

Hello Comet Sailors,

The Comet North American Championship on June 21-22 is fast approaching. It will be hosted this year at the Rock Hall Yacht Club off the beautiful Chester River of Maryland's Eastern Shore. This year our North Americans event will be running concurrently with the RHYC annual regatta and there will be other fleets attending, thus the NOR is not specific to the Comet Fleet. We've been assured by RHYC to have our own course, but they may start Hobies and/or A-cats on our starting line and send them on a long course keeping our course clear for us. This is a great chance to show off the comet fleet with a great turn out, great competition, and of course great boats. There is camping on the site and local accommodations in the Chestertown and Rock Hall area. There may also be an opportunity to get free local housing from area comet sailors (contact me if you are interested in this). The regatta event and documents are listed with US Sailing Regatta Networks at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/8382> or you can go to the RHYC regatta web site at <http://rockhallyachtclub.org/regatta.htm>. RHYC has a great facility with a dining room, bar, deck, pool, bathhouse, and wide open grounds with plenty of room for parking, camping, boats, and recreation. (Be sure to pay your CCYRA dues to be eligible.)

If you are interested in coming a day early and racing in their annual "Down River Race" that is a lot of fun. Starting Friday morning, all participants (all fleets) start in Chestertown and race down the Chester River finishing off the mouth of Langford Creek before heading into the RHYC. This is a distance race and can take several hours to complete. You can check out the Chester River online at <http://www.charts.noaa.gov/OnLineViewer/12272.shtml>

**Accommodation Info:**

I tried very hard to get a group rate at a local hotel/motel in Chestertown but was unsuccessful. The going rates for hotels/motels are well over \$100 per night per room. This weekend must be a popular weekend for tourists to come to the Chesapeake Bay. There are lots of quaint bed & breakfast inns in both Chestertown and Rock Hall. In addition, there are several hotel/motel options in Chestertown. I would advise that if you are interested in a hotel/motel option to research and book one as soon as possible. In addition to camping as an alternative, I will be coordinating with local area comet sailors to determine if they would put up a team or two. Please send me a note if you are interested in the latter, and I'll do my best to coordinate a place for you to stay.

See you all soon,

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