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From the President's Desk

The sailing season is off to a great start having completed many regattas to date plus watching the Class grow with the resale of inactive Comets. We are now looking for buyers of new Comets to maintain this momentum and to preserve the future of the Class.

The North American Championship was a huge success. Thanks to Peter and Marion Abell for being Regatta Chairs and encouraging Comets to come back up to Northern Lake George Yacht Club. The Class owes a BIG Thank You for all the effort that Peter, Andy Wood, and Donna Wotton made to coordinate and make this regatta a success. Donna wore many hats, including being chef for the Friday evening dinner, PRO for great racing, and host for four of the sailors. After many emails and phone calls, the logistics, NOR and SI were all properly coordinated.

It was good to see Rick Dhein, winner of the Internationals in 1974, back out in "Gin-Ricky", showing no rust. His son Clark and daughter-in-law Lydia were coming on strong in the class loaner boat as well. Another name from the past was Barbara Rottier who dusted off her woody to have fun, and was leading the third race half way up the first windward leg. The team having the most fun and considered the winner of the day was Mikey Lau and his dad Michael sailing their very old woody #882. They had a blast out sailing and keeping it together. The young team of Kevin Buruchian and crew Danielle Dubois, were almost the big winners, narrowly losing by inches in the final race. Kevin is certainly a force to be reckoned with in future regattas.

Be sure to encourage your juniors to come to Shrewsbury to compete in the Comet Junior Championship. Giving them a chance to skipper a higher performance boat is a good way to build your fleet.

Without a pause, Andy has leaped into action planning for the Internationals at the Miles River Yacht Club. He has been coordinating the regatta with various club members to be sure we ALL have a memorable time.

I hope to see many of you at Miles River, if not before, at the annual regatta at Corsica River Yacht Club on July 25 & 26.

Smooth Sailing and have Fun. Talbott Ingram, President CCYRA

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

2015 Upcoming Regatta Information

July 25-26	One Design Annual Regatta,
july 23 20	Corsica River Yacht Club
August 1	Comet Junior Championship,
	Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club
August 21-23	Comet Internationals Championship,
	Miles River Yacht Club
September 5	Pigskin Regatta, Leatherlips Yacht Club
October 3	Drew Bowl, Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club
October 31	Pumpkin Bowl, Tred Avon Yacht Club

2015 Randall DeLeeuw Regatta

The Comet Fleet at Green Pond hosted their annual Spring regatta on June 7th. As always their hospitality is second to none. They always provide a fun and relaxing event, so everyone has an enjoyable day.

The wind conditions that day were living up to the many rumors about what you could possibly expect. The winds were back and forth, as well as up and down in velocity, to make it a challenge for both the race committee and the sailors. Positions constantly changed throughout the race, giving everyone a chance to lead as well as get a view from the back seat.

Rick and daughter Sarah Sloan showed everyone how it should be done in the first race by taking the victory with several boats close on their transom. In the second race it was Brad Meade and Eric Hoffer who found a private puff under the western shore rock face. Bob Griswold and Rosa Polye showed their magic in the third race by pulling away with an easy victory. For the fourth race the Ingrams were able to sneak into and hold the lead to the finish.

As usual, consistency was important and the Griswold and Polye team with a 3, 1, 2 were the champions.

2015 Randall DeLeeuw Regatta Green Pond Yacht Club Green Pond, NJ June 7, 2015

Sail #	Skipper/crew	Race #1	Race #2	Race #3	Race #4	Total	Place
4036	Bob Griswold Rosa Polye	3	3	1	2	6	1
3468	Brad Meade Eric Hoffer	2	1	4	4	7	2
4099	Talbott Ingram Lee Ingram	4	4	3	1	8	3
4102	Richard La Bossiere Kathy Watson	5	2	6	3	10	4
4130	Rick Sloan Sarah Sloan	1	5	5	6	11	5
4093	Matt Grossman Ralph Grossman	6	6	2	5	13	6
4030	Frank Juhasz	7	7	7	7	21	7





From the Treasurer:

A reminder: many Comet sailors have still not paid their 2015 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. Dues form included with this issue.



2015 Comet Masters Regatta

The Comet Masters Regatta was held on Memorial Weekend at the Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club. The top masters were Talbott & Lee Ingram, followed closely by Bob Slook & Leenie Costanzo and Mike & Cathy O'Brien.

Regatta at Severn Sailing Association

This was hotly contested with a five boat fleet. Due to unfavorable wind conditions, only two races were completed. Elliott Oldak and Wick Dudley tied for first place with Elliott breaking the tie by winning the second race. The other three boats were all tied for the third position, with Joe Lauver coming out on top. New Comet owner Art Silcox came in forth, and Andy Wood with consistent two 4th place finishes coming up with the short straw. We welcome Art Silcox to the Comet Class and look forward to seeing him at future regattas.

1	4037	Elliott Oldak	SSA	2, 1 = 3
2	2908	Wick Dudley	CRYC	1, 2 = 3
3	4137	Joe Lauver	SYC	5, 3 = 8
4	4069	Art Silcox	SSA	3, 5 = 8
5	4087	Andy Wood	CRYC	4, 4 = 8

2015 North American Regatta

Comets Return to Northern Lake George Yacht Club by Donna Wotton

Click here to see photo album

It's wasn't Haley's Comet, but it might well have been. These Comets also haven't been seen in these parts for many years. We're talking about the Comet Class of sailboats. In honor of the NLGYC's 75th birthday this summer, the Comets held their 2015 North American Championship here on Lake George on June 20 & 21.

Thirteen boats from as far away as the Chesapeake Bay converged on Hague, NY to vie for the coveted Princeton Bowl, a huge silver bowl trophy. Five races were held with close racing on a beautiful Lake George weekend. South winds of 6-11 mph created perfect conditions for Comet racing.

Boats arrived throughout the day on Friday, greeted by club members and old friends. Sailors were treated to a home-cooked spaghetti dinner (provided by Donna Wotton, playing double duty as our PRO for the weekend) and a friendly tub of beer. NLGYC is a friendly family-based sailing club with

2015 North American Regatta

a big old Adirondack "salt box" building for a clubhouse. Just beyond the small islands the lake opens to it's widest point (3 miles wide), creating a big sailing basin surrounded by the beautiful Adirondack Mountains.

Saturday was a bright sunny day. The race committee waited for a short time for the prevailing south wind to fill before getting off three quick races before lunch. Talbott and Lee Ingram of Shrewsbury YC won the first race, with Kevin Buruchian and Danielle Dubois of Massapaug YC a close second. Buruchian/Dubois rallied to win the second race, and the Ingrams won the third race.

The wind freshened to 9-11 mph after lunch for two more great races. With more breeze, the race committee changed to a triangle-windward-leeward course for some fun reaching. Race 4 was won by Brad Meade and Leenie Costanzo of Shrewsbury with Peter and Marion Abell taking a chilly "swim" at the gybe mark.

In the final race of the day, Rick Dhein and Ricky Rottier came in hot from the right on the downwind finish and nearly caught the Ingrams, but had to settle for 2nd by a boat length. There was close racing all day with the entire first half of the fleet changing places in the standings in each race.

Saturday night was an evening of camaraderie for all the competitors at the local country club. Good food, good company, good times for all.

The weather wasn't as cooperative on Sunday. True to the weather predictions, the lake was even beautiful as sheet of glass under gray skies and there was no racing. The five races on Saturday constituted the series. In the end consistency won the day and the Ingrams took home the Princeton Bowl.

Special thanks to NLGYC Past Commodore Peter Abell who began sailing Comets as a teen, and sailed in the top ranks of the class nationally for many years with his wife Marion. Peter and Marion were responsible for enticing the Comet Class back to Lake George for their Championship regatta and organizing the event for NLGYC. We hope to return to this fantastic venue again very soon.

Skipper	Crew	Boat #	Club	Race 1	Points	Race 2	Points	Race 3	Points	Race 4	Points	Race 5	Points
1 Ingram, Talbott	Ingram, Lee	4099	Shrewsbury	1	1	4	5	1	6	3	9	1	6
2 Buruchian, Kevin	Dubois, Danielle	3952	Massapaug	2	2	1	3	2	5	2	7	5	7
3 Dhein, Rick	Rottier, Ricky	3624	NLGYC	4	4	2	6	4	10	6	16	2	12
4 Meade, Brad	Costanzo, Leenie	3468	Shrewsbury	6	6	5	11	5	16	1	17	3	14
5 Dhein, Clark	Dhein, Lydia	3956	NLGYC	7	7	11	18	3	21	5	26	4	19
6 Wood, Andy	Wood, Lindsay	EXP	Corsica	5	5	8	13	6	19	4	23	8	23
7 Grossmann, Ralph	Grossmann, Matt	4093	Green Pond	3	3	6	9	8	17	OCS	31	7	24
8 Rottier, Barbara	Jarvis, Dick	3265	NLGYC	12	12	9	21	7	28	7	35	6	29
9 Lauver, Joe	Lauver, lan	4137	Susquehanna	10	10	3	13	11	24	8	32	10	31
10 Valliant, Reed	Kelly, Ridgely	4077	Corsica	9	9	7	16	10	26	9	35	11	35
11 LaBossiere, Richard	Watson, Kathy	4102	Green Pond	11	11	10	21	9	30	10	40	9	38
12 Abell, Peter	Abell, Marion	4044	NLGYC	8	8	12	20	12	32	DNF	46	DNS	46
13 Lau, Mikey	Lau, Michael	882	NLGYC	13	13	DNS	27	DNS	41	DNS	55	DNF	55

Upcoming Regattas

The Junior Championship will again be hosted by the Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club on Saturday, August 1st. With a clinic and practice racing on Friday July 31st. The event was a big success last year and we want young sailors to have the opportunity to sail in a larger and more challenging boat again. 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. Pass the word! Housing will be available for all visitors Friday night. They will be encouraged to arrive Friday afternoon for a boat handling clinic and for some fun practice races. Anyone who has not reached their 22nd birthday by December 31st is eligible. Yes, it will include college age, so the eligible Club instructors are encouraged to race. If you know of a young sailor who would be thrilled to skipper or crew, give them a chance to practice beforehand so they can then compete on August 1st. If they have access to a boat but no crew, Shrewsbury should have capable crews available. Click to download the Notice of Race.

The International Championship will be hosted by the Miles River Yacht Club in St. Michaels, Maryland on August 21, 22, & 23. In addition to great sailing and a Club that will handle all our social activities, there are plenty of restaurants and the Maritime Museum for those who want to extend their stay. Click here to register online and for Notice of Race.

Be sure to book now for your room. Check with Andy Wood for limited housing. There are motels in Easton about 25 minutes away and you can check out sites like www.HomeAway.com for reasonable price, with more space, closer to the Yacht Club, or to accommodate a group.



Send your dues for 2015 now!

Comet Class Membership Dues Form

www.cometclass.com

Name:	Comet # _	Fleet	
Pleas	se provide the following only if diffe	erent from last year:	
Mailing Address: _			
- -			
Email Address(es):			
Telephone		***	
Home:	Cell:	Work:	
Occupation/Interest re (Legal, Graphics, Printing, Ma	CCYRA participation:arketing, Composition, Photography, Boat C	onstruction/Restoration e	etc.)
Select Membership Typ	ne:		
Regular – Comet owner or	charterer. Skipper can vote and hold of	ffice	\$40
May skipper or vote in plac	vnership of a Comet listed by a Regular see of the Regular Member and may hold		\$20
Associate – No boat needed	d. Great for crews, retired sailors or yac	eht clubs	\$20
Classic – Owners of pre-19	65 Comets with original bronze/steel ce	enterboard	\$20
	Must be under age 19 during calendar yo		\$20
Other Items:			
Class Development Fun	d S	Suggested minimum	\$25
Patron Danatan			\$10
Booster CCVRA Handbook – (d	lelivered electronically)		\$5 \$10
*	g – Blue lines on white, suitable for	r framing	\$10 \$10
-	ages - hull, centerboard, rudder an	_	\$10
	ticker (4" X 3") - one included wit		\$2
Comet Bumper Sticker			\$3
	GGVP 4		Total
Enclose check payable to	CCYRA and mail to:		





2015

Comet Class Yacht Racing Association International Championship Regatta

Organizing Authority: Comet Class Yacht Racing Association

Miles River Yacht Club 24750 Yacht Club Road St. Michaels, MD 21663 www.milesriveryc.org

August 20-23, 2015

Notice Of Race





1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the by-laws and appendices of the Comet Class Yacht Racing Association (CCYRA) and the Sailing Instructions http://www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/index.php. CCYRA rules also require anchor & line, paddle, and PFD's onboard all boats.

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising will be restricted to Category A as stated in ISAF Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

This event is open to CCYRA members who have <u>paid</u> their 2015 dues. Membership information can be found at http://www.cometclass.com/membership.htm. Eligible yachts may be entered by mailing (*post date no later than 07-Aug-2015*) the attached FULLY COMPLETED <u>Official Entry Form</u> and <u>Waiver and Release of Liability Form</u> to: Andy Wood, 226 Harbor Lane, Queenstown, MD 21658. Late entries may be given to an on-site registration official at MRYC during the registration time periods <u>with the additional late fee</u>. Call or e-mail Andy Wood for more registration information at 410-310-9374, woodhaus226@gmail.com. All checks are to be made payable to CCYRA.

4. ENTRY FEE

The <u>CCYRA 2015 Comet International Championship Regatta</u> entry fee is \$210 per boat plus a \$15 late fee if applicable. This fee includes the \$10 assessment for the Comet Class as required in the Comet Handbook. The registration fee provides for 3 days of racing (weather permitting), a simple continental breakfast and lunches on the water for skippers and crew Friday-Sunday. Dinner Friday night will be at the outside dock bar and Saturday night dinner will be in the main banquet hall of the Miles River Yacht Club. Also included with your entry fee is free use of the MRYC pool facilities. Regatta trophies/mugs will be awarded to top 5 finishes for skipper and crew. Checks are to be made payable to CCYRA and mailed to Andy Wood, 226 Harbor Lane, Queenstown, MD 21658. Mailing postmarked after 7-Aug-2015 <u>must</u> include the late fee.

5. SAIL MEASUREMENT & NUMBER

Each sail must display the number as submitted on the boat's entry form. During the registration period all sails may be subjected to measurement and checking for CCYRA Sail Tax Labels. [If you need Sail Tax Labels, contact Dave Seifert (614) 457-3094.]

6. BOAT WEIGHT VERIFICATION

During the Thursday evening check-in and registration period boats may be weighed at the owner's discretion if a scale is available to determine an official weight as observed by Dick Harmon, Brad Meade, or Talbott Ingram. Weights may then be recorded and sent to the Comet class as an official record.



7. SCHEDULE

Thursday, 20 August

4:00 - 6:00 PM Check-in/registration. MRYC restaurant open for dinner and refreshments.

Friday, 21 August

07:30 - 09:30 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast

09:30 AM Competitor's Meeting

10:00 AM Harbor Horn

11:00 AM Warning Signal. Three races tentatively scheduled. Lunch break on the

water as determined by the RC. No warning signal after 1600 hours.

6:30 PM (approx.) Dinner at the outside MRYC bar.

Saturday, 22 August

07:30 - 09:30 AM Continental Breakfast

10:00 AM Harbor Horn

11:00 AM Warning Signal. Three races tentatively scheduled. Lunch break on the

water as determined by the RC. No warning signal after 1600 hours.

6:30 PM (approx.) Dinner and annual meeting at MRYC banquet hall.

Sunday, 23 August

07:30 - 09:30 AM Continental Breakfast

10:00 AM Harbor Horn

11:00 AM Warning Signal. One race tentatively scheduled. Lunch break on the water

as determined by the RC. No warning signal after 1400 hours.

3:00 PM (approx.) Awards Ceremony

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available no later than 4:00 PM on August 20, 2015.

9. VENUE

Miles River Yacht Club

The Miles River Yacht Club was organized in November, 1920. It was incorporate June 1921 and purchased it's permanent location on Long Haul Creek in 1930. The Club has hosted many local meetings and events, and is considered by many as a community partner. MRYC's proud heritage includes supporting the Log Canoe Races, which has become a major attraction of the Chesapeake Bay. Through the development of both adult and junior sailing programs, MRYC has significantly expanded interest in the art of sailing.

Spectator Boats:

If available, spectator boats may be provided by MRYC as available.

Launching and overnight boat storage

A boat lift is available for launching and haul out as well as a boat ramp. Boats and trailers are to be left in the upper yard at the entrance of the Club overnight. Wash down facilities are available in the upper yard. During racing, trailers may be left in the lower yard near the Club House.



10. THE COURSE

The primary sailing course will be an Olympic and be located on the Miles River. A modified Olympic course may be used if conditions warrant.

11. SCORING

This event has seven (7) races scheduled, tentatively with three (3) to be sailed on Friday, three (3) on Saturday, and one (1) on Sunday. Three (3) races will constitute a series; if four (4) or more races are sailed, each yacht's poorest finish will be discarded. [Sailing Instructions will be provided at the Registration Desk.]

12. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

13. REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT

U.S. competitors shall carry a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal floatation device (PFD). Competitors from outside the U.S. shall carry a PFD approved by their nations' certification authority to the extent permitted by international treaty. *CCYRA Specified:* All boats shall carry a paddle and a minimum 4lb anchor with 50 ft. line per CCYRA specifications, Section 16.

14. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

14.1 No competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841. No competitor, member of the race committee, or member of the safety patrol shall use alcohol during racing. The consumption of alcohol by competitors under age 21 is strictly prohibited during the entire event.

14.2 An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in racing rule 69.1 and a competitor found to have breached one of these regulations shall be excluded from the remaining races in the series, and where practical removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

15. AWARDS

Regatta trophies: Awarded to top five (5) skippers and crew

Perpetual trophies:

President's Permanent Trophy1st OverallJay Achenbach Trophy2nd overallC. Lowndes Johnson Trophy1st in 1st raceWilbur Hamilton-Haines Trophy1st in last race

Eugene Barilla TrophyBest finish from the sponsoring club **Herbert L. Stone Trophy**First time participant with best score

Dr. Allen Brown Memorial TrophyBest score for Skipper 21 years old or under



16. SOCIAL

Swimming Pool: The MRYC swimming pool will be open to all skippers and crew until 8pm.

Thursday arrival: The MRYC restaurant & bar will be open and has a great assortment of hot meals and drinks

Breakfasts: Continental breakfasts will be provided Friday, Saturday, & Sunday to competitors.

Additional guest meals available for \$8.

Lunches: Lunch will be provided Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to competitors.

Additional guest meals available for \$9.

Friday Dinner: A pizza dinner will be provided to competitors at the outside dock bar with a cash bar.

Additional quest meals available for \$15.

Saturday Dinner: A chicken/crab pasta dinner with salad and dessert will be provided to competitors in the MRYC banquet hall with a cash bar. *Additional guest meals available for \$30*.

17. LODGING & MOTELS

Housing:

Local housing is very limited. Please contact Andy Wood if you are interested and attempts will be made to find you housing.

Andy Wood, (410)310-9374c, woodhaus226@gmail.com

Motels:

Below are accommodations with reasonable rates:

Best Western, Route 50 Easton Comfort Inn, Route 50 Easton Holiday Inn, Route 50 Easton St. Michaels Inn, St Michaels

18. DIRECTIONS

General Directions

MRYC is located at 24750 Yacht Club Road in St. Michaels, MD (410-745-9511). Follow Route 50 to Easton, MD. Exit on route 322 (Easton Parkway Bypass) and follow until the intersection of Route 33 (St. Michaels Road). Turn on Route 33 and continue through town of St. Michaels. PLEASE honor the speed the limit as it is tightly monitored. Once through town, turn right on Yacht Club Road and follow to the end. Boat and trailer parking is in the field (upper yard) as you approach the Club.

19. CONTACT INFORMATION

Andy Wood, CCYRA Comet Class, (410)310-9374, woodhaus226@gmail.com Dick Kelly, Miles River Yacht Club, (443)786-0833, dickkelly@verizon.net

We hope to see everyone in August!



Official Entry Form

Comet International Championship 2015

Sail Number:	Hull Color: _	
Club Affiliation		
Skipper		
Birth date		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Home Phone		
Cell Phone		
E-Mail		_
Crew		
Crew Address		
City		_ Zip
Regatta Fee	\$ 210.0	0
Late Fee * Applicable if registration post-date	\$ 15.0 ed or hand-delivered after 07-Aug-	_
Make checks payable to:	CCYRA	
Mail registration & payme		ood bor Lane

Queenstown, MD 21658



2015 CCYRA International Championship Regatta

August 20-23, 2015

Boat Number_____

Waiver and Release of Liability	
The undersigned intends to participate in the CCYRA sanctioned events to be held at the Miles River Yacht Club, St. Michael releases and discharges any claims, causes of action, or any type Miles River Yacht Club, the CCYRA, their respective officers, direct members for any bodily injury or death suffered by the undersigned or other property arising out of the undersigned's participated events.	ls, MD. The undersigned hereby be of demand whatsoever against ectors, volunteers, employees and gned and for any damage to any
The undersigned represent that they are in good health and have prevent participation in this event.	e no physical condition that would
The undersigned assume the risk of any injury to his or her b participating in the 2015 CCYRA International Championship.	ody arising from practicing for or
Print Name (Skipper)	_
Signature (Skipper)(Parent or Guardian if under 18)	_Date
Print Name (Crew)	-
Signature (Crew) (Parent or Guardian if under 18)	_Date,