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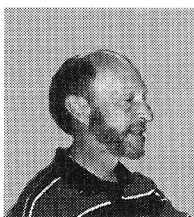
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Chairman's Report



The exceptionally fine weather we were enjoying the last time I wrote did not last. Yes, June continued warm and dry but July was very mediocre followed by an immoderately wet and stormy August. And yet I've had some really good days and weekends sailing over all that period and I hope you have, too, whether away at our Comet events or at your own clubs.

Working down the programme since the last Perihelion, I could not get to Carsington but enjoyed Redditch with its accustomed mixture of wind strengths and just a little rain. Aylesbury was all the better for less sun and more wind than usual and conditions at Chipstead should have suited me admirably except I couldn't seem to do anything right all day. Naseby, as you know, did not happen due to the sudden and unwarranted demise of the club: a good venue, it will be sorely missed. Chester, a long haul from here, I missed too although I can remember competing in many excellent events there in the past. I did race at Redoubt where it was very hot and very blustery! Mudeford provided an absolutely delightful day's sailing despite the early start time, and Cransley, too,

was a fine day with at times strong but manageable winds.

Thank you to all the clubs for running these opens and for making us all so welcome. There is an uncommon camaraderie on the open circuit, not just between the Comet sailors who travel but also with many of the host-club members we meet year after year. It's part of what makes Comet sailing so special!

We are just back from the Association Championships at Herne Bay where Hampton Pier YC did us proud as usual. We were fairly lucky with the weather there this year - quite warm and sunny, although a bit more wind on Saturday and a bit less for the last race on Sunday would have been appreciated - two fine days of sea sailing with great hospitality from HPYC. Well done to Ian Coppenhall, the 2004 Association Champion. This year there was a good turnout of Comet Minos, mostly from the host club, as well as Comets so they were able to enjoy the event in their own right. I must admit there were times on Sunday when I would have found the Mino rig more appropriate myself! We shared the meeting with Comet Duos and Versas, old friends and new, making the weekend an enjoyable social occasion as well as a great racing event.

Tony Ellison, who first set up our much applauded website and has maintained it for quite a few years now, has finally

managed to retire from the position. Thank you, Tony, for a job very well-done. Every good wish for your future and don't lose touch.

Thank you, Simon Ellis, our new webmaster!

I hope everyone will take a look at the "new" website, same address as before, and be as pleased with it as I am. Simon has not quite finished all the sections yet but things are coming along very nicely and the site will soon be as great a credit to the Comet Class as the old one came to be, with a few changes and new ideas of his own.

Beer Regatta Day was not quite what I had hoped for this year. Indeed, it could literally have been a washout after floods raged down through the village in the early hours of the morning. But in fact it all passed off with barely a hitch apparent and some of the summer visitors may not immediately have been aware of the full nature of the chaos which had struck the village and will keep several families away from their flooded homes for many months to come. It is one of the advantages (or disadvantages depending on your point of view) of living in a small community such as Beer that you get drawn in to the local happenings, but what a marvellous response there was that day from all the residents, and the local authorities.

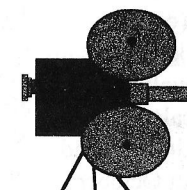
Of course, our setbacks here were quickly and well and truly eclipsed by what happened in Boscastle!

Don't forget the Photographic Competition! Entries to me or John Windibank, please, by the 16th October.

The season may be advancing fast but as I write we still have more than a third of the open meetings left including some of our best venues. I hope to get to most of them. If you have not been away from your home club yet this year, do please make the effort and I am sure you will find it a worthwhile experience. See you soon?

Good Sailing,
Henry Jagers

Photographic Competition



Entries, as many as you like please, to me or the Editor by the 16th October.

Send as prints, files on disk or CD (scanned or direct from digital camera), or email. (If

emailing me lots of large files perhaps you could give prior warning!)

Categories are :-

"Comets on the Water"
and **"Comet People"**.

Open to anyone!

Henry Jagers

Secretaries Report

Notes from the Committee:

1. We have just returned from the Association Championships at Hampton Pier, where once again we received a warm welcome from HPYC, with excellent arrangements both on and off the water. There were sailing conditions to suit all helms, from a distinct lack of wind – but strong tides – on Saturday, and rather a lot of wind on Sunday. Thank you Hampton Pier Yacht Club for giving us such a successful event.
2. It was particularly encouraging to see so many Mino rigs competing. As a result, Brian Herring has offered to make a perpetual trophy for the Mino fleet. Thank you in advance Brian!
3. There are still a number of events before the end of the season. Don't forget to check before you travel, and **remember that Pingewood&Kennet Valley need numbers in advance.** Their contact is Jason Hall on 01635 579912
4. Don't forget to let Paul Hinde (contact details on the inside of the cover) know which results you want to use to qualify for the Central Aphelion. The time scale is: Arden by 19th September 2004; Littleton and Pingewood&Kennet Valley by 10th October 2004.
5. Those who were at the AGM will recall that Tony Ellison wished to stand down as our Webmaster. That wish has now been granted, and Simon Ellis has taken over the management of the site. Thank you Tony for all your work on our behalf. Our website has long been the envy of other classes, and we have all recognised the work which goes in to keeping the site up-to-date.



6. Simon has only recently bought a Comet and sails at Burghfield Sailing Club. He has already made some changes to the site, and you will find his contact details inside the front cover of Perihelion. The website has never been seen as an alternative Perihelion, so don't stop sending copy to John Windibank too!
7. We can confirm that the National Championships 2005 will be over the August Bank Holiday at Lee-on-the Solent Sailing Club. One of the main contributory factors in choosing Lee-on-the-Solent is that the sailing will be relatively near the shore and spectators should be able to get a good view. Your Committee has been mindful of criticism from the shore!
8. Don't forget that the Association Championships 2005 will be at Staunton Harold SC over the May Day bank holiday.
9. Andrew Simmons has informed us that the Trio, Zero and Versa fleets have merged their class associations into one, which is called the "Combined Comet Class Association"
10. Following our request for venues for events, Sandwell Valley SC has offered to host an Open meeting next year. Anyone else interested? We are also looking to the Nationals and Association Championships in 2006.....any offers?
11. It is with great sadness that the Committee heard of the death of Barry Sandle, Comet 259 who sailed at Crawley Mariners for many years before retiring to the West Country, We will remember him as a good helmsman and a fine sportsman

Norah Jagers
Class Secretary

LETTERS

COMET Center Sheeting

It is good to have debates on Comet aspects & to look forward. However, the Center Sheet suggestion is **not a good one** for COMET Class. We do not have to follow other classes, we are not a development class nor have we any problems with our wonderful design as it stands now. I also have bought 2 Comets for similar reasons to **John Windibank** (Issue 71 page 5), where he says it all quite clearly. The COMET is not a Laser & perhaps those who want to change should now choose a Laser (Topper or the multitude of other classes available).

Henry Jagers (pg 2) also succinctly puts the 'FOR' & 'AGAINST' arguments. There are no valid reasons 'FOR' that could really be recommended but those 'AGAINST' are very practical reasons & are applauded. This indicates why we should discard the suggestion for change. **Leave our COMET alone, to change will not only send the class into decline but the friendly, competitiveness, skills & allure of the class will be lost forever.** Long may the current COMET remain as it is, a credit to the designer, builder & class members sailing it so successfully.

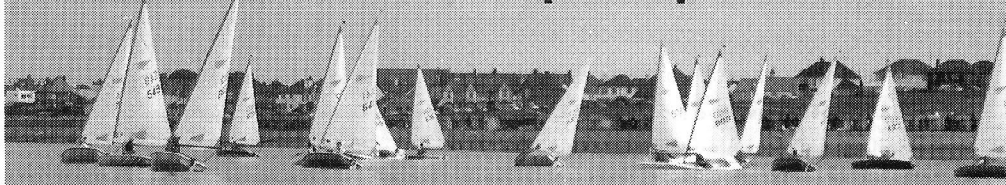
May I also thank both **Rupert Whelan** (Comet 190 'our Beatrice') & **Brian Welham** (Comet 711) for their wonderful articles in Issue 71. 'Beatrice' really did return to its home & reminded us these old 'faithfuls' (the dinghy, not the helms) still remember Shearwater Lake frustrations & also how to fulfil one's (Rupert's) dreams. Shearwater Sailing Club enjoy the company of all Comet visitors & will continue to host an Open meeting annually. Yes, we do have fluky winds & strange twists but even the locals need flukes & have duckings from the same moments of inattention. Well done to both these sailors, without them & all the other stories of delight or 'if only' we would not have such an excellent competitive & friendly class. See you all next year at Shearwater & whatever surprises you may encounter.

John Regnard Comet 534 Shearwater SC

Editorial

Comet sailors have once again trawled the world for articles and this month I have more than I could fit in, but I promise you will be reading your articles in the next issue. I am still getting photographs anonymously, but I hope to track down the senders by the next issue for them to be entered into our Poto Competition. Only two open reports have reached me since the last Perihelion so you scribes out there don't forget me not with Christmas almost upon us. But thank you Steve John and Jeff and of course our regulars Henry Norah and Paul. John Windibank

Association Championship 2004



Combined Comet Class Championships hosted by Hampton Pier Y.C. 28th and 29th. August.

Hampton Pier Y.C. hosted the Comet Association Championship (Incorporating Comet Minos, this is the best entry so far for a Miino Championship and they fully justified their own start), the Comet Duo National Championship and the Comet Versa National Championship.

Day 1, Race 1.

With a light N.W. wind an unusual course was set in the shape of a cross with its opposite ends connected (figure of 8). Even the fastest dinghies took 40 minutes to reach the windward mark, by which time the tide had changed from assisting to heading and many craft moved backwards, before a slight increase in wind helped them round. The course was shortened for all classes.

Comets (25 entrants). Even a class that excels in light winds had problems. I.Coppenhall (636) and B.Herring (730) led the drift initially, only to lose the lead to M.Wilkins (657). However Coppenhall was not to be denied and they finished **1.**I Coppenhall, **2.** P.Hayes (803) **3.** M.Wilkins.

Comet Minos. (7 entrants) Since these are Comets with a reduced rig,

they suffered in the conditions and three retired. S.Govier (377) led from the start and was followed home by B.Noble (747) and R.Stevenson (820).

Race 2.

A quadrilateral course was set to suit the ebbing tide and a light Northerly wind, which freshened as the race progressed giving reasonable sailing conditions, although the direction was very variable.

Comets. This featured an epic struggle between I.Coppenhall and J.Windibank (555). The latter led initially and on one run Coppenhall dropped back some six places. The next leg featured a



strong cross tide where Windibank lost ground in the light wind. Coppenhall was first to the line followed by Windibank and R.Ballam (518) **Comet Mino.** With a light wind and a strong tide, three dinghies were caught on

the wrong side of the starting line whilst the rest of the fleet took off.

After a struggle with Noble, Stevenson had the last word with S.Govier third.

Day 2. Race 3.

There was an early start with a S.W. Force 2-3 wind which gradually increased throughout the day to a Force 5, gusting 6

Comets. Starting first, to avoid yesterday's problems when the Comets overtook the Duos, S.Thompson (809)



was never headed and I.Coppenhall and M.Wilkins (657) finished in that order after a struggle.

Comet Mino. After a promising start, R.Stevenson (820) hit a mark and the time lost in penalty turns allowed Noble to overtake and open up a big lead. Govier and J.Husthwaite (689) were 2nd. and 3rd.

Race 4.

The wind was now Force 4 and there were 2 capsize before the start.

Comets. This was S.Lemmon's (168) race from start to finish with a

competition between Windibank and S.Thompson for second place, which Windibank won.

Comet Minos. This was Stevenson's race from beginning to end with Noble in constant attendance. Husthwaite beat Govier for third place.

Race 5.

The wind was now approaching Force 5 and gusting. Many dinghies retired and the three safety boats plus the Herne Bay Sea Cadets' launch, which had acted as Committee Boat, were in constant action. The race was shortened to one lap.

Comets. 1. I.Coppenhall. **2.** C.Robinson **3.** P.Hossell

Comet Minos.1. Noble. **2.** Govier.

Final Results.

Comets.

- (1) I.Coppenhall (636) Hunts.
 - (2) S.Thompson (809) Crawley Mariners
 - (3) J.Windibank (555) Chipstead S.C.
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|-----------------|-----|-----------------|
| Ancient Mariner | 518 | Robin Ballam |
| Veteran | 549 | Mike Thompson |
| Ladies | 488 | Emma Coppenhall |
| Junior | 221 | James Wilkins |
| Committee | 641 | Paul Hinde |

Comet Minos.

- (1) B.Noble (747) Hampton Pier Y.C.
 - (2) S.Govier (377) Hampton Pier Y.C.
 - (3) R.Stevenson (820) Winsford Flash SC.
- John Finch H.P.Y.C



Comet Association Championships Full Results

Sailed: 5 Discards: 1 To qualify: 4 Ratings: None

Pos	Sail No	Helm	Club	Sat 1	Sat 2	Sun 3	Sun 4	Sun 5	Pts
1	636	Ian Coppenhall	Hunts	1	1	2	7	1	5
2	809	Simon Thompson	Crawley Mariners	5	8	1	3	4	13
3	555	John Windibank	Chipstead	9	2	4	2	5	13
4	657	Mark Wilkins	Chipstead	3	4	3	5	DNF	15
5	168	Stephen Lemmon	Severn	7	5	5	1	7	18
6	803	Pete Hayes	RYA	2	6	12	9	9	26
7	650	Phil Hossell	Severn	14	23	8	4	3	29
8	63	Chris Robinson	Burghfield	24	16	7	6	2	31
9	427	Mark Coppenhall	Hunts	8	7	10	10	8	33
10	549	Mike Thompson	Crawley Mariners	16	11	13	8	6	38
11	488	Emma Coppenhall	Hunts	17	18	6	13	10	46
12	221	James Wilkins	Chipstead	4	9	22	15	DNF	50
13	641	Paul Hinde	Severn	6	13	21	12	DNF	52
14	518	Robin Ballam	Crawley Mariners	15	3	16	19	DNF	53
15	800	Henry Jagggers	RYA	10	20	9	14	DNF	53
16	730	Brian Herring	Winsford Flash	12	19	11	11	DNF	53
17	532	John Coppenhall	Hunts	11	14	18	23	11	54
18	367	Daniel Moon	Severn	20	10	14	20	DNF	64
19	812	Roger Lemmon	Severn	18	15	15	17	DNF	65
20	687	Nick Moon	Severn	22	12	17	16	DNF	67
21	649	Diane Thompson	Crawley Mariners	19	17	20	22	DNF	78
22	752	David Farmer	Hampton Pier	13	24	24	21	DNF	82
23	724	Helen Leivers	Severn	24	21	19	18	DNF	82
24	271	Jennifer Lemmon	Severn	23	25	23	24	DNF	95
25	62	Emer Power	Chipstead	DNF	22	25	DNS	DNS	101
26	163	Ray Stockley	Hampton Pier	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNS	108

Mino

Pos	Sail No	Helm	Club	Sat 1	Sat 2	Sun 1	Sun 2	Sun 3	Pts
1	747	B Noble	Hampton Pier	2	2	1	2	1	6
2	377	S Govier	Hampton Pier	1	3	2	4	2	8
3	820	R Stevenson	Winsford Flash	3	1	5	1	DNF	10
4	587	P Daly	Hampton Pier	4	4	4	5	DNF	17
5	689	J Hothwaite	Hampton Pier	DNF	6	3	3	DNF	20
6	699	R McQueen	Hampton Pier	DNF	5	6	6	DNS	25

FIRST SIX AT OPEN MEETINGS

West Redditch

636 Ian Coppenhall
800 Henry Jagggers
803 Pete Hayes
532 John Coppenhall
488 Emma Coppenhall
420 Alun Bevan

Arden

636 Ian Coppenhall
803 Pete Hayes
532 John Coppenhall
711 Brian Welham
730 Brian Herring
650 Phil Hossell

South Aylesbury

636 Ian Coppenhall
711 Brian Welham
707 Derek Coleman
800 Henry Jagggers
63 Chris Robinson
803 Pete Hayes

East Chipstead

636 Ian Coppenhall
711 Brian Welham
700 John Windibank
803 Pete Hayes
518 Robin Ballam
532 John Coppenhall

Redoubt

636 Ian Coppenhall
711 Brian Welham
700 John Windibank
803 Pete Hayes
707 Derek Coleman
800 Henry Jagggers

North Chester

636 Ian Coppenhall
107 Bill Webber
730 Brian Herring
803 Pete Hayes
633 John Edwards
532 John Coppenhall

Central Cransley

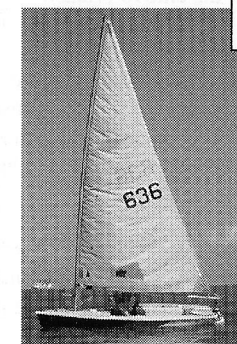
636 Ian Coppenhall
620 Alan Bennett
650 Phil Hossell
803 Pete Hayes
532 John Coppenhall
641 Paul Hinde

Severn

636 Ian Coppenhall
168 Stephen Lemmon
532 John Coppenhall
620 Alan Bennett
800 Henry Jagggers
673 Dave Harris

Joker Mundeford

323 Annette Walter
711 Brian Welham
800 Henry Jagggers
803 Pete Hayes
707 Derek Coleman
750 Richard Smallwood



Paul Hinde

OPEN MEETING REPORTS

COMETS AT CHESTER

There was an excellent turnout of 15 Comets for the Northern Area Aphelion Trophy event held on the river Dee at Chester on 17th July. With visitors travelling from Stroud, Peterborough and Congleton competitors were faced with testing light westerly winds which provided an entertaining days sailing for participants and spectators alike.

In the opening race Ian Coppenhall showed excellent river skills in establishing an early lead to win from the tightly packed group of Bill Webber, Brian Herring and Peter Hayes.

The second race saw John Edwards on home water lead for three laps only to lose

out to Coppenhall, Webber and Hayes on lap four of the six lap race.

With the Race Officer changing the course for the third race Coppenhall and Webber were required to show their expertise in recovering from poor first laps. The final finishing order being Coppenhall from John Coppenhall, who had an outstanding race, Webber and Herring.

Final Results :-		Pts
1. 636 Ian Coppenhall	Hunts S.C.	2
2. 107 Bill Webber	Winsford Flash	4
3. 730 Brian Herring	Winsford Flash	7
4. 803 Peter Hayes	R. Y. A.	7
5. 633 John Edwards	Chester S. C.	10
6. 532 John Coppenhall	Hunts S. C.	11

John Edwards 633 Chester

COMET OPEN MEETING AT REDOUBT SAILING CLUB 24 JULY 2004

The Comet Open meeting was held jointly with a Streaker fleet at the Redoubt Sailing Club, Hythe in Kent on 24th July 2004. Ten Comets and seven Streakers raced. The two fleets started a few minutes apart with the Streakers going first. Fortunately the good summer weather didn't desert us and we arrived at the club to brilliant warm sunshine.

The first race started in a light westerly breeze. Brian Welham from Taplow, was first across the line followed closely by Peter Hayes. Brian won a well-deserved first position having stayed in the lead position through the whole race.

After lunch a slightly altered course was set with the wind becoming more variable and gusty but still westerly. The start line was again from the pontoon in the middle of the lake. Robin Balham was across

the line too early and was recalled. Ian Hodge appeared to be in the lead away from the start line but he was beaten to the first mark by Ian Coppenhall. With the wind gradually increasing during the race there were a number of capsizes. Redoubt's Bob Luckhurst retired after completing two laps when his hawse line came undone. By the third lap of the second race the Streakers and Comets were well mixed together. Robin Balham capsized for a second time during the fourth lap and the decision was taken to end the race after the fifth lap as the wind had swung south-westerly and the race had become a "procession" with no beats. Ian Coppenhall was in the lead for four laps to be beaten into second place on the fifth lap by John Windibank.

By the end of the second race the wind had become south-westerly and increased to around force four. A revised course was therefore set for the third race with a new start line from the shore. There was a huge gust of wind after the four minute gun, then settling down to around force two for the

Comet start. Peter Hayes was over the line at the gun and he capsized on trying to return across the line to start again. Peter Hayes retired after completing three laps when his toe straps became loose. Brian Welham took an early lead closely followed by Robin Balham. Brian held his lead for five laps and eventually being overtaken by Ian Coppenhall when he capsized in lap six.

This was the fourth Comet Open meeting to be held at the Redoubt and we were glad to have so many visitors again. The new purpose built toilet and shower facility has been completed and now makes a visit much more comfortable.

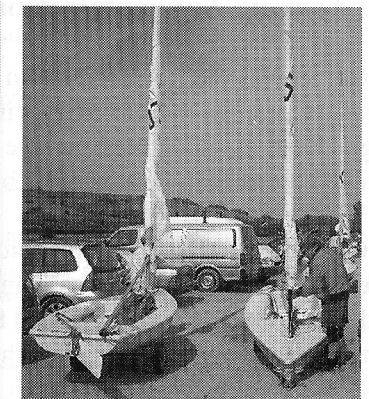
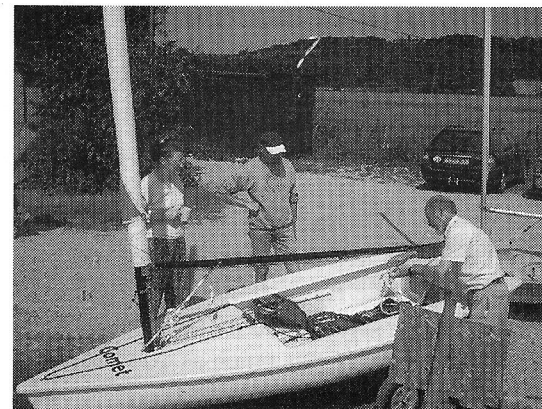
Thanks are due to all RSC members who helped to make it a successful day by acting as Race Officers Safety Boat Crews & Dogsbodies and to Caroline as Cashier and Caterer (ordering and collecting the by now famous fish and chip lunches!)

We should mention that the club is located near the coast surrounded by hills and farmland and overlooked by Lympne Castle and John Aspinall's Port Lympne Wildlife Park, both within easy reach. The Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Railway narrow gauge line also runs behind the lake providing plenty of attractions in the area for non-sailing visitors.

Jeff Clarke (Comet 295) 25 July 2004

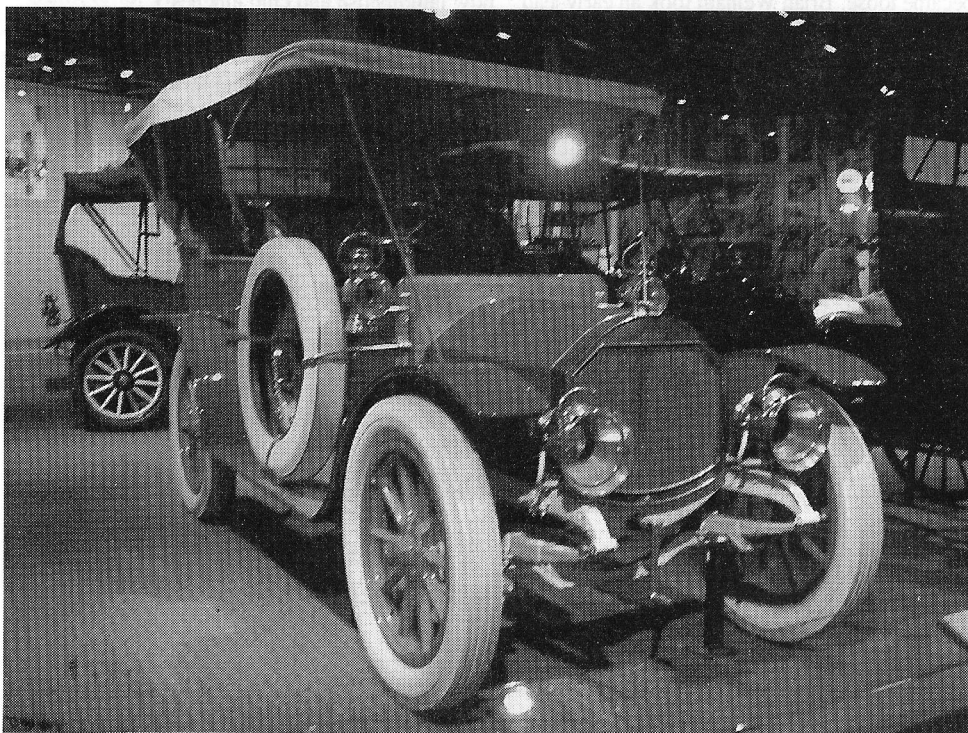
Results:

Boat	Helm	Club	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Overall
636	I Coppenhall	Hunts SC	2	2	1	1
711	B Welham	Taplow Lake SC	1	5	2	2
555	J Windibank	Chipstead	3	1	5	3
803	P Hayes	RYA	6	3	11	4
707	D.Coleman	Coney	7	8	3	5
800	H Jagers	RYA	5	6	6	6
532	J Coppenhall	Hunts SC	4	7	7	7
518	R Ballam	Crawley Mariners	8	9	4	8
170	I Hodge	Redoubt	10	4	8	9
697	R Luckhurst	Redoubt	9	10	11	10



Comet (No.11)

The Comets keep coming, this one was sent in by Steve Bellamy (Comet 100) who saw it exhibited in the Ottawa Science Museum, Canada and he fortunately had his camera with him.



1907 Touring Automobile (Comet)

The Comet was the first production automobile built in Montreal. It is typical of the early Canadian motor vehicles in that its major mechanical components were designed and manufactured outside of Canada. Unfortunately the company produced fewer than 200 vehicles between 1907 and 1908 before going bankrupt.

The Comet represents the luxury side of the car market, and competed against names like Rolls Royce, Packard and Cadillac. While Henry Ford undertook to build his fortune on a car designed for volume sales to a broad market, vehicles like the Comet were designed for the social elite, costing as much as 10 times a worker's annual wage.

NOTICE BOARD

Dates for your Diary Comet Events

25-Sep Sat open/S	Littleton	Nick Warren	01189 773110
26-Sep Sun open/W	Merthyr Tydfil	Mark Govier	02920 778459
02-Oct Sat open/S	Pingewood	Jason Hall	01635 579912
03-Oct Sun open/N	Redesmere	Tim Baker	01477 534238
09-Oct Sat open/S	Burghfield	Pat Forbes	01189 303604
10-Oct Sun open/E	Kingsmead	Ian Ayres	01784 420460
23-Oct Sat open/C	Staunton Harold	Nigel Fern	01530 469691

FOR SALE

COMET 148 - Blue hull, light grey deck, keelband, tiller extension, storage bin, grab rails, praddle, folding trolley, Morrison sail with window, top cover. Can be viewed at Tamworth Sailing Club. £600. William Brander. wbrander@legendjism.net 02476740855

COMET 241 - Turquoise green hull, silver grey deck, fully equipped in good condition. berthed Aylesbury £800 roof rack/easiloader available. Keith Lamdin 01582 665194

COMET 288 - 'bubbles', blue, very nice condition and only lightly used. many extras. new top cover, 2 sails, launching trolley, road trailer, mino sail and mast. £1,100 o.v.n.o for the lot. telephone 01252 325437 (Farnham, surrey) or on mobile 07969374412. Colin Ford email : colinanddebbie@hotmail.com

COMET 371- Petrol blue, folding trolley cover praddle morrison sail good all round condition £925 ono Brendan Carroll 023 92 788436 Portsmouth

COMET 352 - Racing rig racing tuned 2 sails folding trolley. Top cover praddle Excellent condition £1000 ono Tel Tom Raine 01270 780810 email tom@theraines.freeserve.co.uk

COMET 329 - Built 1989 located Midlands £900 Gareth tel 01214 281401 email Gareth@14cog.fsnet.co.uk

COMET 415 - White deck red hull good condition rarely used buyer collects Cambridge £680 Tel 01954 782125 email richard.bowles@wrighdesign.net

COMET 433 - Blue hull White deck, good condition, cover, keel band, Launching trolley, race rig, 2 sails Midlands Buyer collects £950 Tel 01926 779293 david.humphreys433@ntworld.com

COMET 612 - Cascade yellow/Orange/white, keelband, race rig, 2 sails, folding trolley, cover. Littleton ££1050 Phone Roy Tel 01784 45021 royonline1@waitrose.com

COMET 529 - one owner. little used. light blue. launching trolley. £990 phone 01244 676443. Philip Taylor email phil@spindrifs.net (Chester)

COMET 721 - Excellent condition - little sailed. Cover, folding launch trolley, wind indicator, grab rails, praddle. Gold hull, white deck, "Ray of light". £1400 Milton Keynes. Linda Wilks Tel 01234 241491 email lindajwilks@yahoo.co.uk

COMET 803 - Very successful boat, Purple/silver grey hull, silver grey deck. storage bin, racing rig, folding trolley, keel band, top cover and two sails. Very good condition and will deliver. £1900 ono Peter Hayes Tel: 01625 265187

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