



2015

Comet Class Yacht Racing Association International Championship Regatta

Organizing Authority:
Comet Class Yacht Racing Association

**Miles River Yacht Club
24750 Yacht Club Road
St. Michaels, MD 21663
www.milesriveryc.org**

August 20-23, 2015

Notice Of Race





1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the by-laws and appendices of the Comet Class Yacht Racing Association (CCYRA) and the Sailing Instructions <http://www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/index.php>. CCYRA rules also require anchor & line, paddle, and PFD's onboard all boats.

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising will be restricted to Category A as stated in ISAF Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

This event is open to CCYRA members who have paid their 2015 dues. Membership information can be found at <http://www.cometclass.com/membership.htm>. Eligible yachts may be entered by mailing (**post date no later than 07-Aug-2015**) the attached FULLY COMPLETED Official Entry Form and Waiver and Release of Liability Form to: Andy Wood, 226 Harbor Lane, Queenstown, MD 21658. Late entries may be given to an on-site registration official at MRYC during the registration time periods **with the additional late fee**. Call or e-mail Andy Wood for more registration information at 410-310-9374, woodhaus226@gmail.com. All checks are to be made payable to CCYRA.

4. ENTRY FEE

The CCYRA 2015 Comet International Championship Regatta entry fee is \$210 per boat plus a \$15 late fee if applicable. This fee includes the \$10 assessment for the Comet Class as required in the Comet Handbook. The registration fee provides for 3 days of racing (weather permitting), a simple continental breakfast and lunches on the water for skippers and crew Friday-Sunday. Dinner Friday night will be at the outside dock bar and Saturday night dinner will be in the main banquet hall of the Miles River Yacht Club. Also included with your entry fee is free use of the MRYC pool facilities. Regatta trophies/mugs will be awarded to top 5 finishes for skipper and crew. Checks are to be made payable to CCYRA and mailed to Andy Wood, 226 Harbor Lane, Queenstown, MD 21658. Mailing postmarked after 7-Aug-2015 must include the late fee.

5. SAIL MEASUREMENT & NUMBER

Each sail must display the number as submitted on the boat's entry form. During the registration period all sails may be subjected to measurement and checking for CCYRA Sail Tax Labels. *[If you need Sail Tax Labels, contact Dave Seifert (614) 457-3094.]*

6. BOAT WEIGHT VERIFICATION

During the Thursday evening check-in and registration period boats may be weighed at the owner's discretion if a scale is available to determine an official weight as observed by Dick Harmon, Brad Meade, or Talbott Ingram. Weights may then be recorded and sent to the Comet class as an official record.



7. SCHEDULE

Thursday, 20 August

4:00 - 6:00 PM Check-in/registration. MRYC restaurant open for dinner and refreshments.

Friday, 21 August

07:30 - 09:30 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast
09:30 AM Competitor's Meeting
10:00 AM Harbor Horn
11:00 AM Warning Signal. Three races tentatively scheduled. Lunch break on the water as determined by the RC. No warning signal after 1600 hours.
6:30 PM (approx.) Dinner at the outside MRYC bar.

Saturday, 22 August

07:30 - 09:30 AM Continental Breakfast
10:00 AM Harbor Horn
11:00 AM Warning Signal. Three races tentatively scheduled. Lunch break on the water as determined by the RC. No warning signal after 1600 hours.
6:30 PM (approx.) Dinner and annual meeting at MRYC banquet hall.

Sunday, 23 August

07:30 - 09:30 AM Continental Breakfast
10:00 AM Harbor Horn
11:00 AM Warning Signal. One race tentatively scheduled. Lunch break on the water as determined by the RC. No warning signal after 1400 hours.
3:00 PM (approx.) Awards Ceremony

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available no later than 4:00 PM on August 20, 2015.

9. VENUE

Miles River Yacht Club

The Miles River Yacht Club was organized in November, 1920. It was incorporated June 1921 and purchased its permanent location on Long Haul Creek in 1930. The Club has hosted many local meetings and events, and is considered by many as a community partner. MRYC's proud heritage includes supporting the Log Canoe Races, which has become a major attraction of the Chesapeake Bay. Through the development of both adult and junior sailing programs, MRYC has significantly expanded interest in the art of sailing.

Spectator Boats:

If available, spectator boats may be provided by MRYC as available.

Launching and overnight boat storage

A boat lift is available for launching and haul out as well as a boat ramp. Boats and trailers are to be left in the upper yard at the entrance of the Club overnight. Wash down facilities are available in the upper yard. During racing, trailers may be left in the lower yard near the Club House.



10. THE COURSE

The primary sailing course will be an Olympic and be located on the Miles River. A modified Olympic course may be used if conditions warrant.

11. SCORING

This event has seven (7) races scheduled, tentatively with three (3) to be sailed on Friday, three (3) on Saturday, and one (1) on Sunday. Three (3) races will constitute a series; if four (4) or more races are sailed, each yacht's poorest finish will be discarded. *[Sailing Instructions will be provided at the Registration Desk.]*

12. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

13. REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT

U.S. competitors shall carry a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal floatation device (PFD). Competitors from outside the U.S. shall carry a PFD approved by their nations' certification authority to the extent permitted by international treaty. **CCYRA Specified:** All boats shall carry a paddle and a minimum 4lb anchor with 50 ft. line per CCYRA specifications, Section 16.

14. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

14.1 No competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841. No competitor, member of the race committee, or member of the safety patrol shall use alcohol during racing. The consumption of alcohol by competitors under age 21 is strictly prohibited during the entire event.

14.2 An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in racing rule 69.1 and a competitor found to have breached one of these regulations shall be excluded from the remaining races in the series, and where practical removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

15. AWARDS

Regatta trophies: Awarded to top five (5) skippers and crew

Perpetual trophies:

President's Permanent Trophy	1st Overall
Jay Achenbach Trophy	2nd overall
C. Lowndes Johnson Trophy	1st in 1st race
Wilbur Hamilton-Haines Trophy	1st in last race
Eugene Barilla Trophy	Best finish from the sponsoring club
Herbert L. Stone Trophy	First time participant with best score
Dr. Allen Brown Memorial Trophy	Best score for Skipper 21 years old or under



16. SOCIAL

Swimming Pool: The MRYC swimming pool will be open to all skippers and crew until 8pm.

Thursday arrival: The MRYC restaurant & bar will be open and has a great assortment of hot meals and drinks.

Breakfasts: Continental breakfasts will be provided Friday, Saturday, & Sunday to competitors.

Additional guest meals available for \$8.

Lunches: Lunch will be provided Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to competitors.

Additional guest meals available for \$9.

Friday Dinner: A pizza dinner will be provided to competitors at the outside dock bar with a cash bar.

Additional guest meals available for \$15.

Saturday Dinner: A chicken/crab pasta dinner with salad and dessert will be provided to competitors in the MRYC banquet hall with a cash bar. ***Additional guest meals available for \$30.***

17. LODGING & MOTELS

Housing:

Local housing is very limited. Please contact Andy Wood if you are interested and attempts will be made to find you housing.

Andy Wood, (410)310-9374c, woodhaus226@gmail.com

Motels:

Below are accommodations with reasonable rates:

Best Western, Route 50 Easton

Comfort Inn, Route 50 Easton

Holiday Inn, Route 50 Easton

St. Michaels Inn, St Michaels

18. DIRECTIONS

General Directions

MRYC is located at 24750 Yacht Club Road in St. Michaels, MD (410-745-9511). Follow Route 50 to Easton, MD. Exit on route 322 (Easton Parkway Bypass) and follow until the intersection of Route 33 (St. Michaels Road). Turn on Route 33 and continue through town of St. Michaels. PLEASE honor the speed the limit as it is tightly monitored. Once through town, turn right on Yacht Club Road and follow to the end. Boat and trailer parking is in the field (upper yard) as you approach the Club.

19. CONTACT INFORMATION

Andy Wood, CCYRA Comet Class, (410)310-9374, woodhaus226@gmail.com

Dick Kelly, Miles River Yacht Club, (443)786-0833, dickkelly@verizon.net

We hope to see everyone in August !



Official Entry Form

Comet International Championship 2015

Sail Number: _____ Hull Color: _____
Club Affiliation _____
Skipper _____
Birth date _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____
Cell Phone _____
E-Mail _____
Crew _____
Crew Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Regatta Fee \$ 210.00
Late Fee \$ 15.00*

* Applicable if registration post-dated or hand-delivered after 07-Aug-2015.

Make checks payable to: CCYRA

Mail registration & payment to: Andy Wood
226 Harbor Lane
Queenstown, MD 21658



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Boat Number _____

Waiver and Release of Liability

The undersigned intends to participate in the CCYRA sanctioned sailing races and other related events to be held at the Miles River Yacht Club, St. Michaels, MD. The undersigned hereby releases and discharges any claims, causes of action, or any type of demand whatsoever against Miles River Yacht Club, the CCYRA, their respective officers, directors, volunteers, employees and members for any bodily injury or death suffered by the undersigned and for any damage to any boat or other property arising out of the undersigned's participation in these sailing races and related events.

The undersigned represent that they are in good health and have no physical condition that would prevent participation in this event.

The undersigned assume the risk of any injury to his or her body arising from practicing for or participating in the 2015 CCYRA International Championship.

Print Name (Skipper) _____

Signature (Skipper) _____ Date _____
(Parent or Guardian if under 18)

Print Name (Crew) _____

Signature (Crew) _____ Date _____,
(Parent or Guardian if under 18)