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## From the President's Desk

The International Championship was a huge success, thanks to the tireless efforts of Nancy and Harry Foote along with their Commodore Eileen King. They rolled out the red carpet for the Comet Class. They welcomed all the sailors as they arrived on the Thursday evening, then handled the registration and directed all those that were given local housing. Many had the convenience of staying within walking distance of the club house. Each day the breakfast, lunches, and dinners were prepared by the many Club volunteers, in such abundance that most of us required going on a diet the following week. Being limited to one lift for all 21 Comets, three club members would assist with the handling of trailers, operating the lift and seeing that everyone was quickly in or out of the water in a very timely manner.

The PRO Jim Walsh along with many Club members did an outstanding job managing the races. Three long races on Friday with winds about 15 MPH, allowed everyone to sleep well that night. The positions constantly changed throughout each race which made for three different winners. The winds on Saturday were pushing the comfort level for the Class and with the potential of a storm coming across the state; it was decided to call off the races. It gave everyone a chance to relax and socialize during the day before we had the annual meeting and raffle during the afternoon.

There were six lucky winners of the small raffle items and Wick Dudley won the grand prize of a new jib donated by Mark Beaton for the event. Thank you Mark for your generous contribution!

The racing on Sunday was moved ahead one hour to be sure we got in at least two races. After Stephen Dickinson won the first race, his gooseneck broke while heading back to the starting area. With the assistance of Peter Schell whose boat Stephen was using they both sailed back to the Club to make the repair. The next race was delayed briefly which allowed Stephen to make the start and sail to his third victory, giving everyone another lesson. See photos on page five.

This was the first Internationals since 2009 that four teams from Bermuda competed: Stephen Dickinson & Patricia Young, Rudy Bailey, Rockal Evans & Christina Barnard, and Dale Brangman & Michon Parfitt-Jones. We look forward to seeing them and others next year. It was also good to see past Comet Class President Mark Buruchian and wife Sue come to support their son Kevin and his crew Lindsay Olsen who finished fifth in the Class loaner boat.

The Junior Championship was a big success with nine talented teams. Thanks to Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club and Fleet 35 for hosting the event.

The Comet was once again shown at the Annapolis Sailboat show October 9 to 13. We had a great location in the center of the show amongst the other One Design boats.

With the Pumpkin Bowl at Tred Avon YC, I look forward to seeing everyone out on the race course before the season comes to an end.

Smooth Sailing and have fun.  
Talbot Ingram  
President CCYRA

# Martin Murray Regatta

by Bill Engels

We had a decent gathering of twelve comets and blessed with wind (5-15) for both Saturday & Sunday. The juniors (Jon Engels & Matt Grossmann) started to push some buttons on Sunday after some tips from the veterans.

Festivities started with pizza Friday night at the club, then 4 races on Saturday with the famous beefsteak dinner & dance that night, and 3 more races on Sunday. Although we had a lot of sailors, there were none out on the dance floor Saturday night (I guess everyone was reserving energy for the second day).

Special thanks to Henry Bossett of North Sails for providing t-shirts & backpacks for our jr. sailing fundraiser.

John Murray restored & donated his father's Comet # 212 to GPYC. Thanks John

Thanks to all who attended, the race committee and all who helped make this a successful and fun regatta.



Bob Griswold & Rosa Poyle



Pete & Jon Schell



## 2014 Martin Murray Regatta Results - July 12 & 13, 2014

1. Peter & John Schell ----- 4115 ---- 2, 3, 1, (6), 2, 1, 4 = 13
2. Talbott & Lee Ingram -----4099 --- (5), 1, 3, 4, 3, 2, 1 = 14
3. Bob Griswold & Rosa Poyle ----- 4086----- 1,(6), 4, 2, 1, 3, 3 = 14
4. Brad Meade & Eric Hoffer -----3967 --- 3, (6), 5, 1, 4, 4, 5 = 22
5. Rob & Drew Schell ----- 3418 ---- 4, 2, 6, (7), 5, 6, 2, = 25
6. Rob Peronne & John Dilella -----3865 -- 8, 7, 2, 5, (11), 5, 7 = 34
7. Richard LaBosiere & Kathy Watson 4102 -- 6, 8, 7, 3, 7,10,(10) = 41
8. Rick & Sarah Sloan ----- # EXP ----- 7,4,8,(9), 9,7,6 = 41
9. Joe & Ian Lauver ----- 3951 ----- 9,(11),9,8, 8,8,9 = 51
- 10 Jon Engels & Matt Grossman -----3966- 10,10,10,(11), 6, 9, 8 =53
- 11 Keith Callahan & Braiden Huston ---4030 -- 11,9,(12),10,10,11 = 62
- 12 Frank Juhas & Dave Merrogi-----4030 - 12,12,11,12,(ds).ds,ds = 73

# Corsica River Yacht Club Annual Regatta

Two races were sailed by nine Comets before the light winds faded entirely. First race was medium air and steady. The second race was very light and shifty which was to Joe Lauver's liking. Various safety boats towed in the fleet in time for everyone to prepare for the BBQ chicken feast, plenty of liquids, entertaining music and plenty of cupcakes for dessert. A good time was had by all.

## 2014 Corsica River Annual Regatta Results - July 26, 2014

Sailed: 2, Discards: 0, To count: 2, Entries: 9, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Fleet	Boat	SailNo	Club	HelmName	Rating	R1	R2	Total	Nett
1st	Comet	Bruiser	4037	AYC	Elliott Oldak	0	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0
2nd	Comet		3951	SYC	Joe Lauver	0	4.0	1.0	5.0	5.0
3rd	Comet	wicked	4148	cryc	Wick Dudley	0	3.0	3.0	6.0	6.0
4th	Comet	Sunshine	EXP	Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club	Talbott Ingram	0	2.0	5.0	7.0	7.0
5th	Comet	Merlot	4087	CRYC	Andrew Wood	0	7.0	4.0	11.0	11.0
6th	Comet	ALICE	4077	CRYC	Reed Rogers	0	5.0	7.0	12.0	12.0
7th	Comet	Second Chance	4137	Corsica River	Stoney Duffey	0	8.0	6.0	14.0	14.0
8th	Comet		4046	Corsica River YC	Sandy Downes	0	6.0	10.0 DNC	16.0	16.0
9th	Comet	Current Event Too	3854	CRYC	Monty Baker	0	9.0	10.0 DNC	19.0	19.0

# Comet Junior Championship

by Talbott Ingram

The Junior Championship was a big success with sailors ranging in age from thirteen to twenty-one. Some of the nine boats were family owned, others used Class owned Comets, or borrowed from the active Shrewsbury fleet.

It all began Friday the 8th around 1:00 pm with a Comet Clinic. We were able to enlighten all these capable sailors with some of the many unique features of the Comet. They began to realize that the Comet is not Olympic level but certainly more advanced than the C420s, Lasers, and Optimists that they had grown up sailing. After a one hour clinic given by Bob Slook and Talbott and Lee Ingram, the young sailors learned about tuning the particular boat they would be racing. Then it was time to launch for some practice and three short races.



Comet Juniors



Day one clinic

Knowing the level of competition was high, everyone seemed to have a good experience trying out a new class boat and seemed to have fun doing so.

Thanks to the many people who contributed their time to make this a success. They were Debbie & Bob Slook, Liz and John Gearon, Kevin Kearney, Jim Widdis, Lee Ingram, and from Green Pond Bill Engel and Ralph Grossman.

That evening Debbie Slook opened their home to a Taco feast and s'mores, after a dip in their pool. It was much appreciated by all those attending.

The next day began with a 9:30 Skippers Meeting to be ready for the high tide. Five challenging races were held with light shifty conditions. Everyone was up for the challenge of learning a new boat and trying to come out on top. Even though the positions frequently changed, the top two spots came down to the Swikart brothers. Both Jack with crew Nina and Connor with crew Eva had two 1sts and two 2nds, with Connor coming out on top of the tie breaker. Dan Ricker with his cousin Nick finished in 3rd, and the all women's team of Britney Slook and Coleen Ross took the fourth position.



Connor and Eva

# Comet Junior Championship



Dan & Nick in the Molly Brown



Brittney & Coleen

## 2014 Comet Junior Regatta Results

2014	Comet Junior results									
SKIPPER	CREW	BOAT #	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Total	Place	
Connor Swikart	Eva Fortunato	4099	2	2	1	2	1	6	1	
Jack Swikart	Nina Kaledin	3090	1	1	2	4	2	6	2	
Dan Ricker	Nick Banta	EXP	6	3	3	1	3	10	3	
Brittney Slook	Coleen Ross	4074	3	5	4	5	4	16	4	
Robert Gruskos	John Paul Burgess	3959	4	7	5	3	6	18	5	
Carolyn Kearney	Tom Slook	4095	5	4	8	8	9	25	6	
Audrey Giblin	Cameron Giblin	4061	8	6	7	9	5	26	7	
Michael Munger	Robbie Gearon	4095	7	9	6	7	8	28	8	
Jon Engels	Matt Grossman	3966	9	8	9	6	7	30	9	



The winners' circle

## 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.

### News about our sailors

Carl Oberg and Kathy Taylor got married on September 13.

Chris Price and Amanda Reynold are engage to be married next Spring.

Matt and Angela Welsh are proud parents of a baby girl.

**Congratulations from the Comet Class!**

## Mark Your Calendar

Comet Pumpkin Bowl Regatta

November 1

Tred Avon Yacht Club

Oxford, Maryland

Notice of Race & Registration Form

Check out the results and all the new pictures posted in the Photo Gallery at [cometclass.com/regattas](http://cometclass.com/regattas)

# Comet International Championship Regatta

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# Comet International Championship Regatta



## 2014 Comet International Champion Regatta Results

### Final Results (1 throw out allowed)

Pos.	Sail#	Helm & Crew	Yacht Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	4109	Stephen Dickinson & Patricia Young	East End Mini Yacht Club, Bermuda	2	2	1	1	1	5
2	4127	Rudy Bailey & Dominique Neubelt	West End Sailboat Club, Bermuda	3	1	2	3	2	8
3	4099	Talbot Ingram & Lee Ingram	Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club, NJ	1	5	4	2	3	11
4	4079	Mark Beaton & Rachael Beaton	Metedeconk Yacht Club, NJ	7	7	9	4	5	23
5	3952	Kevin Buruchian & Lindsay Olsen	Massapoag Yacht Club, MA	5	4	8	1	7	24
6	4037	Elliott Oldak & Marguerite Koehler	Severn Sailing Association, MD	9	9	3	10	4	25T
7	3418	Peter Schell & Ainsley Van Winkle Hilfiker	Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club, NJ	6	3	11	5	12	25T
8	4074	Bob Slook & Kelly Brinton	Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club, NJ	8	6	6	7	6	25T
9	3866	John Constanzo & Stacey Kelley	Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club, NJ	16	12	5	6	10	33
10	4114	Mark Hess & Anne Filbert	Leatherlips Yacht Club, OH	14	11	7	9	8	35
11	4043	Chris Price & Kristin Asay	Susquehanna Yacht Club, PA	19	10	4	13	9	36
12	4125	Rockal Evans & Christina Barnard	East End Mini Yacht Club, Bermuda	4	8	13	16	15	40
13	3468	Bradley Meade & Eric Hoffer	Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club, NJ	13	17	12	8	11	44
14	4061	Jim Widdis & Robert Gruskos	Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club, NJ	10	19	10	12	13	45
15	EXP	Wick Dudley & Mike Evans	Corsica River Yacht Club, MD	11	14	14	15	17	54
16	11	Dale Brangman & Michon Parfitt-Jones	West End Sailboat Club, Bermuda	21	13	18	14	14	59
17	4130	Rick Sloan & Sarah Sloan	Green Pond Yacht Club, NJ	12	15	16	19	18	61
18	8418	Rob Schell & Drew Schell	Green Pond Yacht Club, NJ	15	16	15	21	19	65
19	4077	Reed Rogers & Ridgely Kelly	Corsica River Yacht Club, MD	17	20	21	20	16	73
20	3951	Joe Lauver & Tina Lauver	Susquehanna Yacht Club, PA	20	18	19	17	20	74
21	4087	Andy Wood & George Bowie	Corsica River Yacht Club, MD	18	21	20	18	21	77

### Prizes:

President's Permanent Trophy (1<sup>st</sup> Overall)  
 Jay Achenbach Trophy (2<sup>nd</sup> Overall)  
 Dave Roger's Trophy (3<sup>rd</sup> Overall)  
 C. Lowndes Johnson Trophy (1<sup>st</sup> in Race 1)  
 Wilbur Hamilton - Haines Trophy (1<sup>st</sup> in last race)  
 Herbert L. Stone Trophy (Best score first time participant)  
 President's Cup  
 Citizen's Cup

Stephen Dickinson  
 Rudy Bailey  
 Talbot Ingram  
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 Rockal Evans  
 Andy Wood  
 Nancy Foote

And the winners are....  
**Stephen Dickinson & Patricia Young**

# 2014 Comet Annual Meeting

August 23, 2014  
Ocean Gate Yacht Club

Minutes taken by Lee Ingram

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by President Talbott Ingram.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Nancy Foote and Commodore Eileen King, the regatta has been a huge success.

Talbott gave a summary of the year's Comet activities including North Americans at Rock Hall, Maryland, 14 Comets participated. Thank you Andy Wood for coordinating the event.

Comet Junior Championship, SSYC, August 9-10. Thank you to Bob and Debbie Slook for hosting the Friday dinner and swim party, and Liz Gearon for the handling the Saturday lunch.

Randall Deleeuw Regatta at Green Pond, on June 7, Thank you to Bill Engels and Richard La Boissiere.

Comet Master's Regatta, SSYC on May 25. Thank you Peter Munger.

Martin Murray at Green Pond, Thank you Bill Engels & Richard La Boissiere.

Corsica River Annual Reg July 26-27, Thank you Andy Wood.

Welcome Bermuda sailors! This is the largest turnout since 2009 with four competitors joining us this year. Thank you for coming.

## Upcoming events

Annapolis Sailboat Show, October 9-13. Anyone who can come and help out at the booth during the show should contact Talbott

Drew Bowl at SSYC September 27

Pumpkin Bowl at Tred Avon Yacht Club is November 1

## Financial Secretary Report - Reed Rogers

Reports our financial and membership numbers are on par with last year.

Keep those dues coming in.

## Vice President of Development - Brad Meade

Parts availability contact Wick Dudley

The class continues to move forward with the new boat.

Brad then introduced the Proxy.

This included the raising of the various classes of dues from \$15.00 to \$20.00 and the slate of Officers for 2015

National Officers

President	Talbott Ingram
Vice President for Class Development	Bradley Meade
Vice President for Championship Regattas	Andy Wood
Vice President for Information and Publicity	Christina Lauver
Secretary/Treasurer	Reed Rogers
Chief Measurer	Dick Harmon
Member-at-Large	Peter Tasi

A vote was called and the dues increase and slate of Officers was unanimously accepted.

## Vice President of Regattas - Andy Wood

Regatta recap

North Americans at Rock Hall, Maryland. June 21-22.

Had excellent facilities for racing, camping, race management). Good turnout

Internationals at Ocean Gate Yacht Club NJ - Thank you OGYC and Chair Nancy and Harry Foote for doing such a fine job with all of the arrangements for food, housing for all of us. Also thanks (RC) and PRO Jim Walsh.

## Bermuda Representative - Stephen Dickinson

Spoke about regattas sailed in Bermuda such as Bermuda Race Week, and the Pole to Pole race where they have an active fleet of Comets in three yacht clubs. When asked how they have been promoting Comets to their young sailors, Stephen said that the normal progression in Bermuda was from Optimists to 420s and then to Comets. They bring them on by having them crew at a young age and then skipper. Then encouraged to buy a boat.

## Raffle/Door prizes

All Comets racing had numbers placed in the C. Lowndes Johnson Trophy. Drawing was done by Rachael Beaton. As numbers were drawn, winners came forward to choose a prize

1. 4127 Rudy Bailey - gloves
2. 3951 Joe Lauver - dry bag
3. EXP Wick Dudley - knife
4. 4087 - Andy Wood - sail repair tape
5. 3418 - Pete Schell - flashlight
6. 4037 - Elliott Oldak - snap and zipper lubricant

And the GRAND PRIZE, A BEATON JIB Thank you, Mark, for your many years of support of the Comet Class!

Won by EXP - Wick Dudley

Motion to Adjourn - Jim Widdis

2nd - Pete Schell

Meeting Adjourned at 2:08