



From the President's Desk

This has been another very busy sailing season, and it just began. Cor-sica River Yacht Club had their Jack Peter's and Spring Regattas, while Shrewsbury had an active Spring Series and the Masters.

Then on Sunday of Memorial weekend I took my Comet up to the Thimble Islands in Connecticut to give a demonstration to many of the islanders that are looking for a higher performing boat than the junior one designs they have been sailing. Spearheading the demo was Kim Granbery, a lifelong sailor who was a crew member on a 12 meter with Elliott Oldak. Helping me with the demo was Brad Meade and past Comet sailor Tom Layton who is looking to get back into the Class. A dozen people tried skippering or crewing on my boat and the other one designs they were comparing. It was a lot of fun to see the Comet so well received.

The following Saturday on June 3rd was the annual Randall DeLeeuw Regatta at Green Pond. It was lightly attended but fiercely battled for the top positions, in very shifty and gusty conditions.

Congratulations to Elliott for winning the North Americans against a very competitive fleet. Many thanks to Tina and Joe Lauver for successfully hosting another fantastic regatta. There was plenty of food, refreshments, and conversation following the well run races on the Susquehanna River.

The Lauvers and Ingrams went down to Bermuda to spectate the America's Cup and to compete in the Comet Annual Edward Cross Long Distance Race. Unlimited praise can be given to the Island of Bermuda for it's gorgeous water, many tourist attractions, the friendly people, the many wonderful restaurants, and of course all the Comet sailors. For the second year we were loaned "Silent Rage" 4122 for the Monday race.

Many thanks to the unlimited assistance from Gladwin, Stephen, Quinton Simons and others to be sure we were ready to race.

The Edward Cross Race was about 20 miles starting at the West End Sailing Club, crossing the Great Sound, heading for the East End Mini Yacht Club at St. Georges. The winds were perfect. Not too light to take us forever and not too strong too exhaust us, however after twelve miles on just the starboard tack my right arm began to get tired from making adjustments for each wave and puff of wind. I went on the rhumb line from the dockyard to the point off St. Georges along with the Lauvers, Quinton and others. But Stevie and Gladwin tacked into shore going the extra distance but finding better winds and smoother waters. During the race there were many spectator boats and the six J Boats with Mylar sails racing about a mile off shore. Then the entrance to the St. Georges harbor was lined with spectators cheering everyone on. Quite exciting and not the norm for most of the racing in the States. Two hours after the finish about a dozen of us hopped on the committee boat to head back to the West End Sailboat Club with "Silent Rage" in tow. It gave us all a chance to relax and appreciate the scenery while not racing.

We were most fortunate to stay with Gladwin & Debra Lambert for the week. To be able to sit on their front patio for cool morning breakfast and then watch the beautiful sunsets at night was reason enough to make the journey. Their hospitality made us feel like this was our new home away from home.

If you want to work on your "Bucket List", start making plans now to go to Bermuda next year for any of their races and to see all the fabulous sights on the Island.

After all the above, there is still so much more sailing left this Summer, and I hope to see you at many of the regattas.

Smooth Sailing

Talbott Ingram
President CCYRA

Upcoming Regatta Schedule

Corsica River Annual Regatta

July 23-24

Welcome to the Corsica River Yacht Club 76th Annual Regatta. Enjoy an afternoon and evening at our Club's sandy beaches on the beautiful Corsica River whether you are sailing, picnicking, or camping. We offer our delicious eastern shore dinner Saturday night that includes fall off the bone chicken, fresh corn on the cob, salads, desserts, and more. Music will be provided this year during and after dinner. Campers may stay overnight for free and use the toilet and "hot" shower facilities at Ship Point. Click here for NOR and online registration <http://www.regattanetworks.com/event/15113>.

Comet Junior Championship

August 12

The Junior Championship is back at Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club.

Eligibility includes anyone who has not reached their 22nd birthday by December 31st., pays their Jr. dues, and borrows a Comet.



2016 Junior Champs - Brittney & Tommy



2016 Comet Junior trophy winners

This is an opportunity for fleets to present the Comet to the younger generation, who will be aging out of the various youth programs.

Loan your Comet to a talented young sailor and they will have an exciting day of racing and become a future Comet owner.

[Click here to view the Notice of Race.](#)

**Support your Comet Class - pay your dues today.
Print form on last page or [click here to download.](#)**

Upcoming Regatta Schedule

International Championship Regatta

August 25, 26 & 27

By popular demand Ocean Gate Yacht Club will be hosting our International Championship. Mark your calendar for August 25, 26, & 27. As mentioned on the NOR, they will be providing us with plentiful meals and free housing in their local homes. Their Club is a short sail from the Wanamaker race course, which offers a good variety of steady breezes. In 2014 we had a good showing of 21 Comets racing, but let's strive for even more boats this August.

Click here for NOR and online registration: <http://oceangateyc.com/comet/#!form/Comet>.



The 2017 Comet Regatta shirt is available for order when you pay for your regatta registration. If you are not sailing International's you can email cometclass@comcast.net and place a shirt order.

2017 Comet International Regatta

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Ocean Gate Yacht Club



Jack Peters Regatta Results

Tred Avon Yacht Club - April 29, 2017

Results

Pos	Sail	Boat	Skipper	Yacht Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total Pos
1	4037	Bruiser	Elliott Oldak	Severn Sailing Association	1	1	2	1	[4]	1	6 1
2	4148	wicked 2	wick dudley	Corsica river	2	2	1	[3]	1	3	9 2
3	4137	Rebel	Joe Lauver	SYC	[7]	3	4	6	2	4	19 3
4	4043	Greenwing	Chris Price Jr.	Susquehanna yacht club	3	[7]	7	5	3	2	20T 4
5	4069		Arthur Silcox	CRYC	4	4	5	2	[6]	5	20T 5
6	3957	Widgeon	Chris Price Sr	PSA	5	5	6	4	7	[8]	27 6
7	4031	Tipsy	Andrew Devlin	TAYC	6	[8]	3	8	5	6	28 7
8	4090		John Ebken	San Diego YC	[8]	6	8	7	8	7	36 8

Randall DeLeeuw Regatta

Green Pond Yacht Club - June 3, 2017

Although small on attendance, the RDL Comet regatta brought all the necessary needs and joys.

First, it was a beautiful day at Green Pond, NJ. The sun, clouds and water were spectacular.

Secondly, GPYC sits at the far end of the lake providing all who visit the perfect venue for any lake loving activity including Comet sailing. Notable skippers were in attendance; Ingram, Griswold, Meade, Buruchian and Labossiere. They all rigged their respective hulls and compared new differences. The race committee readied the course, the winds seemed to be changing.

As the boats sailed out to the race winds were changing by the second. What was a blowing strong gusty 'straight down the lake' breeze to 'wow, that's pretty gusty'.

For those who don't know, GP is situated with a large mountain with a cliff lining the right side of the lake. It's majestic. However, when the winds blow from the northwest over that mountain and then drop down onto the water, we all know what that means, let's just call it what it is, squirrely winds. Four races sailed were encompassed by these erratic winds which lended itself to spectacular shifts, instant plains, stop dead in your cleats kind of sailing.

No lead was guaranteed at any time. Yes, they call it crazy wind. All boats held the lead at some point during the regatta. With all of that said, after four races, Bob Griswold skippered the winning boat. He mastered the erratic by putting together what others couldn't - a winning series.

Of course all tried. Special thanks to the GPYC volunteers; Richard Labossiere, Robert Polye, Braden Huston, Ellen Bakalian, Peter Hin and Priscilla DeLeeuw. Also thanks for allowing Buruchians to borrow, "Ponder", Randall's boat. It was an honor.

Thank you GPYC, it was memorable.



Happy Sailors at the Randall DeLeeuw

Results

1. Bob Griswold & Laura Engels
2. Mark Buruchian & Shannon Buruchian
3. Talbott Ingram & Lee Ingram
4. Brad Meade & Eric Hoffer
5. Richard Labossiere & Kathy Watson

News from Bermuda

2017 Annual Edward Cross Long Distance Race West End Sailboat Club - June 19, 2017

Results

Skipper	Crew	Sail #	Boat Name	Yacht Club	Time	Place
Stephen Dickinson	Pat Young	4109	Kitty Hawk	EEMYC	2:45	1
Gladwin Lambert	Stefan Maybury	4126	Melody	WESBC	2:47	2
Talbott Ingram	Lee Ingram	4122	Silent Rage	SSYC	2:48	3
Joe Lauver	Ian Lauver	4137	Nymph	SYC	2:50	4
Quinton Simons	Gregory Proctor	4118	Stir de pot	WESBC	2:51	5
Maxwell Curtis	Stephan Furbert	4062	Rumor Has It	MABSC	2:53	6
Dale Brangman	Jaeden Jonston	11	Shaka Zulu	EEMYC	2:54	7
Rudy Bailey	Corey Bean	4127	My New Mary	WESBC	2:55	8
Zaniko Hendrickson	Zanikae Hendrickson	4132	Radical	EEMYC	3:05	9
George Haywood, Jr.	TreShun Smith	4079	Mai-Lucy	MABSC	3:10	10
Antoine Wingood	Fred Bulford	4119	Swizzle	WESBC	3:12	11
Gerald Smith	Demorley Bell	4021	IsMay	WESBC	3:10	12
Liam Perry	Andrew Henderson	4113	Sea Breeze	EEMYC	DNF	13

Lambert & Dickinson Honored

Gladwin Lambert and Stephen Dickinson were recently recognized for their continued commitment, contributions and participation to the sport of sailing in Bermuda. Gladwin also received a similar citation in 2016 from the government of Bermuda. The Comet Class wants to congratulate both Gladwin and Stephen for these achievements and all of their support of the Class over many decades.

Thank you.

Gladwin Lambert (right) and Stephen Dickinson with his crew Pat Young (left).



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Comet Class Membership Dues Form 2017

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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: _____

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:

CCYRA Treasurer, Bob Slook, 255 Portland Road, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716