



## From the President's Desk

The sailing season has been very busy since returning from Bermuda. The most exciting event was returning from Whitecap Composite with my new green Comet #4151. After racing other Comets during the Spring Series, it was a delight sailing a brand new boat with all new equipment. Lee & I love the comfort of the new Comet and the ease of making all the adjustments. The christening was the Saturday morning of the Randall DeLeeuw Regatta on June 4th. We were excited to go sailing only to have drifting conditions for the four races, though we were pleased with the handling and the layout of the cockpit.

Two weeks later were the NAs hosted by Severn Sailing Association.

Thanks to Andy Wood for organizing another good event. Congratulations to Elliott Oldak and Barbara Best for their dominating performance. The following Saturday there was a Comet demonstration at Cooper River YC. Thanks to Carl Oberg for gaining approval from his Club's board and then notifying their Club members about the event. In addition to Carl with his Comet, was Dan Curran from Riverton YC with one of his recently acquired Comets equipped with the fancy Mylar Beaton sails. About a dozen interested people came to check out the new and old Comets, and to go sailing on Cooper River. Most all were anxious to become active sailors in the Class. Kurt Guenther stopped by during his lunch hour and seemed to feel the urge to get back into the Class. Another name from the past was John Burnham who was excited about the Comets and should also be getting back into the class.

The third regatta we sailed in our new Comet was at the Martin Murray. A great regatta with eighteen boats on the starting line. As usual for lake sailing, there was wide variety of winds, that made for

challenging conditions. After the last race on Sunday, we tipped our new Comet over at the dock with the sails up and held her over for ten minutes. Even when Lee was sitting inside on the leeward sidetank, NO water came into the cockpit.

As I mentioned previously about the prototype, the new boats are comfortable in all wind conditions, all the controls are easily adjustable, and they are very competitive. We are happy new owners and hope more sailors will order theirs soon.

I hope everyone has been busy sailing and enjoying their time on the water.

Smooth Sailing

Talbott Ingram  
President CCYRA

### Comet International Championship

The next major regatta is the International Championships at Shrewsbury on August 19 to 21. Be sure to send your registration in before the deadline of August 8 to avoid the late fee. Also, housing will be available on a first come first serve basis.

Contact [TalbottIngram@gmail.com](mailto:TalbottIngram@gmail.com)

Here is the link to the NOR, registration forms and waivers, that should be returned ASAP.

# 2016 Regatta Schedule

April 30	<b>Jack Peters Regatta</b> Tred Avon Yacht Club
May 15	<b>Spring Regatta</b> Corsica River Yacht Club
May 29	<b>Comet Masters Regatta</b> Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club
June 4	<b>Randall DeLeeuw Regatta</b> Green Pond Yacht Club
June 18-19	<b>North Americans Regatta</b> Severn Sailing Association
July 9-10	<b>Martin Murray Regatta</b> Green Pond Yacht Club
July 23-24	<b>Corsica River Annual Regatta</b> Corsica River Yacht Club
August 19-21	<b>Comet Internationals Championship</b> Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club
August 27-28	<b>Heritage Regatta</b> Tred Avon Yacht Club
September 17	<b>Drew Bowl</b> Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club
October 29	<b>Pumpkin Bowl</b> Tred Avon Yacht Club (unconfirmed)

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# Dave Oberg, The Passing of a Legend

Dave meant so much to the Comet Class with his many years of building quality Comets and his unselfish support of the Class, both on and off the water. He will always be remembered as one of the pillars of the Class as well as a great person.

Our condolences to Laura and to the entire Oberg family.

Dave Oberg (right) at Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club.



# Randall DeLeeuw Regatta Green Pond Yacht Club - June 4, 2016



### Results

1. 4151 Talbott & Lee Ingram ----- 1. (2), 1, 1 = 3
2. 4088 Kevin & Ashley Buruchian ----- (6), 1, 3, 2 = 6
3. 4086 Bob Griswold & Kristen Engel ----- 2, (4), 2, 4 = 8
4. 3468 Brad Meade & Caitlin Goodman ----- (4), 3, 4, 3 = 10
5. 4030 Richard LaBossiere & Kathy Watson - (5), 5, 5, 5 = 15
6. 4130 Rick & Sydney Sloan ----- 3, (dns), dns, dns = 19
7. 3382 Keith Callahan & Braydon Huston - 7, 6, 6 (dns) = 19

Trophy winners and Mrs. DeLeeuw and Priscilla

# News from Bermuda

## Bermuda Long Distance Race

June 20, 2016

Fourteen boats went to the startline for the 2016 edition of the Edward Cross Long Distance Race which began in the St. George's harbor.

Stephen Dickinson and Pat Young claimed the 2016 Edward Cross Long Distance Race title in what can only be described as a marathon event.

It took Dickinson, who has now equaled the record of winning the race four consecutive times alongside Alton Millett 5:34:19, Dickinson has also won the race for the 19th time.

Right from the start the race looked as if it was going to be an all-day affair, and the way the winds shifted, dropped out, picked up and then dropped out again it proved to be just that.

At the start, Ben and Malcolm Smith were right on the line, however they stalled and could not get the momentum going forward, Dickinson was able to maneuver his way to the front of the fleet five minutes into the race, however they were only some fifty yards into the race.

It took the lead boats 29 minutes to get out of the St. George's Town Cut Channel, with the trailing boats already 10 minutes behind. Gladwin Lambert who stalled at the start had made his way up to the top half of the Fleet as they made their way around the back of the St. George's Cut.

With a group of sailors including Dickinson, Lambert, Dale Brangman, Maxwell Curtis and Trey Maxwell, battling the current before Fort St. Catherine and at one point both Brangman, Lambert and Curtis all held the lead for a brief moment.

Once the fleet rounded the Fort, the winds increased slightly with Dickinson using all his experience to put some

distance between himself and the chasing group, two hours down and the sailors had just made it to the Oil Docks off Ferry Reach and Dickinson was well in control followed by Lambert and Curtis.

As the fleet made its way up the North Shore, Maxwell joined the party and started a battle for third place with Curtis, the two young skippers battled back and forth for sometime before Curtis was able to break free and begin to challenge Lambert for that second place spot.

The winds shifted and dropped considerably making things a little more interesting and Dickinson stayed in the middle of the course tacking, Lambert went close to the Cruise Ships in Dockyard and Curtis went toward Spanish Point.

It was Dickinson who once again read the wind shifts right and came home victorious, Curtis finished second in 5:51:38 and Maxwell finished third in 5:55:55, however following the race a protest was lodged and Maxwell was Disqualified for using their oar during the race, so third place went to Lambert who crossed the line in 5:58:50.

### Results

5:34:19	Stephen Dickinson & Pat Young - Kitty Hawk
5:51:38	Maxwell Curtis & Stefan Furbert - Rumor Has It
5:58:50	Gladwin Lambert & Lorenzo Lambert - Melody
6:01:00	Dale Brangman & Comorie Matthews - Shaka Zulu
6:02:00	Quinton Simons & Gregory Proctor - Stir de Pot
6:10:29	Scott Fox & Wesley Tucker - Get The Cat
6:21:25	Heath Foggo & Kiarah Foggo Cedric
7:05:21	Antoine Wingood & Fred Bulford Swizzle
	DQ Trey Maxwell & Taj Maxwell - MaiLucy
	Zaniko Hendrickson & Zanikae Hendrickson - Did Not Finish
	Romano Ramirez & GiAnni Santucci - Did Not Finish
	Ben Smith & Malcolm Smith - Did Not Finish
	Kelsey Durham & Kailin Hillier - Did Not Finish

## Flag Pole Race

June 5, 2016

Stephen Dickinson and Pat Young won the 2016 Flag Pole to Flag Pole race which began off the West End Sailboat Club Flag Pole and not the Flag Pole in Hamilton.

Five boats took the challenge of making the track east, with youngster Maxwell Curtis and his crew Stefan Furbert chasing down Gladwin Lambert and his crew Tre Maxwell at the start.

With the wind blowing West-North-West at 5-10 knots Curtis and Lambert battled back and forth with Dickinson just behind in third, but staying on the rumline as the pair kept each other in site.

## Alton Millett Regatta

June 12, 2016

*New crew, same result, as Stephen Dickinson won the 2016 Alton Millett Regatta in the St. George's Harbor.*

In shifty conditions, with winds blowing 5-10 knots out of the West-South-West, Dickinson with Ronald Burrows as his crew picked up three wins in the four races sailed, he finished 2nd in the final race, with one race a throw away Dickinson finished with 3 points, Scott Fox and Wesley Tucker finished second with 6 points and Kelsey Durham and his crew Daelon Whitter finished third with 7 points.

Just as the race entered the Oil Docks in the Ferry Reach Area, Dickinson's experience took over as Lambert and Curtis got caught below the rhumbline and

Dickinson was able to sail by both of them, but the pair did not give up.

Dickinson said after the race, "Those guys were fast today, they both took off and I just kept saying to myself keep

the boat moving and things would work out."

In the end Dickinson and Young clocked a winning time of 2:52:17, Lambert and Maxwell finished with a time of 2:53:09 and Curtis and Furbert finished third in 2:53:30.

### 2016 FLAG POLE TO FLAG POLE RESULTS

2:52:17	Stevie Dickinson & Pat Young
2:53:09	Gladwin Lambert & Tre Maxwell
2:53:30	Maxwell Curtis & Stefan Furbert
2:56:42	Dale Brangman & Comori Matthew
2:57:02	Quinton Simons & Greg Proctor

### Results

03	Stephen Dickinson & Ronald Burrows
06	Scott Fox & Wesley Tucker
07	Kelsey Durham & Daelon Whitter
13	Maxwell Curtis & Stefan Furbert
14	Heath Foggo & James Perry
16	Tre Maxwell & Taj Maxwell
20	Quinton Simons & Greg Proctor
20	Dale Brangman & Comori Matthew

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Chris & Amanda Price of Susquehanna Yacht Club on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Layla Lynn Price, on June 24, 2016.

# Comet North American Championship Severn Sailing Association - June 18 & 19, 2016

Though lightly attended the North Americans was a successful regatta socially on shore and out on the Chesapeake Bay. Most of the sailors arrived Friday evening to rig, check over the correct tuning for the Bay conditions, toss down a couple refreshments before heading out to Deb Bower's favorite German restaurant, the Old Stein Inn.

The decent winds Saturday morning disappeared by the skippers meeting, so there was a one hour postponement before hearing the harbor gun. The first race was started in light winds, only to drop to zero. After forty minutes and not reaching the weather mark, the race was abandoned. After an hour delay their sea breeze came through and three competitive races were held on good long windward leeward courses. Everyone seemed to be fighting for the lead at some point in each race,

but Elliott and Barbara crossed the finish line with two bullets and a 2nd, with the Ingrams taking the other victory. The three races on Sunday were more of the same conditions and again Elliott and Barbara leading all the way while the rest of the fleet were mixing it up. Showing much improvement was Joe and Ian Lauver who were often pushing the leaders and finishing fourth overall. It was nice to see the two brand new Comets and the many new suits of Mylar sails.

Many thanks to Andy Wood who coordinated the arrangements with SSA, the Snipe Class, and the Club's caterer for all the breakfasts, lunches and Saturday's dinner feast that were enjoyed by everyone. Also, thanks to Art Silcox and Andy for housing all the visiting Comets, to make this another successful regatta for all who attended.



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Pos	Sail#	Skipper	Crew	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1	3737	Elliott Oldak	Barbara Best	SSA	[2]	1	1	1	1	1	5
2	4151	Talbott Ingram	Lee Ingram	SSYC	1	2	2	[4]	2	2	9
3	EXP	Brad Meade	Leenie Costanzo	SSYC	4	3	5	3	3	[8]	18
4	4137	Joe Lauver	Ian Lauver	SYC	[7]	5	3	5	4	3	20
5	4148	Wick Dudley	Betsy Kulman	CRYC	5	4	[7]	2	7	4	22
6	4087	Andy Wood	Evan Huffaker	CRYC	3	[7]	4	6	5	5	23
7	4077	Reed Valliant	Ridgely Kelly	CRYC	[8]	6	8	8	6	7	35
8	4090	John Ebkin	Karen Glass	SSA	6	[10/DNC]	6	7	9	10/DNF	38
9	4069	Art Silcox	Deb Brower	SSA	10 [DNC]	10/DNC	10/DNC	9	8	6	43

# Martin Murray/Territorial III Regatta Green Pond Yacht Club - July 9 & 10, 2016

A great regatta at Green Pond that was well attended by 18 Comets. There were several new faces, Steve McMillan from Lake Hopatcong, John DiLella a Green Pond sailing instructor, Michael Tolsma from Green Pond, and Peter Goodman from North Jersey.

Everyone enjoyed the two days of socializing with the high point being the Saturday evening beefsteak dinner with a live band afterwards. Once the fog cleared Saturday morning four races were held that day and three more challenging races on Sunday. The hard luck prize goes to Mark Buruchian who was winning the last race when his mast step gave way and the rig slowly fell into the pond.

Always a joy to sail on a freshwater lake and to be able to cool off between races. Thanks to Kathy Watson and Richard LaBossiere for running another great regatta.

Ralph & Matt Grossman



Steve & James

- 1st Talbott and Lee Ingram. 10 pts
- 2nd. Peter and John Schell. 17 pts
- 3rd. Rob and Drew Schell. 21 pts
- 4th. Bob Griswold and Kristen Dawson 29 pts
- 5th. Kevin and Ashley Buruchian. 30 pts
- 6th. Wick Dudley and Tina Lauver 31 pts
- 7th. Brad Meade and Caitlin Goodman 42 pts
- 8th. Joe and Ian Lauver 46 pts
- 9th. Mark Buruchian and Greg Gilbert 54 pts
- 10th. Reed Valliant and Ridgely Kelly 55 pts
- 11th. Ralph and Matt Grossmann 60 pts (tie break)
- 12th. Rick and Sarah Sloan 60 pts
- 13th. John and Paul DiLella 62 pts
- 14th. Steve McMillan and James Byrne 64 pts
- 15th. Michael Tolsma and Ron Damiano 88 pts
- 16th. Ellen Bakalian and Charlotte Smith 95 pts
- 17th. Peter Goodman and John Gaidimas 99 pts
- 18th. Keith Callahan and Brayden Huston 100 pts

# Comet Class Membership Dues Form 2016

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Comet # \_\_\_\_\_ Fleet \_\_\_\_\_

*Please provide the following only if different from last year:*

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Class Development Fund** Suggested minimum \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

**Patron** \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

**Booster** \$5 \_\_\_\_\_

**CCYRA Handbook – Update in process. PDF of 1994 Handbook** Free \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Comet Bumper Sticker (4" X 3")** \$4 \_\_\_\_\_

**Comet Bumper Sticker (3.75"X 9")** \$5 \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose check payable to CCYRA and mail to:

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