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From the President's Desk

The sailing season is finally underway after a long and very snowy winter. Hopefully most of you are already taking advantage of the regattas and racing at your Club or just getting out sailing. Another Bermuda Race Week has been completed. Congratulations to Rockal Evans for taking top honors. Unfortunately, none of the stateside sailors made the trip and missed out on the delightfully warm weather and beautiful waters. Also, congratulations to Wick Dudley for winning the Jack Peters Regatta in his new Comet "Wicked".

There are many more regattas being organized for this summer including two at Green Pond, the North Americans at Rock Hall, the Internationals at Ocean Gate and the Junior Championship is being revived at Shrewsbury. More about each of these in this E-News issue.

Andy Wood has been busy reaching out to Rock Hall YC and Ocean Gate YC to be sure the NAs and Internationals are well organized. Both Clubs are very supportive of the Comets and are making every effort for a successful event. Be sure to mark your calendar.

For anyone needing a centerboard, Wick Dudley has found a source for new centerboards and has four on inventory.

If you have not seen it already, check out the recent "Sailing World" issue to see the Comet listed in the Harken One-Design Showcase. They are now in color and it showcases a planing red Comet with the now approved Mylar sails. The listing presents an exciting look that has already captured the eye of interested sailors.

I look forward to seeing everyone this Summer out on the race course.

Smooth Sailing and have fun.

Talbott Ingram
President CCYRA



2014 Regatta Schedule

May 25 - Comet Masters @ Shrewsbury Sailing & YC (age 45 and over)

June 7 - Randall DeLeeuw Regatta @ Green Pond YC

June 21-22 - North American Championship @ Rock Hall YC

July 12 & 13 - Martin Murray and Territory III Regatta @ Green Pond YC

July 26 & 27 - Corsica River YC Annual Regatta

August 9 - Junior Championship @ Shrewsbury Sailing & YC

August 22-24 - International Championship @ Ocean Gate YC

Bermuda International Invitational Race Week Regatta

by Rockal Evans

Day 1 of Bermuda International Race week: the day started with a south west breeze of 22-27KT and some nice waves to reach on and surf downwind! The race course was set and boats showed up to the starting line for some fun windy sailing! The course was a long first beat followed by two long reaches only to sail back up to the weather mark and then finally sail downwind to the finish, each race took about 45 minutes to sail! Rockal Evans and his crew Christina Barnard are the leaders with 4 points, after winning the first two races of the day and then finishing second in the third race.

Stephen Dickinson and his crew Pat Young finished second in the first two races and then won the third race, they are in second place with 5 points, Ceci Wollman and her crew Peter Dill recorded three third place finishes and are in third with 9 points.



Day 2: the day started the same as the first day with big seas and big breeze and lots of cloud cover, with squalls passing over the race course. The sailors waited around the club for three hours to see if the weather would clear only for the races to be called off by Comet vice-president Gladwin Lambert and the

participating sailors. The day One results looking to stand as the final, Rockal Evans and his crew Christina Barnard were the leaders with 4 points, Stephen Dickinson and crew Pat Young second, and Ceci Wollman and crew Peter Dill third.



2014 Bermuda International Invitational Race Week

Class: Comets

Trophy: Spring Series Trophy

Provisional

Sail #	Date:	Skipper	3-May-14		3-May-14		3-May-14		xx-May-14		xx-May-14		xx-May-14		xx-May-14		xx-May-14		Total	Drop	Drop	Final				
			Race 1		Race 2		Race 3		Race 4		Race 5		Race 6		Race 7		Race 8						Race 9		Race 10	
			Pos.	Pts.	Pos.	Pts.	Pos.	Pts.	Pos.	Pts.	Pos.	Pts.	Pos.	Pts.	Pos.	Pts.	Pos.	Pts.					Pos.	Pts.	Pos.	Pts.
1	4130	Rockal Evans / Christina Barnard	1	1	1	1	2	2		0		0		0		0		0		0	4		4			
2	4109	Stephen Dickinson / Pat Young	2	2	2	2	1	1		0		0		0		0		0		0	5		5			
3	4113	CeCe Wollman / Peter Dill	3	3	3	3	3	3		0		0		0		0		0		0	9		9			
4	11	Dale Brangman / Shawn Smith	6	6	4	4	5	5		0		0		0		0		0		0	15		15			
5	4118	Quinton Simons / Winston Paynter	7	7	5	5	4	4		0		0		0		0		0		0	16		16			
6	4126	Gladwin Lambert / Lorenzo Lambert	4	4	DNF	13	DNC	13		0		0		0		0		0		0	30		30			
7	4119	Antoine Wingood / Fred Bulfold	5	5	DNF	13	DNC	13		0		0		0		0		0		0	31		31			
8	4007	Ross Smith / Jurel Smith	DNC	13	DNC	13	DNC	13		0		0		0		0		0		0	39		39			
9	4052	Zaniko Hendrickson / Zane Hendrickson	DNC	13	DNC	13	DNC	13		0		0		0		0		0		0	39		39			
10	4062	Maxwell Burgess / Stefan Furbert	DNC	13	DNC	13	DNC	13		0		0		0		0		0		0	39		39			
11	4106	Anthony Smith / Zaniko Hendrickson	DNC	13	DNC	13	DNC	13		0		0		0		0		0		0	39		39			
12	4128	Scott Fox / Stacey	DNC	13	DNC	13	DNC	13		0		0		0		0		0		0	39		39			

2014 Jack Peters Regatta

by Andy Wood

Jack Peters was a long time Comet sailor from the Eastern Shore of Maryland. His family donated a trophy in his honor upon his passing in the late 1970's. Originally this early season regatta was held in Oxford, MD while in recent years it has been held at Severn Sailing Association in Annapolis, MD as the annual kick-off for the Comet sailing season in the Chesapeake. This year the Jack Peters regatta returned to its roots and was hosted by Tred Avon Yacht Club.

The day was sunny with temperatures in the 60's and breezes building as the day progressed from 5-10 knots in the early races and finishing with 10-15 knots by the last race. There were four comets participating this year and competition was stiff. Wick Dudley and crew Betsy started off strong in the new Comet "Wicked" while Andy Wood and crew Jamie finished strong as the breeze picked up. It was great to see Andrew Devlin sailing his father's comet and he and his crew had strong finishes as well, often leading at the weather mark. Charlie Roth and crew rounded out the competition as the new owner of Wick's previous red boat 4131.

The race management team at Oxford did an outstanding job setting up courses and mixing them up for the sailors. The first two races were standard Windward-Leeward-Windward courses, the third and fourth races were triangle courses, and the last race was an Olympic course. As always, the sailors enjoyed the venue at Oxford. A morning continental breakfast was a great way to start and the after racing cocktails and snack plate were a great way to finish. Thanks TAYC for a great regatta!



2014 Jack Peters Regatta Results

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1. 4148 Wick Dudley, CRYC	1	1	1	3	3	9T
2. 4087 Andy Wood, CRYC	3	2	2	1	1	9T
3. 4031 Andrew Devlin, TAYC	2	3	3	2	2	12
4. 4131 Charlie Roth, CRYC	4	4	4	DNS	DNS	22

2014 Randall DeLeeuw Regatta

Green Pond Yacht Club

June 7, 2014

<http://www.greenpondyachtclub.com>

Greenponders encourage all sailors to visit the beautiful fresh water lake at Green Pond, New Jersey and enjoy their warm hospitality. Four races are schedule for this Saturday event.

Contact Richard LaBossiere for more information:
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Class Information

Looking for boats or parts...

For information about new boats and equipment contact Wick Dudley - 410-924-3988, dudley1@hughes.net.

Also check out the Classifieds section at cometclass.com for sailors selling boats and parts and sailors that are looking for boats and parts.

From the Treasurer...

A reminder: many Comet sailors have still not paid their 2014 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.

2014 Championship Regattas

Comet North American Championship Regatta

Rock Hall Yacht Club, Maryland

June 21-22, 2014

<http://www.rockhallyachtclub.org>

The Rock Hall Yacht Club was founded in 1937 and is located in Langford Creek off the Chester River. Regattas are held in the wide open space of Chester River. The sailing venue is excellent for one design racing and this year's Comet North Americans will be held in conjunction with RHYC's Annual Regatta. This will provide an excellent opportunity to show off the Comet to other Chesapeake Bay one-design fleets. Plan now to attend.



Comet Junior Championship

Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club, New Jersey

August 9, 2014

<http://www.ssysc.us/>

The Junior Championship is back on the racing schedule after a long hiatus. The Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club will host the event on Saturday, August 9th. This is an opportunity for our younger sailors to race a larger and more challenging boat. 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 some of the Club's instructors are encouraged to race. If you know of a young sailor who will be thrilled to skipper or crew, give them a chance to practice beforehand and then compete on August 9th. If they have access to a boat but no crew, Shrewsbury should have capable crews available.



2014 Championship Regattas

Comet International Championship Regatta

Ocean Gate Yacht Club, New Jersey

August 22-24, 2014

<http://www.ogyc.net>

The Ocean Gate Yacht Club founded in 1909 is located at the foot of Ocean Gate Ave where the Toms River meets Barnegat Bay. A founding member of the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association, OGYC still actively participates in one design racing throughout the sailing season. The sailing venue is ideal for one design racing with water depths of 6 to 8 feet throughout the area with little or no current and winds normally moderate and predicable. The area available to sail is large enough for meaningful legs on portable mark courses.

The membership of 135 families supports a vibrant sailing program and looks forward to hosting the Comet fleet with an abundance of Jersey shore hospitality and fun. Housing will be available for all competitors. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

