 5, 5, 5, 6, 6 = 27
7. Joe & Ian Lauver	4137 SYC - 3, 4, 7, 7, DNF = 30
8. Ridgely Kelly & Reed Valliant	4077 CRYC - 8, 7, 8, DNS, DNS = 41

# Photos of the New Comet Racing at the Pumpkin Bowl



Quick to plane



New Comet leading the fleet



Ready for the start



New Mylar jib with 4099 Dacron main

# Drew Bowl 2015

by Lee Ingram

Because of Joaquin the Drew Bowl was rescheduled for Sunday September 18.

Again the weather conditions were a little questionable with the temperatures around 45 degrees and winds beginning around 15 mph. But four hearty teams ventured out for three exciting races. The winds were strong with 40 degree wind shifts, so the conditions were challenging to say the least.

For the first race the Ingrams found the pattern of the shifts and led throughout the race. Lauvers unfortunately hit the 2nd windward mark, and while doing their circle a strong gust tipped them over. Cat like Tina hopped on the centerboard and stayed dried while her hero Joe swam around to right the boat.

The second race was led by Bob Slook and Kelly Brinton, up to the finish when the Ingrams found a passing shift.



Huddled by the fire to thaw.

Before the third the winds were gusting over 20 mph, with the PRO questioning the merits of sending us home. Since we were all out there and dressed for the

## Results

1.	Talbott & Lee Ingram	#4099	1, 1, 1 = 3
2.	Bob Slook & Kelly Brinton	#4074	2, 2, 2 = 6
3.	Joe & Tina Lauver	#4137	4, 3, 3 = 10
4.	Cliff & Meggan Bebout	#4079	3, 4, 4 = 11

conditions, the race went on. Again Slook & Brinton lead at the weather mark. But on the reach the Ingrams slowly caught up, only to be caught by the fast planing Lauvers. Positions changed again by the jibe mark with the Ingrams taking the lead with Slook and Lauvers following in this position to the finish line.

New Comet sailors Cliff and Meggan Bebout wisely headed in early when the winds reached 20 mph with those cold temperatures.

Thanks to PRO Jeff Jacobi and Priscilla and to the rescue boat people Robert Welch, Gary DePice and Kara Licata.

If you have an old Comet for sale, be sure to post it in the Classified Section of the website, so you can move on to a new "State of the Art" competitive model. Send information and pictures to webmaster Tina Lauver at [cometclass@comcast.net](mailto:cometclass@comcast.net).

## Comet #4150 for sale. \$ 10,975.00

Built in the fall of 2015. This is the first new production boat built from the new molds. Proven to be quick as it won its first regatta at the Pumpkin Bowl. The boat has been sailed a total of only three days. Boat weighs in at class minimum.

White hull with white and grey deck.

Self bailing cockpit with recessed bailer.

Selden Kappa section tapered mast. Selden boom with 12:1 vang.

All running and standing rigging included. Adjustable side stay tracks with quick release levers.

Sails and trailer are currently excluded. If requested they can be provided at an additional cost.

Please contact Paul @ 781-244-9560 or [paul@whitecapcomposites.com](mailto:paul@whitecapcomposites.com)

