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From the President's Desk

Since the last newsletter, there have been numerous well attended regattas which are mentioned along with their results in this issue.

I want to thank a few of the many people who made this a successful year.

Joe Lauver for organizing the North Americans and the Internationals Championships. Tina Lauver for posting and running the Class web site and for designing the Newsletter, as well as handling the ship store. Bob Slook for being the Treasurer for the past two years. Jim Widdis for taking over Bob's position, as well as staying on as the Corresponding Secretary. To my ever reliable right hand, my wife Lee, who helps the Class in so many ways. The fleet captain of Green Pond Ellen Bakalian for running both their Randall DeLeeuw and Martin Murray Regattas. Andy Wood for hosting the Corsica River YC Annual Regatta and wearing many hats in the process. The Court Dunn family for donating a new perpetual trophy at the Internationals. Thanks to Mark Beaton for donating another jib that was raffled off at the Annual Meeting, that was won by Dick Harmon (on his Birthday).

I was very pleased that Whitecap Composite built another five Comets in June and that seven of their eight Comets raced at the Internationals. It was good to have four Bermudians race at the Internationals, and that Maxwell Curtis won the sixth race in his new orange Comet.

For next season we are looking into entering Comets in the NOOD regatta in Marblehead, MA. This regatta has numerous one design classes, but is lacking a two person boat such as a Comet. This would be a good opportunity for Comets to be showcased in this area, which is also close to our builders.

The Comet Class is always looking for more people to step up to assist. Let me know if you're interested and how you can support the Class.

If you have not done so already, be sure to go on Facebook to "like" Comet Class Association to help spread the word.

During the upcoming long winter, keep in touch with your fleet members and keep looking for new potential Comet sailors.

Smooth Sailing

Talbott Ingram, President CCYRA

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Comet Trivia

What do past Comet Champions
Dick Harmon and Mark Hess
do for off-season training...
find out on page 8.

The Court and Ginny Dunn Memorial Trophy Endowed by The Dunn Family

Presented by Court Dunn

I'd like to thank Talbott and Lee Ingram, as well as Joe, Tina and Ian Lauver for their help in getting me here today. Talbott was one who, as a kid, I always looked up to, and wanted to be able to sail just like he did. Joe, or Skipper as we called him then, I've known since he was born. His Mom and Dad, were some of our closest friends growing up, both of whom made such a difference in my own development as well as my brother and sister's. If I knew Joe and Carolyn were coming over for dinner and boat building I'd cancelled all my activities with friends. I'm really excited that young Joe, has picked up the flag.

I'm here to finally pay some sort of tribute to my late folks who passed within a month of one another, 8 years ago.

My Mom and Dad had several things that were very important to them and driving forces in their lives - family, obviously church, yacht club and the Comet Class, although I'm sure the order changed depending on the weekend and season.

My brother, sister and I have been looking for some way to recognize their efforts and contributions to the greater community since their passing. A few months ago, I was gazing at the plaque on a trophy sitting on my coffee table, one that my Dad won here at Lake Hopatcong in 1946, sailing a Comet with my cousin, Royce Peabody. At about the same time, I was on the Comet Class website, and found that the Internationals were going to be held here at Lake Hopatcong. This is where my family's love of the Comet Class began. It was a no-brainer! A trophy, bearing their name, with the permission of the Class, would recognize their commitment to an organization they loved. My brother Steve, sister Betsy and I would like to endow a trophy in their memory and honor.

That's why I'm here today. It began here for us, through my Dad, who spent his summers growing up and sailing right here at the Yacht Club. Subsequently, I spent many summers up here too, visiting my Great Aunt and Great Uncle and cousins who had a house and bungalow.

Dad got into Comets, during the many summers he stayed with his Aunt and Uncle here at the Lake, I guess sometime in the 30's and 40's, when he was a teen! Once we were around, Dad wanted us to have a similar experience, I think I was about 11 or 12. Even though money was a bit tight, Dad found Comet 2925 somewhere down on the Jersey Shore – Ocean City, I think – brought it

home and rebuilt it for my brother Steve and me! Our first regatta was the Junior Nationals, held at East Hampton YC, for which my brother and I were ill-prepared but the love of sailing and in particular Comets, was born!

Dad's method of teaching us to sail, was finding a heavy weather day, putting life jackets on us, and pushing the boat out to sea, (against the pleas of my Mom), watching us capsize a few times, right the boat, start laughing and doing it again. We learned pretty quickly how to keep the boat upright, even if we never learned how to go faster than someone else! Once we began sailing a bit more, Dad bought us another Comet 3488, which I sailed for a few years (very non-illustriously), finding a crew wherever I could (sometimes Mom against her will).

Dad then partnered with Joe Lauver, (with a lot of support from Mom and Carolyn Lauver) buying three Oberg-Branning hulls, molded from a Beaton hull, I think, 3853, 3854, and 3855 and finishing them together in our basement, one with a cedar deck, one with a plywood deck and one with a glass deck. After that, and after my brother and I were gone from home, he bought a Lippincott (3975) which he sailed with my younger sister, Betsy. And then, once age crept up on him, he sold, or gave away all the Comets still in the garage or basement and retired to a bigger "cruiser", which he really loved!

In the middle of it all, and again, partnering with Joe Lauver, he started LTD Regatta boats, selling Lasers and hardware out of the garage. Although short-lived, the company did supply my brother and me with Lasers and with Comet hardware. My Dad did everything he could to keep boats, trailers (usually without trailer lights working), and cars, ready for the three of us, dropping in from college on a minute's notice, to fly off to some regatta. During one period, when we were all sailing, we double decked Comets on a trailer, throwing a third on the rooftop of an old station wagon.

Although I'm not sailing any more, the Comet Class will always occupy a wonderful memory of not just a great boat, but a great sailing family. Most importantly, it was the glue that held our family together, creating many wonderful family memories in all our trips to so many regattas, including many trips to Miami, for the Mid-winters. He absolutely loved the Comet Class and would do

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Corsica River Annual Regatta Results

Corisica River Yacht Club - July 28 & 29, 2018

Comet Class Sees Resurgence at The Corsica Annual

By Elliott Oldak

Sixteen Comets from six States registered to sail this year's Corsica River Annual Regatta on 28-29 July. Conditions for sailing were light and variable, while sailed under warm sunny skies.

With a new builder for the Comet Class, Whitecap Composites of Massachusetts, eight new Comets have been built in the last year and a half with four new boats sailing at Corsica.

Five races were scheduled, but the light conditions only allowed for three good races to be sailed. All three of the top finishers have been past Comet Class Champions. Winning the Event was Wick Dudley from Queenstown, MD sailing with Ilene Lipsits with low points of 5. In second place were Talbott and Lee Ingram from Ocean, NJ with 6 low points. Third place went to Elliott Oldak of Annapolis, MD with crew Helen Boone with 12 low points.

The Race Committee was headed by highly capable John Foster with assistance from veteran Comet sailors, Harry (Stoney) Duffy and Sandy Downes. Cathy Downes was busy (as usual) taking photographs of the sailing. Kate Downes borrowed her Dad's Comet with Comet sailor, Andy Wood's daughter, Lindsey, for their first outing in a Comet. The girls enjoyed a mid fleet finish.

Thanks go to Corsica River Yacht Club for another well run and highly enjoyable Annual Regatta! The traditional Maryland Eastern Shore fall-off-the-bone roasted chicken dinner and tender corn on the cob was appreciated by all.

Results	R1	R2	R3	Total	Place
2908 Wick Dudley & Ilene Lipsitz	1	1	3	5	1
4151 Talbott & Lee Ingram	2	3	1	6	2
3406 Elliott Oldak & Helen Boone	3	4	5	12	3
4087 Andy Wood & Beth Pender	4	8	2	14	4
4069 Art Silcox & Karen Glass	9	2	4	15	5
4156 Paul & Zak Zimmerman	5	5	6	16	6
4152 Tom & Sarah Layton	6	6	8	20	7
4077 Reed Valliant & Ridgely Kelly	7	9	7	23	8
4046 Kate Downes & Lindsey Wood	8	11	9	28	9
4070 John Ebken & Laura Verdi	3	7	10	30	10
4148 Jim Widdis & Jim Shifrin	11	10	11	32	11
2265 Eric Fee & Chris Schott	12	12	12	36	12
4089 Scott Wolff & Jim Dombly	10	13	dns	40	13
4131 Charlie Roth & Jodi Jamiolkoski	14	dns	dns	48	14



Terry Jackson talking to Talbot & Lee Ingram at the Pumpkin Bowl in 2012

Passing of Terry Jackson

Terry Jackson was a long-time supporter of the Comet Class, having owned three different Comets over forty years. He was originally a member of the Susquehanna Yacht Club and later joined Severn Sailing Association. Our condolences to his wife Barbara and their family.

Junior Championship

Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club - August 11, 2018

The Comet Junior Championship was hosted by the Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club on August 11. Six talented teams competed in this three race series. The five race series was shortened due the approaching storms and heavy rains. A one hour clinic was held before launching the boats, so everyone was familiar with their borrowed boat. Then after a half hour of sailing around they were ready for the first race. The winner was not determined until the final windward leg, with positions changing throughout each race. They were all excited to have an opportunity to sail a Comet in near planing conditions.



Happy Junior Sailors

Results

Congratulations to Robert Gruskos and Julianne Brinton for winning for the second year in a row.

BOAT	SKIPPER	CREW	CLUB	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	RACE 4	RACE 5	TOTAL	POSITION
4061	Robert Gruskos	Julianne Brinton	Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club	1	2	2			5	1
4090	Hubert Wang	William Beyer	Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club	6	6	5			17	6
4095	Susan Munger	Jesse Stevenson	Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club	5	5	1			11	4
4151	Topher Lucyk	Mitchell Quinn	Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club	3	4	6			13	5
4154	Patrick Modin	Patrick Cashin	Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club	2	1	4			7	2
EXP-3970	Justin Modin	Joe David	Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club	4	3	3			10	3

Heritage Regatta Results

Tred Avon Yacht Club - August 25, 2018

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| 1. | 2908 | Wick Dudley - CRYC | 1, 1 = | 2 |
| 2. | 3737 | Elliott Oldak & Barbara Best - SSA | 2, 2 = | 4 |
| 3. | 4073 | Tom Price & Lynn Scheeler - PSA | 3, 5 = | 8 |
| 4. | 4069 | Art Silcox & Karen Glass - CRYC | 4, 4 = | 8 |
| 5. | 4070 | John Ebken & Laura Verdi - CRYC | 6, 3 = | 9 |
| 6. | 4087 | Andy Wood & Beth Pinder CRYC | 5, 7 ret. = | 12 |

Drew Bowl - September 29, 2018

Shrewsbury Sailing and Yacht Club

Comet Drew Bowl and Masters Championship was a big success in spite of the challenging wind conditions. Eleven Comets competed in very light and shifty conditions for three races.

Congratulations to Mark Buruchian and his crew Emmaline Stoddard for their victory. This was a sweet victory for Mark, since it was his first time winning either the Drew Bowl or the Masters.

Larry Suter with his crew Peter Fernberger were 2nd, and Tom Layton with Lisa Peringer were 3rd place. Bob Slook for his first time in a Comet this year, won the last race along with the Pasadena Bowl with his reliable crew Kelly Saccone



After the racing, everyone was well fed and enjoyed the camaraderie. Thanks to Toni Sverapa and Donna Welch for helping with the lunch. Thanks to PRO Jeff Jacobi and his team for running the races.

Results

BOAT	SKIPPER	CREW	CLUB	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	TOTAL	POSITION
4088	Mark Buruchian	Emmaline Stoddard	Highland Lakes, NJ	2	1	5	8	1
3430	Larry Suter	Peter Fernberger	Storm Trysail	4	3	2	9	2
4152	Tom Layton	Lisa Peringer	Niantic Bay YC	5	2	4	11	3
4151	Talbott Ingram	Lee Ingram	Shrewsbury Sailing & YC	1	7	6	14	4
4154	Jeff Pfister	Alli Hester	Shrewsbury Sailing & YC	3	9	3	15	5
4074	Bob Slook	Kelly Saccone	Shrewsbury Sailing & YC	9	6	1	16	6
4137	Joe Lauver	Ian Lauver	Susquehanna Y C	6	5	9	20	7
2165	Joe Calvitti	Jackie Calvitti		7	8	7	22	8
4095	Peter Munger	Catherine Munger	Shrewsbury Sailing & YC	10	4	11	25	9
3957	Chris Price, Sr.	Caroline Price	PSA	8	10	8	26	10
4090	Sam Turvey	Bill Sverapa	Shrewsbury Sailing & YC	11	11	10	32	11

Pumpkin Bowl Regatta Results

Gibson Island Yacht Club - November 11, 2018

Results

Pumpkin Bowl at Gibson Island November 11, 2018								
Place	Boat #	Skipper/Crew	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	TOTAL
1	4037	Elliott Oldak / Barbara Best	2	4	1	1	4	12
2	4151	Talbott Ingram / Lee Ingram	1	2	3	5	2	13
3	4087	Andy Wood / Lindsay Wood	3	1	4	3	3	14
4	3741	Tom Price / John Zselecsky	4	5	2	4	1	16
5	4069	Art Silcox / Laura Verdi	5	3	8 (WD)	2	6	24
6	4147	John Ebken / Brian Weber	6	6	5	6	5	28
7	3794	Mike Hulme / Beth Pinder	7	7	6	7	7	34

Comet International Regatta

Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club

September 7 - 9, 2018



Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club hosted the Comet International Championship on September 7-9. Seven races were run in a variety of overcast conditions ranging from light air and flat water on the first day, heavy air up to 17 mph on the second, and rain on the last day. Everyone was delighted with the facilities and friendliness of the club and the regatta went off without a hitch.

Congratulations to Rudy Bailey of the West End Sailboat Club in Bermuda and his crew Olivia Eagles from LHYC who easily won the series and didn't have to sail the last race. A nice bonus for the chilly rainy Sunday. Rudy was one of four boats from Bermuda that included fifth place finishers Peter Bromby with crew Mick Finegan. Also from Bermuda in their new Comets were Maxwell Curtis with crew Stefan Furbert and Dale Brangman with crew Lorenzo Lambert.

Mantoloking's Mark Beaton finished second with crew Barbara Colie. They have been sailing regularly together this season in a variety of one-designs. Finishing third



was Dick Harmon with crew Mark Wissner from the Leatherlips Yacht Club of Ohio, and fourth went to Talbott and Lee Ingram from the Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club.

The regatta was well attended with 23 Comets, even though many of the regulars had other commitments that weekend. Sailors traveled from six states plus the four teams from Bermuda. Seven of the eight new boats from Whitecap Composite were competing, with Maxwell Curtis winning the third heavy air race on Saturday. The Class owned Comet was chartered by Teddy Martin with crew Brian Murphy, the Commodore of Lake Hopatcong YC. Even though Teddy is a young Optimist sailor, he showed us he has the "right stuff" for a Comet, since he was always just behind the lead pack. Teddy received the first annual Court and Ginny Dunn Memorial Trophy for being the top youth finisher.

Peter Schell from SSYC with his crew Michelle Eagles from LHYC won the final race and had two second place finishes to finish tenth overall. Peter had an obligation as a father to coach his daughter's lacrosse game on Saturday, and received two DNSs.

It was good to see four teams from Green Pond attending: Bob Griswold, Richard Labossiere, Rob Schell and Matt Grossman.

Many thanks to Bill Nutzel who was awarded the Class Citizen Trophy for being an outstanding Regatta Chair for Lake Hopatcong YC, to Tom Lentine the housing coordinator, to PRO Kevin Murphy and his excellent committee, and to the many LHYC members who had a part of making this a successful regatta.



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Top winners Rudy Bailey and Olivia Eagles



Second Place
Mark Beaton and Barbara Colie



Third Place
Dick Harmon and Mark Wissner



Fourth Place
Talbot & Lee Ingram



Fifth Place
Peter Bromby and Mark Finegan



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Dick Harmon wearing a Comet Class shirt in front of the Taj Mahal

By Dick Harmon

Comet Trivia Answer

...they go to India to climb mountains, such as Mt. Everest. Here is an account of their venture.

Annapurna base camp was about 13500. It was a tough hike as there were a lot of ups and downs, sometime 1000 ft down and up. I am guessing some days were 5000 ft even though the net was 3200 ft.

For Everest we cheated since none of us had ever hiked to 18000 ft. Flew into Lukla and hiked to Namche Bazaar. Did a couple of conditioning hikes where you could see Everest and Ama Dablam. We then chartered a pretty powerful helicopter to take us above Everest Base camp to land at Kala Patar which was at 18300 ft. We were able to get out and take some photos of everest before flying over base camp and the Khumbu icefall. Cultural experiences were as stunning as the scenery. Had a hedge fund manager from Westfield NJ and a couple of doctors from lake placid on the first trek. They were a lot of fun. The second was a private trek for the 3 Ohio boys.

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anything to make sure any and all of us sailed Comets.

I remember a lot of stories involving my sailing days, and some involving my brothers and sisters, but it's my Mom and Dad that I really want to recognize,

- Winning the Territorials crewing for Joe Lauver
- Heavy air crewing in Vermillion, OH at the Internationals
- Port tacking the fleet at the NA at Cazenovia
- Port tacking the fleet at the Pumpkin Bowl
- Driving Dave Oberg's boat to the Mid-Winters
- Endless sanding of centerboard and hull, after putting a combination of powdered graphite and polyurethane on both
- Sailing in the Junior Nationals at Devon and at our home club
- Our successes, or lack of successes - top of the fleet, middle of the fleet, bottom of the fleet.

You can see, that the Comet Class played a major role in my youth, years I'll never forget. If it wasn't for my

Dad, and the sacrifices my Mom made for the family; I wouldn't be standing in front of you today. This is a beautiful boat, sailed by wonderful people, who made all of us feel the depth and warmth of a close community.



I'm happy today, to present the first Court and Ginny Dunn Memorial Trophy to

Teddy Martin of Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club.