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2016 Pumpkin Bowl

Corsica River Yacht Club
589 Conquest Rd
Centerville, MD

Saturday 5-Nov-2016



Entry fee \$15 (pay onsite)

Registration	9 am
Skippers Mtg.	10 am
Racing	11 am

After the races Tailgate Party

Hot soup, assorted beverages
Please bring something to share

RSVP to Andy Wood

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From the President's Desk

Unfortunately, the 2016 sailing season is coming to a close with only the Pumpkin Bowl left on the schedule. It seems like just last month I was racing on the beautiful waters of Bermuda and enjoying all the sightseeing.

It has been a very positive year for the Comet Class, with many regattas that were well attended. The Martin Murray at Green Pond had 18 boats and the Internationals at Shrewsbury had 23 boats. This included several new sailors and some college age sailors who all enjoyed the competition.

The new regatta this summer was at Massapoag YC near Boston. It certainly was worth the trip for this two day regatta. This was the 67th

anniversary for this regatta and they knew how to do it right.

The most exciting success this year was having three new Comets built by Whitecap Composites on the starting line. I could not be more satisfied with our new boat and the support we have had from the builders. More demonstrations are being planned in Connecticut and Massachusetts to present the Comet to those looking for a quality two person boat.

Let me know if there is a Club near you that would be a good prospect for having a Comet fleet, so we can reach out to them. Also, if you know of an individual that wants to join the Class or buy a new Comet be sure to reach out to them.

I want to thank Mark Beaton for donating a new jib for the raffle at the Annual Meeting. We certainly appreciate his continued support.

The positive comments I received all summer about the stunning new green Comet with the fancy (fast) Beaton Mylar sails have been most gratifying.

I trust everyone has enjoyed as much time on the water as possible, before the long winter months arrive.

Smooth Sailing

Talbott Ingram
President CCYRA

Corsica River Yacht Club Annual Regatta July 23 & 24, 2016

CRYC Annual Regatta 23-Jul-2016 Comet Class							
Place	Skipper	Boat #	Club	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total
1	Talbott Ingram	4151	SSYC	3	1	1	5
2	Wick I. Dudley	4077	CRYC	2	7	2	11
3	Alex Ramos	3818		6	2	4	12
4	Elliott Oldak	4037	SSA	4	5	3	12
5	Joe Lauver	4137	SYC	1	4	8	13
6	Andy Wood	4087	CRYC	9	3	6	18
7	Wick Dudley	4148	CRYC	5	6	7	18
8	Chris Price	3957	PSA	8	10	5	23
9	Sandy Downes	4046	CRYC	7	8	10	25
10	Art Silcox	4069	SSA	10	OCS	9	31
11	Woody Granger	409	CRYC	11	11	11	33
12	Charlie Roth	4131	CRYC	DNF	DNS	DNS	42
13	Mike Hollis	4096	CRYC	DNS	DNS	DNS	42
CRYC Local Yocal Comet Regatta 24-Jul-2016							
Place	Skipper	Boat #	Club	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total
1	Talbott Ingram	4151	SSYC	1			1
2	Joe Lauver	4137	SYC	2			2
3	Andy Wood	4087	CRYC	3			3
4	Wick Dudley	4037	CRYC	4			4
5	Mike Hollis	4096	CRYC	5			5

Comet International Regatta

Shrewsbury Sailing and Yacht Club

August 19 - 21, 2016

Congratulations to Rudy Bailey and Jessica Gruskos for their victory in this closely contested championship. Recent college graduate Jack Swikart and crew Billy Daddono racing in their first Comet Championship, lost on a tie breaker. Rudy had one more first place finish than Jack.

Shrewsbury Sailing and Yacht Club hosted another successful Championship, that all twenty-three Comets thoroughly enjoyed. The entry fee included three meals each day and live entertainment during Saturday's dinner.

Every day the racing was close and exciting with positions constantly changing throughout every race. On Friday, the winds were on the light side with lots of windshifts. Then Saturday the winds increased to about 15 mph with good planing conditions, and on Sunday the winds picked up to 20 mph to give everyone a serious workout upwind and exciting planing after rounding the windward mark.

It was rewarding to see eight skippers that had never competed in the International Championship and many young crews that enjoyed the excitement. It was definitely a positive experience.

Many thanks to the many Club members who made this regatta a success. To Debbie Slook and Lynn Estrada who helped organize the many meals. To PRO Jeff Jacobi and his many volunteers who moved the marks and towed in disabled boats, and to all those who provided housing for the three nights.



Comet Internationals Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club August 19-21, 2016

Boat No.	Skipper	Crew	Club	RACE 1	RACE 2	TOTAL	RACE 3	RACE 4	RACE 5	TOTAL	RACE 6	RACE 7	TOTAL (With Drop)	PLACE
4127	Rudy Bailey	Jessica Gruskos	West End	2	3 X	5	2	1	3	11	1	1	10	1 TIE
3970	Jack Swikart	Billy Daddono	SSYC	1	2	3	4 X	2	1	10	2	2	10	2 TIE
4074	Bob Slook	Kelly Brinton	SSYC	6	1	7	1	12 X	6	26	3	9	26	3
3737	Elliott Oldak	Barbara Best	Severn S	3	4	7	6	7	4	24	5	23 X	29	4
3952	Kevin Buruchia	Ashley Buruchia	Massapo	9	8	17	8	5	12 X	42	6	3	39	5
4151	Talbott Ingram	Lee Kelley	SSYC	4	7	11	3	3	2	19	23 DNS X	23 DNS	42	6
3956	Connor Swikart	Evan Lenza	SSYC	7	20 X	27	9	15	5	56	7	4	47	7 TIE
4148	Wick Dudley	Mitchell Quinn	Corsica R	10	9	19	11 X	10	9	49	4	5	47	8 TIE
4099	Robert Graham	Leo Brickner	Cooper R	8	10	18	5	18	23 DNS X	64	16	6	63	9
3866	Richard Gruskos	Michele Gruskos	SSYC	20 X	19	39	12	6	11	68	8	10	66	10
4079	Cliff Bebout	Meggan Bebout	SSYC	15	13	28	19 X	16	7	70	9	7	67	11
3468	Brad Meade	Leenie Costanzo	SSYC	17 X	17	34	13	9	8	64	10	13	70	12
3866	John Costanzo	Stacey Kelley	SSYC	14	5	19	10	13	10	52	23 DNS X	23 DNS	75	13
4137	Joe Lauver	Ian Lauver	Susqueh	5	6	11	21 X	21	18	71	12	17	79	14
4135	Matt Welch	Angela Welch	SSYC	13	11	24	17	14	19 X	74	15	11	81	15
3090	Andrew O'Brien	Jesse Stevenso	SSYC	11	12	23	14	8	23 DNF X	68	23 DNS	23 DNS	91	16
4061	Jim Widdis	Caitlin Goodma	SSYC	12	18	30	16	19 X	17	82	14	15	92	17
4087	Andy Wood	Evan Huffaker	Corsica R	18	22 X	40	20	17	13	90	13	12	93	18
4069	John Ebken	Karen Glass	San Dieg	22	16	38	7	23 DNF X	16	84	19	14	94	19
4095	Peter Munger	Susan Munger	SSYC	23 X	23	46	22	11	14	93	18	8	96	20
4150	Paul Zimmer	Harry Ricker	Whiteca	19	15	34	15	4	23 DNF X	76	23 DNS	23 DNS	99	21
4077	Reed Valliant	Ridgely Kelly	Corsica R	16	14	30	18	20	15	83	17	23 DNS X	100	22
3865	Robert Peronne	Adva Epstein	Cooper R	21	21	42	23 DNS X	23 DNS	23 DNF	111	11	16	115	23

From Bermuda

Published in The Royal Gazette

Rudy Bailey made a triumphant return home this week following his dramatic victory at the Comet International Championship in Shrewsbury, New Jersey.

The Bermuda sailor came from behind on the final day to pip rival Jack Swikart, of the United States, on a tiebreaker to walk away from the Comet Class Yacht Racing Association sanctioned regatta with the President's Permanent Trophy for the sixth time.

"We both ended up with ten points but the tie was broken by whoever had the most number of firsts," said Bailey, who alternated between female crew Jessica and Jewels Gruskos throughout the three-day regatta. "I had three firsts while he had two."

Former US college sailor Swikart and crew Billy Daddono led the overall 23-boat fleet by a two-point margin heading into the final two races, a deficit that Bailey and Jewels Gruskos erased by posting two firsts before clinching the regatta on the tiebreaker.

With the title on the line and ground to make up, West End Sail Boat Club stalwart Bailey never doubted his ability to deliver when it mattered most.

"We were behind going into the final day and I told my crew that we're going to win both races, and we did," Bailey said. "There was no pressure. I was relaxed and had no doubts we were going to win before we put the boat in the water."



Back in the saddle: Bailey won in New Jersey for the sixth time (File photograph by Akil Simmons)

"We had good starts and opened up leads in both of the last two races. The boat I have up there [New Jersey] is a very fast boat and handles very well also."

The regatta, hosted by the Shrewsbury Sailing and Yacht Club, marked Bailey's first time in a sailboat in years after putting his career on hold because of work and personal commitments.

"I was a little rusty, but by the last day the rust was gone," he said.

"Having not sailed for two years the question in the back of my head was 'do I still have it'? I figured after sailing the regatta I do still have a few years left, so I am not ready to retire yet."

Hurricane Matthew takes its toll on the West End Boat Club

Accounts from Rockal Evans and Stevie Dickinson indicated that several Comets at the West End Boat Club in Bermuda sustained damage but that it seemed like things were back to normal on the island within three days of Hurricane Matthew's visit.



67th Annual Regatta

Massapoag Yacht Club - September 9 - 11, 2016

Comets were welcomed back to the Massapoag Yacht Club for their 67th Annual Regatta. All the Club members were great hosts and extremely helpful with their beach launching. Thanks to Diane Kampf for such a well run regatta and for inviting the Comets to join them. There was a welcome party Friday evening and then plenty of food and refreshments for all the meals on Saturday and Sunday. Lobsters were an option for Saturday Dinner, for a nominal extra charge. For those so inclined, camping was available under the trees surrounding the Club.

There were four light air races held on Saturday with plenty of wind shifts. Sunday they completed one race just before a line squall passed through. It was an exciting ride back to the Club, during which the Comets were the only one design fleet that made it back without capsizing or breaking down. This was a very enjoyable regatta for the four Comets that attended. We look forward to returning next year and having more Comets join us at this traditional event.

Results

Comet #	Skipper	Crew	Club	Finishes	Total
4151	Talbott Ingram	Lee Ingram	SSYC	1, 3, 1, 1, 1	7
3952	Mark Buruchian	Sarah & Emmett	HLCC	3, 1, 3, 2, 3	12
3468	Brad Meade	Leenie Costanzo	SSYC	4, 2, 2, 3, 4	15
4150	Kevin Buruchian	Danielle Dubois	MYC	2, 4, 4, 4, 2	16



3rd place - Brad & Leenie

2nd place - Mark & Sarah
(not pictured)



1st place - Talbott & Lee

Drew Bowl

Shrewsbury Sailing and Yacht Club

September 17, 2016

The Drew Bowl was held at the Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club on Saturday September 17th. The weatherman totally cooperated with warm weather and enough breeze to get us up on a plane.

Newcomer Jack Swikart with crew Billy Daddono took top honors with a 1,2,1 over Talbott & Lee with a 2,1,2. Third place went to another new Comet sailor Cliff Bebout & Mari Patient who won the tiebreaker over Bob Slook. All seven Comets had close and exciting racing, thanks to PRO Gordon Milnes for setting long challenging courses.

Thanks to Bob Slook for organizing the regatta and many thanks to his wife Debbie for handling the breakfast and lunch duties. Those sliders were delicious.



Cliff Bebout checking the line



Wick Dudley and Mitchell Quinn

Results

Boat #	Skipper	Crew	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total	Place
3970	Jack Swikart	Billy Daddono	1	2	1	4	1
4151	Talbott Ingram	Lee Ingram	2	1	2	5	2
4079	Cliff Bebout	Mari Patient	6	4	3	13	3 Tie
4074	Bob Slook	Kelly Brinton	4	3	6	13	4 Tie
4095	Peter Munger	Susan Munger	3	5	7	15	5
3957	Chris Price, Sr.	Caroline Price	7	6	4	17	Tie
4061	Jim Widdis	Peter Goodman	5	7	5	17	Tie

Annual Meeting

August 19, 2016 / 8:38 PM / Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club

ATTENDEES

Talbott Ingram, Kevin Buruchian, Andy Wood, Reed Valliant, Bob Slook, Brad Meade, Christina Lauver, Wick Dudley, Jim Widdis, John Costanzo, John Ebken, Joe Lauver, Elliott Oldak, Jack Swikart, Paul Zimmerman, Peter Munger, Cliff Bebout, Lee Ingram and Matt Welch.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:38 PM

AGENDA

Welcome by Class President

Class Officers Reports

VP Championship Regattas-Andy Wood

VP Publicity and Information-Christina Lauver

VP Development-Brad Meade

Treasurer-Reed Valliant

Proxies and slate of officers & voting

Raffle

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. President, Talbott welcomed everyone and gave a recap of the year's events.
2. Kevin Buruchian announced Massapoag Yacht Club has opened its Annual Regatta to Comets. We will have a class start if we have 5 or more boats. If less, we would race with the Portsmouth Rated boats or with one additional fleet. Housing and camping are available. He has posted the link to Regatta Network to sign up. There will be Friday appetizers, Saturday Lobster Dinner and Sunday awards.
3. For the first time in 25 years we have a new builder-Whitecap Composites. They will be our source of new boats and equipment. There is a link on our Facebook page, or you can search www.whitecapcomposites.com This is our time to provide a two man boat for college sailors graduates, and sailing organizations looking for an exciting boat with that has existing fleets and regattas.
4. Bermuda Three boats from the States went down for Bermuda International Race Week. This event and the long distance race should be given consideration to compete in next year.

New Business

- Class Officers Reports

VP Championship Regattas-Andy Wood

Thank you to Bob Slook and Talbott Ingram for all their work organizing the Internationals here at Shrewsbury.

Heritage Regatta at Tred Avon YC is Aug. 27-28. Register on Regatta Network.

The Pumpkin Bowl may be at Corsica River YC on November 5th.

Talbott- Thank you for all of your efforts to schedule these events.

- VP Publicity and Information-Christina Lauver

Please add your photos and comments on Facebook.

If you have any information for the website send it to Tina at

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Christina Lauver
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A suggestion for future regattas:

Use Regatta Network for at least the North Americans and the Internationals if not all of our regattas. It would be easier to register and post results. Other sailors would see how active we are and any fleets/regattas near them. I will set up the account if that is agreeable to the Class.

- VP Development-Brad Meade

Noroton YC is looking for a 2 person, non spinnaker keelboat to start a fleet. They are interested for next year. Our contact there is John Bainton, whose family used to sail Comets. Perhaps a demonstration could be arranged?

Cooper River & Riverton YCs had a demonstration on June 25th, which was enthusiastically attended. Thanks to Carl Oberg for making the arrangements with the officers of Cooper River YC and notifying their membership.

Dan Curran who has purchased two boats, also participated in the demo with one of his Comets, along with Jon Burnham. There were at least a dozen people who came to check out the boats we had available and go for a sail.

Paul Zimmerman from Whitecap Composites enjoyed racing in the Internationals and being able to support the Comet Class with the production of new boats.

- Treasurer-Reed Valliant

There is currently \$4,200. In the account

Dues \$1,700.

Expenses:

Annual Liability Insurance is currently \$1,600.

USSailing \$165.

Web Host \$

Trophies \$

- We need new bases and blanks for the North American trophy, there are 7-10 spaces left.

Wick Dudley - The International Trophy needs more room as well. Do we add another base, or put plates on the back of the current trophy, or put them on the case? We also need more plates. We should plan on 20-30. The current ones are Sterling Silver at a cost of \$40.00 per plate.

Talbott asked Wick to follow up on that and let us know.

- Proxy votes and voting
- Ballot
 - **National Officers**
 - **President** ----- Talbott Ingram
 - **Vice President** -----Kevin Buruchian (in charge of Class Development)
 - **Vice President** ----- Andy Wood (in charge of Championship Regattas)
 - **Vice President** ----- Christina Lauver (in charge of Information and Publicity)
 - **Secretary/Treasurer** ----- Bob Slook
 - **Chief Measurer** ----- Dick Harmon
 - **Member-at-Large** -- Brad Meade
 - The Bermudian Vice President is Rockal Evans - Elected by the Bermudian members to the Executive Committee.
- Four Proxies were received, all approved the slate.
- The ballot was put to a vote and was unanimously passed.
- Talbott Thank Yous
 - Reed for her 9 years of service.
 - Kevin for accepting the position of VP of Class Development.
 - Bob for taking on the Secretary/Treasurer position.
 - Brad for so many years of service in so many capacities.
- Raffle
 - Numbers were placed in a basket and drawn by Ian Lauver. Winners must be present or a new number is chosen. If the Grand Prize is won by a Skipper who has borrowed a Class Loaner Boat, the Grand Prize stays with the boat.
 - And the winners are:
 - Matt Welch (4135) - Signal Flag sticker
 - Paul Zimmerman (4150) - Tell Tales

- Cliff Bebout (4079)- sailing gloves
- Elliott Oldak (3737) - WD 40
- Andy Wood (4087) - White stay tape
- Jim Widdis (4061) - Croakies
- And the GRAND PRIZE, The Omega Jib, goes to PETER MUNGER (4095)! Congratulations!
- A BIG THANK YOU goes to MARK BEATON of BEATON SAILS for donating the jib. He has been generously providing our Grand Prize for many years.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Wick will follow up on the trophy upgrade.
2. Brad & Kevin will work with interested Yacht Clubs and explore new venues.
3. Tina will look into using Regatta Network for our regattas.