



### **The First Comet Class E-Newsletter**

For the past several years as President, I've been frequently asked, 'What's going on in the Comet Class? What's happening with the new boat? Where can I get a such and such part for my boat?' etc. Our communications could be greatly improved. So the COMET E-NEWS letter was born. We plan to produce it each month during the sailing season and occasionally in the off season. Our focus will be Comet people and activities, and items ranging from the technical to the humorous.

All submissions must be by email. Text material should be typed into the main body of e-mail letters. Photos and graphics must be in jpeg or pdf format attachments. Peter Tasi has agreed to receive input from the clubs, fleet captains and class members and to publish and distribute the newsletter. Send your info to: [pdtasidesign@gmail.com](mailto:pdtasidesign@gmail.com)

[COMET TAILS will continue to be issued in the Spring.]

### **Our Class has a New Web Master in Tim Paris**

Tim is a member of the St. Michaels' Fleet and replaces Corinna Likovici, who asked me this past summer to find someone to take over the web site, as she has sold her Comet and moved to Cape Cod. We all thank her for a great job and welcome Tim, who has stepped up to continue maintaining our web site.

### **Staying on the Communication Theme**

Andy Woods has agreed to be the person to keep the sailing world informed of what is happening with the Comet Class. His job will be to send both racing schedules and results to as many sailing web sites and publications as possible. Please send him your fleet racing schedule well in advance and race results following each regatta. Send these to: [thewoods@atlanticbb.net](mailto:thewoods@atlanticbb.net) Thanks, Andy, for your help.

## **Bermuda's Dickinson Wins 2009 Comet Internationals**

This event was hosted by Lavallette Yacht Club this past September. Many thanks to them and Dave Rodgers for running a great regatta under difficult weather conditions. We had five boats from Bermuda and we thank them for making the effort to come and support the Comet Class. Thanks to everyone who came to Lavallette and enjoyed their hospitality. Congratulations to Stephen Dickinson in becoming the 2009 Champion. He put on quite a show, winning all 5 races by a long way and taught us some of the finer points of sailing a Comet.



**Stephen Dickinson and crew,  
flanked by Dave Rogers and  
Wick Dudley.**



**Cindy Huffaker, Susan Widdis, Lawrie Dudley,  
Jim Widdis, Andy Wood, Stoney Duffy and  
Ridgely Kelly.**



**Peter Schell, Richard Sloan and crew and  
Robert Schell.**

## Ingrams Win Comet 2009 Drew Bowl/Masters



Lee and Talbot Ingram

Races Sailed: 3 Discards: 0 To count: 3 Entries: 8									
Rank	Sail No.	Skipper	Crew	R1	R2	R3	Total	Net	Score
1st	4099	Talbott Ingram	Lee Ingram	1.0	2.0	1.0	4.0	4.0	
2nd	3959	R. Gruskos	Michele Gruskos	3.0	3.0	4.0	10.0	10.0	
3rd	4115	Peter Schell	Kelly Brinton	8.0	1.0	2.0	11.0	11.0	
4th	3956	Matt Saybolt	Annie Forbes	6.0	4.0	3.0	13.0	13.0	
5th	4074	Bob Slook	Tom Slook	2.0	6.0	7.0	15.0	15.0	
6th	3090	Mike O'Brien	Cathy O'Brien	4.0	7.0	6.0	17.0	17.0	
7th	4117	Brad Meade	John Gearon	7.0	5.0	5.0	17.0	17.0	
8th	4104	Jim Brinkman	Mike Meehan	5.0	8.0	8.0	21.0	21.0	

## US Sailing Championship of Champions Regatta.

Myself, Lee and Tal, were fortunate to be selected to compete in the US Sailing Championship of Champions. It was held in Carlyle, Illinois and competed in Lightning Class boats. There were nineteen other crews who had won their North Americans, or Nationals or World Championships in their respective one design class.

The Carlyle Sailing Association is on a lake 70 miles east of Saint Louis, Missouri that is out in the middle of farm country. However, they have many one-design classes that total over 300 boats, and they are able to host an excellent regattas of this level.

During the three long days, 17 races were completed, in 45 degree temperatures. We had many "ski" layers on under the foul weather gear. After each race we would switch boats and quickly get ready for the

next starting sequence while checking out the new controls and repacking the spinnaker.

As a teenager, Lee grew up with a Lightning and has skippered or crewed in them many times since. Tal, who was a two time college sailing All American and spent four years doing a 470 Olympic campaign, was a good addition to the family team. With these two positions in very capable hands, all I had to do was get good starts, steer fast and find the favorable wind shifts.

In spite of very poor last race, that dropped us from 4th to 7th overall, we were quite satisfied with our overall performance. It was also a joy to sail with other family members, and to be very competitive against the best sailors in the country.

Talbot Ingram

## Bill Wolf has Finished a New Prototype Comet

Check out the pictures on the CCYRA web site. Bill put his heart and soul and his own money into the project and the boat looks great. Building this prototype establishes the written specifications for future production of competitive boats. We owe our thanks to Bill for taking on a project of this magnitude and seeing it through to completion. The Comet Class is very grateful for all your efforts.

## Have a Great 2010!

I hope you all enjoy this E-News letter. Peter did an excellent job in producing the first issue. Future issues depend on your timely submissions to keep it informative and entertaining.

Wick Dudley,  
CCYRA Class President

## CCYRA 2010 Dues are Now Due!

Dave Seifert will be sending dues notices out in the mail around the end of January. When you receive your notice please return it with your check in a timely manner. Thank you all for your support.

## Check-out the New Gear with Comet Logos

If you need any new gear this coming season please support the class by contacting Coral Reef Apparel. [coralreefsailing.net](http://coralreefsailing.net).