



From the President's Desk

For those who are still recovering from a long winter, you should be very glad that the sailing season has begun. Bermuda Race Week and the Jack Peters Regatta are in the books, and the open Spring Series at Shrewsbury Sailing & YC has begun. The upcoming regattas are being worked on.

Kathy Watson, the new fleet captain at Green Pond, is working on the Randall DeLeeuw Regatta to be held on June 16. Andy Wood has been working overtime on two regattas. He has been busy coordinating the North Americans at Northern Lake George YC with Peter Abell and Donna Wotton, and also the Internationals at Miles River Yacht Club. Check www.cometclass.com for the racing schedule.

Regarding the status of the new Comets, the new builder has unfortunately run into major problems with the old hull mold. Because of its age there are too many leaks for their high pressurized infusion system to contain the resin properly.

This unfortunate news was extremely difficult to accept, after all the efforts that Whitecap Composite, Brad Meade, Wick Dudley, and I had made. The high hopes of having three new Comets at the North Americans has now been shelved.

For the Class to continue with a quality builder, it is of utmost importance we have a new mold that will provide for the future of the Class for many years to come. Whitecap Composite has devoted a huge amount of time and expense to become our one stop source for all our Comet needs, such as hulls, spars, trailers, centerboards, rudders, etc.

There are two possible solutions to this problem. One is to have kind hearted souls who are dedicated to the welfare of the Comet Class, who will cover the cost of building the new molds.

The other option is to have ten people place a firm order with Whitecap Composite. They have agreed to hold to the original price and they will cover the entire cost of building the mold. Their basic Comet ready to race is \$13,995 or order just the hull and deck with the double bottom for \$7,995.

They already have three of the ten orders, so they only need seven more. Wick and I each have placed orders, and Whitecap has the third order as their prototype. I would not be committing to a new boat if I did not sincerely believe the new ones would not be stiffer and better and safer, than what I am presently sailing.

Any present boat owner who wants to upgrade, this is the time to step up to support the future of the Class. Maybe you know someone who wants to join the Class or maybe you know of a Club or summer camp looking to begin a fleet of a two person boats. Contact anyone you think would be a good possibility for buying a Comet.

This will be the 83rd year of the Comet Class, though only a few new boats have been built in the past thirty years. For the future of the Comet, having the new mold made is our opportunity to allow the Class to grow for decades to come.

We all need to step up to build the Class, find new members and people looking to buy a high quality new Comet.

Thank you for spreading the news.

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

Smooth Sailing and have Fun.

Talbott Ingram, President CCYRA

2015 Regatta Information

May 24	Comet Masters, Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club (age 45 and over)
June 13	Randall DeLeeuw Regatta, Green Pond Yacht Club
June 20-21	Comet North American Championship, Northern Lake George Yacht Club
July 25-26	One Design Annual Regatta, Corsica River Yacht Club
August 1	Comet Junior Championship, Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club
August 21-23	Comet Internationals Championship, Miles River Yacht Club

Masters Regatta on Sunday May 24 at Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club

Three races with the skippers meeting at 12:30. No Charge. To qualify for the Kingston Perpetual Trophy you must be 45 years old. All others are welcome to race in the Memorial Day Regatta.

For additional information contact Bob Slook - bslook@gmail.com

Randall DeLeeuw Regatta on June 13 at Green Pond. Click to download the [Notice of Race](#).

For additional information contact Fleet Captain - Kathy Watson - stevflor@aol.com

[Northern Lake George Yacht Club](#) is very excited about hosting the **North American Championship** on June 20 & 21. Peter & Marion Abell are encouraging their entire Club to get involved with all the logistics on shore, housing, and race management. Here is a [link to three articles](#) about the Comet that were in their Spring Bulletin. Needless to say, they are excited to have the Comets back. [Register online now](#) to avoid the late fee. Secure local housing by contacting Peter Abell - water_music@comcast.net. Download the [Notice of Race](#).

Corsica River Yacht Club has their annual **One Design Regatta** on July 25 & 26. Look forward to great sailing with a fantastic dinner party Saturday evening that should not be missed.

The **Junior Championship** will again be hosted by the Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club on Saturday, August 1st. 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.

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 your stay.

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

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.

Bermuda Race Week 2015

The day of racing started with the wind about 14kts and building to about 18kts, warm and sunny, beautiful weather for the first race of the season here in Bermuda. Steve wins the first race when the winds were about 14kts and Rockal wins race 2, 3 and 4 when the wind picked up a bit, race 5 was cancelled. 7 boats showed up to the start of the first race.

Great sailing conditions were experienced by all the competitors.



Scott Fox & Antoine Wingood

Bermuda Race Week 2015

Digicel Bermuda Dinghy Regatta - Comet Class

Results are FINALs of 15:09 on April 11, 2015

Overall

Sailed: 4, Discards: 1, To count: 3, Entries: 7, Scoring system: Appendix A

Fleet	SailNo	Club	HelmName	CrewName	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Nett
Comets	4125	WESBC	Rockal Evans	Christine	(2.0)	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	3.0
Comets	4109	EEMYC	Stephen Dickinson	Pat Young	1.0	(2.0)	2.0	2.0	7.0	5.0
Comets	4126	WESBC	Gladwin Lambert	Lorenzo Lambert	(3.0)	3.0	3.0	3.0	12.0	9.0
Comets	4118	WESBC	Quinton Simons	Gregory Proctor	(5.0)	4.0	4.0	4.0	17.0	12.0
Comets	4071	CCYRA	Scott Fox	Zaniko Hendrickson	4.0	6.0	5.0	(8.0 DNF)	23.0	15.0
Comets	4119	WESBC	Antoine Wingood	Fred Bulford	6.0	5.0	6.0	(8.0 DNF)	25.0	17.0
Comets	4062	EEMYC	Maxwell Curtis Jr.	Stefan Furburt	(8.0 DNC)	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	32.0	24.0

Scoring codes used

Code	Description	Points
DNC	Did not come to the starting area	8
DNF	Started but did not finish	8



Rockal Evans winner of Bermuda Race Week

Jack Peters Regatta Results

April 25, 2015

Tred Avon Yacht Club

1. Wick Dudley - 2809 - Corsica River YC - 1, 1, 1, 1, 4 = 8
2. Elliott Oldak - 4037 - Severn Sailing Asso. - 2, 3, 2, 3, 2 = 12
3. Taylor Penwell - 01 - College of Charleston YC - 4, 4, 3, 2, 1 = 14
4. Ebby DuPont - 4073 - Tred Avon YC - 5, 2, 4, 5, 3 = 19
5. Adrew Devlin - 4031 - Tred Avon YC - 3, 5, 5, 4, 5 = 22

Send your dues for 2015 now!

Comet Class Membership Dues Form

www.cometclass.com

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: _____

Other Items:

Class Development Fund Suggested minimum \$25 _____

Patron \$10 _____

Booster \$5 _____

CCYRA Handbook – (delivered electronically) \$10 _____

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

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

Extra Comet Bumper Sticker (4" X 3") - one included with dues \$2 _____

Comet Bumper Sticker (3.75" X 9") \$3 _____

Total _____

Enclose check payable to CCYRA and mail to:

CCYRA Treasurer, Reed V. Rogers, P.O. Box 646, Centreville, MD 21617