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Chairman's Report



I was right, there were many fine sailing days after the Nationals and of the remaining eight Comet events Norah and I managed to get to five.

Severn and Arden were together again this year and we made a long weekend of it by camping at Severn SC on the Friday and Saturday nights. Severn is a great club, not everyone's idea of good sailing water I grant you, but like other confined inland venues there can be no finer place to develop and hone your boat handling skills and knowledge of the Rules of Racing. Above all its members enjoy each others company both on and off the water and are very willing to share their expertise and enthusiasm: particularly in the Comet Class! Fleets come and go over the years but this must be one of our premier Comet clubs at present, and I hope no other club takes offence at my saying so. The racing on Saturday was well supported by club members and the many visitors and we had a very good days sailing. The club had invited everybody to stay for a Harvest Supper in the evening. We did and enjoyed it immensely before retiring to our tent in readiness for Arden the next day.

Arden is up-river from Severn and just a short drive away. They, too, have a fine site and now have the full benefit of the new clubhouse which we saw under construction last year. Again it was a good days racing and we left for home feeling we had spent a full and enjoyable weekend away. The atrocious weather conditions which had

been forecast never did materialise, or not until we were well on the way back!

Our next outing was to Pingewood for which we stayed with friends the previous night. I always like going to Pingewood as it and the Kennet Valley SC, with which it has now amalgamated, both hold many happy memories. The racing was close as ever with much place changing in the testing conditions.

The following weekend we were at Merthyr Tydfil, a relatively easy run for us up the M5 and M4. It really is a fine large water and in such a beautiful setting. For once the weather was good. Everyone enjoyed a full if arduous day topped off by legendary Merthyr hospitality. This was the last event of the Western Aphelion so we had a little prize giving of our own to do, too!

This year the final event of the season was at Staunton Harold and we made a full weekend of that one. One of my old clubs, Staunton Harold is a great place to sail even with the water level quite a bit down after the dry Summer. You can always expect a well organised event there and this one was no exception. I enjoyed the day's sailing even if the wind strength kept me well down the fleet! As well as being the final event of the Central Aphelion this was also the final event of the Orbital so there were a lot of prizes and mementoes to give out at the end. After saying good-bye to our friends at the club we stayed on for a second night in the area so we could attend a social function in Ashby-de-la-Zouch where we met many more old friends and it all worked out very nicely!

As always, my sincere thanks to all the clubs for hosting events throughout the season. Also, of course, to you, our members, for taking part.

One of the Committee's, and particularly my, tasks at this time of the year is to consider what advertising and promotion we can do over the Winter for the coming season. Imagine my frustration then when my new artwork for the *Racing Classes Review* edition of *Yachts & Yachting* magazine appeared to have gone astray in the recent postal dispute. It did turn up in the end but whether before their deadline, or not, we are not clear. Check that edition yourselves (21st November) and find out!

We have now booked for the *RYA Dinghy Sailing Show*, Alexandra Palace, 6-7 March 2004, so make a note in your diaries and come along for a chat or perhaps to help on the stand for an hour or two.

The Association is also planning to exhibit at the Birmingham Boat Show (NEC, 14-22 February 2004). We need volunteers, so if you would like a free ticket in exchange for a half day manning the stand, especially on a weekday, then please get in touch as soon as possible. Alan Bennett has offered to coordinate things for us: see *Notes from the Committee* for more information.

What did you think of the last Perihelion? I thought John

Windibank did a good job as our new editor, and at very short notice. He is already stamping his mark on things and has yet more ideas to enliven future editions. Please give him all the support you can.



Next year's programme is shaping up nicely. *Dates for your 2004 Diary* gives confirmed events at the start of the season plus our Championship dates and venues and Mudeford Week. Make sure they are all in your diary! It looks like being a very full season with many more venues clamouring to be included and for which dates will be confirmed in the next month or so.

I began this report with the events Norah and I had been to since the previous edition and I hope you might remark a slightly more personal note in my treatment: less emphasis on the sailing but a little more on what we get from travelling around. It really is a good day out or a good weekend's holiday away and a great way to see new areas of the country, make new friends and keep up with old ones both on and off the sailing scene. So why not give it a try?

Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all,

Good Sailing,

Henry Jaggers

Notes from the Committee:

1. John Windibank has decided that he would prefer not to be a member of the Committee, which will enhance his editorial independence. He retains the right to attend Committee meetings, and will receive copies of any minutes.
2. At a recent meeting we discussed new arrangements for managing the Portman Building Society and NatWest accounts, following Alan Browning's resignation. The new arrangements are for Richard Smallwood and Norah Jagers to be the signatories, either to sign.



3. Your Committee has decided to have stands at the Camping Caravan and Leisure Show at the NEC, and at the Dinghy Sailing Show, at Alexandra Palace. Paul Hinde is unable to co-ordinate the volunteers to man the stand at the NEC this year, and we are

grateful to Alan Bennett for taking on this task. His telephone number is, 01827 705099, and he's looking forward to hearing from YOU! Not only do you get the chance to talk to lots of interesting people, you have the opportunity to look round the show too.

Nick Warren, with assistance from John Windibank, will be organising the stand at Alexandra Palace.

4. The programme for 2004 is taking shape. You will find the early events listed elsewhere. Don't forget that the Nationals are at Rutland over the Spring Bank Holiday – May 29th, 30th and 31st. The Association Championships are at Hampton Pier over the August Bank Holiday – August 28th and 29th. Hampton Pier is also inviting us to join them in “fun” long distance race on the Monday. Details in due course.

5. This season has been and gone. We hope that you have enjoyed the events, made new friends, kept in touch with established ones, learned a bit more about sailing your Comet, and had fun. Thank you to all the clubs who have hosted events. None of them would happen without the work done by the Race Officers, rescue boat teams and galley crews. Thank you all.

Norah Jagers
Class Secretary

Builders Report

Another year gone!

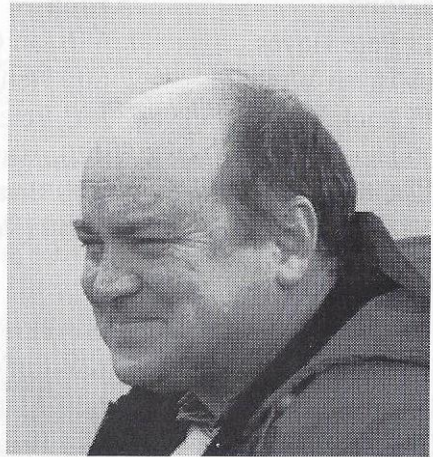
To recap, we started the year with London Boat Show in January where we launched our new 13' dinghy, the Comet Versa. Much to our surprise and relief we took orders for 11 of them, as well as a couple of orders for Comets and Zeros. We already had a load of orders for Trios, mainly at Exmouth where this time last year the fleet was 6 it's now 16 with 2 on order and a second-hand one trying to join!

Actual Versa production didn't start until April and to date 30 have been built with another 9 on the waiting list.

A few new Comets have been sold and 2 were ordered at Southampton, 1 to a Comet sailor returning to Littleton.

We have a roomy 70 sq metre stand at London Boat Show in January where we are showing a Comet in a new "Deep Turquoise" colour, a Zero, a Versa with an outboard motor one end and an asymmetric spinnaker the other, that should emphasise its "all-rounder" status, and, of course, a Trio.

Don't forget the London Boat Show isn't at Earls Court anymore. It's now



going to be at ExCel in the docklands. There probably won't be any more dinghies there but it's going to be a real spectacular show, including a 70m long pool with 30 wind machines capable of 25 knots. As well as an Indoor Windsurfing Championship there are bound to be dinghies and canoes as well.

Trios are doing their own thing this year with Nationals at Exmouth but a few Versas, Duos and Zeros will join the Comets at Hampton Pier in August.

I think it will be a fun day out with easy parking and more clubs laying on coaches.

See you there!

Andrew Simmons

FIRST SIX AT THE OPEN MEETINGS

Western Area

Mudford

- 1 803 Pete Hayes
- 2 711 Brian Welham
- 3 745 Nick Warren
- 4 800 Henry Jagers
- 5 622 Clive Chapman
- 6 303 Derek Coleman

Arden

- 1 636 Ian Coppenhall
- 2 800 Henry Jagers
- 3 803 Pete Hayes
- 4 420 Alun Bevan
- 5 730 Brian Herring
- 6 724 Helen Leivers

Merthyr Tydfil

- 1 636 Ian Coppenhall
- 2 673 Dave Harris
- 3 800 Henry Jagers
- 4 168 Steve Lemmon
- 5 532 John Coppenhall
- 6 803 Pete Hayes

Central Area

Cransley

- 1 636 Ian Coppenhall
- 2 803 Pete Hayes
- 3 800 Henry Jagers
- 4 488 Emma Coppenhall
- 5 427 Mark Coppenhall
- 6 730 Brian Herring

Severn

- 1 636 Ian Coppenhall
- 2 620 Alan Bennett
- 3 711 Brian Welham
- 4 800 Henry Jagers
- 5 650 Phil Hossell
- 6 168 Steve Lemmon

Staunton Harold

- 1 107 Bill Webber
- 2 636 Ian Coppenhall
- 3 168 Steve Lemmon
- 4 620 Alan Bennett
- 5 650 Phil Hossell
- 6 803 Pete Hayes

Southern Area

Pingewood

- 1 636 Ian Coppenhall
- 2 532 John Coppenhall
- 3 518 Robin Ballam
- 4 803 Pete Hayes
- 5 800 Henry Jagers
- 6 Chris Robinson

Kingsmead

- 1 636 Ian Coppenhall
- 2 620 Alan Bennett
- 3 803 Pete Hayes
- 4 711 Brian Welham
- 5 323 Annette Walter
- 6 532 John Coppenhall

Eastern Area

Littleton

- 1 636 Ian Coppenhall
- 2 323 Annette Walter
- 3 711 Brian Welham
- 4 809 Simon Thompson
- 5 803 Pete Hayes
- 6 518 Robin Ballam

Northern Area

Redesmere

- 1 636 Ian Coppenhall
- 2 803 Pete Hayes
- 3 620 Alan Bennett
- 4 427 Mark Coppenhall
- 5 532 John Coppenhall
- 6 633 John Edwards

PAUL HIND

*(Thank you Paul
for keeping us
up to date with
the results.)*

OPEN MEETING REPORTS

Merthyr Tydfil Sailing Club

A bright and clear autumn morning greeted us at Merthyr Tydfil Sailing Club - as did mirror calm waters. But as the visitors arrived to make up a fleet of sixteen with the four local Comets, the wind filled in. A nice simple triangular course was set for the first race with the first beat spreading the fleet as it is meant to in the light northerly. Ian Coppenhall (Hunts SC) led almost from the start with Alan Bennet (Staunton Harold SC) following him. But on the last lap Henry Jaggars managed to get past Alan to take second place.

After a very hearty lunch; with everyone suitably ballasted the course was made very slightly more complex by adding a reach to the bottom to form a figure of eight. This time Dave Harris (Severn SC) managed to get his act together from the start and led for all three laps. With the wind dropping to almost nothing on the third and final lap everyone was very spread out. This time Ian Coppenhall had to settle for second place all the way round with Steve Lemmon (Severn SC) keeping third place for all three laps.

The third race started almost immediately the last stragglers of the the second race crossed the line. The wind had now changed direction and the start was not ideal with the wind shifting awkwardly just at the start signal. It was a bit of a lottery with the shifts as to who got to the windward mark first and the shorter beat kept everyone closer together. But as the race moved down the first run the wind settled down again from the northwest. At the end of the first lap John Coppenhall (Hunts SC) was in fifth place with Ian Coppenhall leading again. But when it came to the finish line John had moved up into first and was followed over the line by Pete Hayes (Winsford SC), Ian holding on for third place.

Results: -

1 Ian Coppenhall	636	Hunts SC	2 Dave Harris	673	Severn SC		
3 Henry Jaggars	800	No fixed abode	4 Steve Lemmon	168	Severn SC		
5 John Coppenhall	532	Hunts SC	6 Pete Hayes	803	Winsford Flash SC		
7 A Bonner	205	8 C Hawley	673	9 R Lemmon	738	10 A Bevan	420
11 S Hawley	217	12 R Bevan	204	13 H Leivoes	724	14 J Lemmon	738
15 M Govier	460	16 R Edwards	426				

Mark Govier

Honorary Secretary Merthyr Tydfil Sailing Club

Photographic Competition – The Winners

COMETS ON THE WATER

Winner

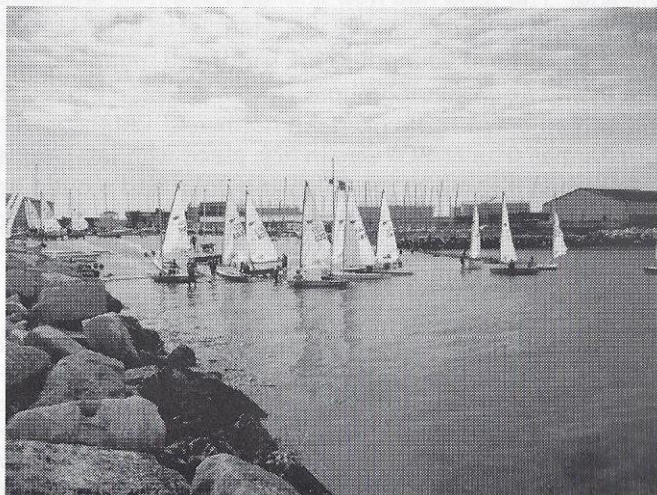
Ian Hallam “A Comet Idyll”



Merthyr Tydfil open meeting, September 2003 Comets positioning before a start

Runner-up

Andrew Windibank “Return to Harbour”



Championships at Weymouth & Portland, August 2003
Comets coming ashore after a day's racing

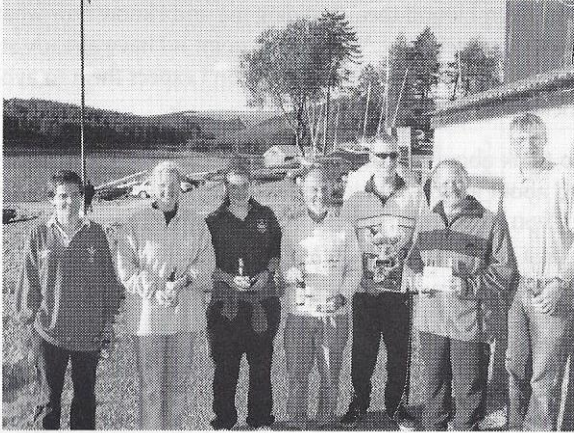
COMET PEOPLE

Winner **Norah Jagers** “A job well done”



AGM, Weymouth & Portland, August 2003
Chairman presenting plaque to retiring Editor

Runner-up **Mark Govier** “We enjoyed taking part”



Merthyr Tydfil open meeting, September 2003
A group of Western Aphelion qualifiers and prize winners

Editorial

Thanks everyone for the encouraging words I received for the Last News Letter and I especially appreciated the card from Allan.

The size of Perihelion varies with the material Editors receive and as my name isn't Allan Browning I won't be putting in all those hrs writing articles. Allan's initiatives were many and various and one can only marvel at the prodigious effort and time he must have put in.

Well in this publication the editor has had to be a bit creative to fill some of the spaces and well cooking is not exactly sailing, but if you try it I think you will be pleased. The recipe conjured up by my wife Mavis is a very tasty meal that can be produced in a hurry and it's the sort of thing we eat at the end of a busy day.

We have a big Contribution from Merthyr and Mark Govier has sent me lots of photographs which I am always pleased to receive, as many of them will find their way into future Perihelion's.

The photographic competition winners were again marvellous and it's a pity we cannot reproduce them in colour to share their vivid energy and impact with you all.

Years ago I tried my hand at selling things but I must confess I was hopeless at it and I didn't try it for long. All my friends were nobbled as they very kindly tried the products, but very soon I found them avoiding me and I know now what the Jehovah Witnesses must feel like. Anyway the point is I have already started to ask my friends to write articles for Perihelion and soon I expect them to avoid me too, but I want those articles

I want you all to think about all those holidays you've had, where you've been **sailing or messed about in boats** a bit and it would be nice to receive a short article on the subject. If you have photo to go with it that would be even better and it doesn't have to be a saga like 3 Men in a Boat, just half a page and a picie would be great.

My other idea is for us oldens, we have been around a long time and if you have a memory you want to share with us that would be great too I have started series which I have called a **Blast from the Past** and hopefully we can share a lot of good memories

John Windibank

Orbital & Aphelion Results 2003



Simian Thompson



Ian Coppenhall



Peter Hayes

Another great year of competition with Ian winning again. Simon finished second with some superb results and wins at Crawley and Redoubt. The achievements of Peter this year will rank as monumental in the Comet Hall of Fame, attending 26 meetings where he was always competitive and helpful. A full report on Orbital 2003 will I hope be in the next Perihelion.

Comet Orbital

Pos	Sail No	Helm	Club	Best 6 Results						Pts	Opens
1	636	Ian Coppenhall	Hunts	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	20
2	809	Simon Thompson	Crawley Mariners	1	1	1	2	2	2	9	8
3	803	Pete Hayes	Winsford Flash	1	2	2	2	2	2	11	26
4	711	Brian Welham	Taplow Lake	2	2	2	3	3	3	15	11
5	620	A Bennett	Staunton Harold	2	2	2	3	3	4	16	9
6	800	Henry Jagers	RYA	2	2	3	3	3	3	16	17
7	532	John Coppenhall	Hunts	2	2	2	3	5	5	19	22
8	548	Phil Hossell	Severn	1	1	5	5	5	5	25	14
9	745	Nick Warren	Littleton	3	4	4	5	5	6	27	13
10	700	John Windibank	Chipstead	3	3	4	6	6	7	29	6
11	730	Brian Herring	Winsford Flash	3	4	4	5	6	7	29	11
12	63	Chris Robinson	Burghfield	1	2	6	7	7	9	32	9
13	323	Annette Walter	Welwyn	2	3	5	8	9	10	37	8
14	707	Derek Coleman	Coney	5	5	6	8	8	9	41	13
15	518	Robin Ballam	Crawley	3	6	6	9	9	9	42	11
16	488	Emma Coppenhall	Hunts	4	6	7	8	8	8	49	8
17	633	John Edwards	Chester	5	5	6	7	11	15	49	7
18	750	Richard Smallwood	Frensham Pond	7	7	8	9	9	10	50	7
19	622	Clive Chapman	Littleton	5	7	7	11	11	11	52	7
20	641	P Hinde	Naseby	8	8	9	9	9	13	56	8
21	762	Ros Stevenson	Winsford Flash	6	9	9	10	11	11	56	10
22	724	Helen Leivers	Severn	6	7	10	11	12	12	58	11
23	611	Philip Walter	Welwyn	4	12	13	13	14	14	70	9
24	738	R Lemmon	Severn	7	9	11	13	16	17	73	7
25	549	Mike Thompson	Crawley Mariners	9	11	13	15	17	27	92	6
26	271	J Lemmon	Severn	14	14	17	21	24	35	125	6

Aphelion 2003 Results

Well Ian's done it again and its becoming very difficult to think of new things to say about his achievements. Last year he won everything but the ladies prize at the nationals and then it went to his sister. This year Ian won all but 3 of the 18 Aphelion events he entered, the Eastern Aphelion proved his toughest area and the result came down to the last open where he showed what he was made of once again. The will to win, year on year is remarkable and we haven't got any excuses, his boats no faster than ours. So well done again Ian and we will try to get ahead of you next year!

Comet Aphelion EAST 2003

5 Races 3 to Count				Fishers		Hampton			Pts
Pos	No	Helm	Club	Green	Pier	Chipstead	Redoubt	Littleton	
1	636	Ian Coppenhall	Hunts	1	DNC	3	3	1	5
2	809	Simon Thompson	Crawley Mariners	2	DNC	2	1	4	5
3	803	Pete Hayes	Winsford Flash	13	2	5	4	5	11
4	700	John Windibank	Chipstead	6	3	4	6	DNC	13
5	745	Nick Warren	Littleton	7	DNC	6	7	7	20
6	707	Derek Coleman	Coney	10	DNC	8	5	9	22
7	518	Robin Ballam	Crawley Mariners	14	DNC	9	9	6	24
8	532	John Coppenhall	Hunts	15	DNC	7	10	10	27
9	611	Philip Walter	Welwyn Garden City	12	4	DNC	DNC	15	31
10	549	Mike Thompson	Crawley Mariners	17	DNC	11	DNC	13	41

Comet Aphelion SOUTH 2003

5 Races 3 to Count				Taplow		Crawley			Pts
Pos	No	Helm	Club	Lake	Mariners	Aylesbury	Pingewood	Kingsmead	
1	636	I Coppenhall	Hunts	DNC	DNC	1	1	1	3
2	711	B Welham	Taplow Lake	14	2	2	DNC	4	8
3	803	P Hayes	Winsford Flash	4	4	3	4	3	10
4	532	John Coppenhall	Hunts	DNC	DNC	6	2	6	14
5	63	C Robinson	Burghfield	2	14	7	6	14	15
6	800	H Jagers	RYA	8	DNC	4	5	DNC	17
7	323	A Walter	Welwyn Garden City	14	3	DNC	10	5	18
8	518	R Ballam	Crawley Mariners	12	6	DNC	3	9	18
9	745	N Warren	Littleton	6	5	DNC	DNC	7	18
10	707	D Coleman	Coney	5	10	DNC	8	10	23
11	750	R Smallwood	Frensham Pond	9	8	DNC	7	DNC	24
12	611	P Walter	Welwyn Garden City	13	12	DNC	14	15	39

Comet Aphelion NORTH 2003

5 Races 3 to Count

Pos	No	Helm	Club	Winsford Rudyard					Pts
				Flash	Lake	Chester	Carsington	Redesmere	
1	636	Ian Coppenhall	Hunts	1	DNC	DNC	1	1	3
2	803	Pete Hayes	Winsford Flash	3	DNC	1	2	2	5
3	532	John Coppenhall	Hunts	7	2	DNC	3	5	10
4	730	Brian Herring	Winsford Flash	6	4	2	DNC	DNC	12
5	100	Stephen Bellamy	Winsford Flash	8	3	DNC	4	DNC	15
6	633	John Edwards	Chester	10	5	4	DNC	6	15
7	548	Phil Hossell	Severn	4	DNC	3	10	11	17
8	643	K Appleby	Carsington	DNC	7	6	11	7	20
9	780	Peter Mountford	Staunton Harold	5	DNC	DNC	8	10	23
10	438	Guy Benson	Redesmere	9	6	DNC	DNC	13	28

Comet Aphelion CENTRAL 2003

5 Events 3 to Count

Pos	No	Helm	Club	Banbury Naseby Cransley Severn Staunton H					Pts
				Banbury	Naseby	Cransley	Severn	Staunton H	
1	636	I Coppenhall	Hunts	DNC	1	1	1	2	3
2	803	P Hayes	Winsford Flash	2	6	2	8	6	10
3	800	H Jagers	RYA	8	3	3	4	20	10
4	548	P Hossell	Severn	1	10	7	5	5	11
5	620	A Bennett	Staunton Harold	5	DNC	DNC	2	4	11
6	532	J Coppenhall	Hunts	6	2	8	14	16	16
7	730	B Herring	Winsford Flash	7	4	6	9	11	17
8	488	E Coppenhall	Hunts	DNC	7	4	16	17	27
9	762	R Stevenson	Winsford Flash	9	9	11	13	22	29
10	641	P Hinde	Naseby	DNC	8	9	DNC	14	31

Comet Aphelion WEST 2003

5 Events 3 to Count

Pos	No	Helm	Club	Shearwater Redditch Mudeford Arden Merthyr Tyf					Pts
				Shearwater	Redditch	Mudeford	Arden	Merthyr Tyf	
1	636	I Coppenhall	Hunts	1	1	DNC	1	1	3
2	800	Henry Jagers	RYA	2	3	4	2	3	7
3	803	Pete Hayes	Winsford Flash	6	5	1	3	6	9
4	745	Nick Warren	Littleton	5	6	3	DNC	DNC	14
5	532	J Coppenhall	Hunts	7	4	DNC	11	5	16
6	420	Alun Bevan	Merthyr Tydfil	8	7	9	4	10	19
7	724	Helen Leivers	Severn	DNC	9	DNC	6	13	28
8	205	Rhian Bevan	Merthyr Tydfil	12	10	10	DNC	12	32

THE HOSSELL PLATE

This year the Hossell Plate is awarded to someone who has probably holds the record for number of Comets owned. Not that they have owned many at any one time. Their "policy" probably started by accident when someone at their club showed an interest in their newly acquired Comet. They first loaned, and then sold, their Comet to their fellow club member – and bought another Comet for their own use.

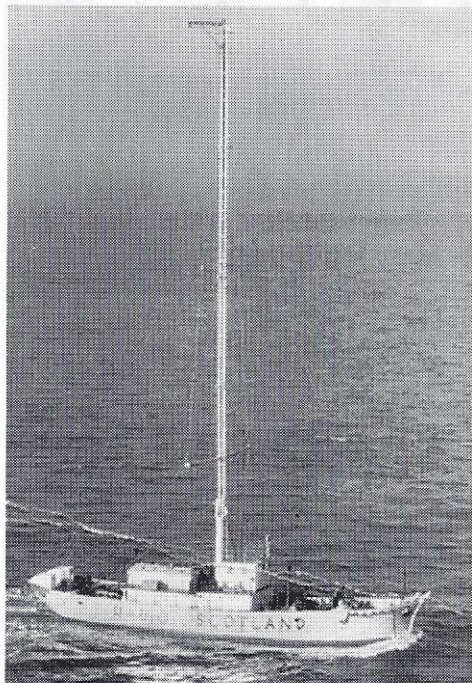
After repeating this process several more times, they have built up a solid Comet fleet at their club.

Having built up the fleet, this person has encouraged an amazing team spirit and sense of camaraderie among their club Comet helms and "pit crews" – a team spirit which we have all seen and admired.

The winner of the Hossell Plate in 2004 is:

ROGER LEMMON

Comet



This Comet was sent in by Alan Collins the fleet captain at Chipstead SC and is the 8th Comet in the series started by Allan Browning.

This Comet was built at John Browns shipyard on the Clyde, commissioned as a 90 foot 500 ton lightship with no engines.

From 31st December 1969 to 14th August 1967 the Comet was used as an offshore radio station Radio Scotland, first in international waters of Dunbar and later Troon and Ballywalter.

Following Radio Scotland's closedown, the Comet was towed to Dunbar harbour and then Methil in Fife where the radio and transmitter were removed. The Comet was sold and towed to Holland where she was used as a houseboat. In 1969 the Comet was scrapped by the Shipbuilders Van de Marel of Ouwkerk, Holland.

Keep the comets comming

Haddock Pasta Bake

250 ml (10 fl oz) milk
25g (1 oz) butter or margarine
25g (1 oz) flour
450g (1 lb.) smoked haddock fillets
175g (6 oz) pasta shapes cooked
50g (2 oz) Frozen peas or frozen mixed vegetables
Freshly ground black pepper
50g (2 oz) Red Leicester or Cheddar cheese, grated
4 tablespoons white bread crumbs

Preheat the oven to 190⁰ C, 375⁰ F, Gas mark 5.

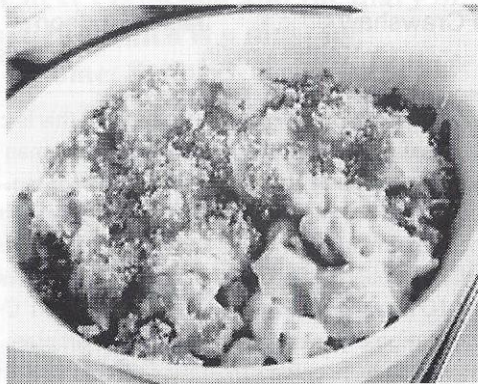
Make a white sauce - Place milk butter or margarine and flour in a saucepan, cook, stirring over a gentle heat until the sauce is thickened and smooth.

Cut the fish into cubes, removing any bones, then stir fish, pasta and peas or mixed vegetables into the white sauce. Season with pepper. Pour into an ovenproof dish. Sprinkle cheese and bread crumbs over the pasta.

Bake in the preheated oven for 20- 25 minutes until golden brown.

Serves 4
(or 2 hungry sailors)

**Try this quick
tasty food
after a hectic
days sailing.**



A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Boat Show 1988 at Earls Court



Mike Crawshaw

Keith Lamdin

Jackie Hudson

Chris Robertson

Andrew Clowser

1988 was the year I bought my first Comet and this is crew that I saw at the Boat Show expounding its virtues. Mike Crawshaw a military man I think let me try his boat at Bewl Valley and from then on I knew this was the boat for me.

Mike was a member of the Committee at the time and the other faces in the photo are Keith Lamdin then Chairman and now of course President, Jackie Hudson a wonderful trophy secretary, Chris Robertson Secretary and Andrew Clowser Treasurer.

That year 110 new Comets were sold, there were 11 Orbital events on the Calendar, Craig Moffett was National Champion and Orbital Champion, Haley Penfold Ladies Champion, and a certain H Jaggars came 4th in the Orbital event that year and I wonder where he is now?

John Windibank

NOTICE BOARD

Dates for your Diary

London Boat Show 8th - 18th January at London Docklands

Birmingham Boat Show 14th - 22nd February at the NEC

Dinghy Sailing Show 6th - 7th March Alexandra Park

Championships

National Championships at Rutland Water 29th - 31st May

Association Championships 28th - 29th August

HELP

If you can help at Birmingham Ring Alan Bennett on 01827 705099

For the Sailing Show Ring Nick Warren on 01189 773110

Hoo Freezer 22nd February River Medway, Hoo Ness Yacht Club

Practice race 21st February, Jan Slogrove 01959 572001

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