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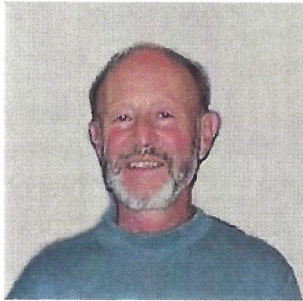
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Chairman's Report

Summer 2006

I have just been comparing the last edition of Perihelion with the previous year's equivalent. What a difference the colour makes! I hope you all agree it is worth the small extra cost. Our editor also made some changes to the fonts and layout which produced an altogether crisper, more up-to-date presentation. Well done, John! A variety of local and family commitments have rather limited my sailing, both home and away, so far this season. However, I did get to Shearwater, Fishers Green, Hunts, Taplow, and Hampton, all of which attracted a reasonable number of visitors and provided an enjoyable day out. The racing was generally good too, although I am sure Taplow won't mind me saying that, due to no fault of their own, the sailing that day was quite the worst ever! No (I mean no) wind plus rain! Never mind, they did their best and the weather is one thing we can't order. Have you all booked for the Nationals? I do hope so as without a doubt Winsford SC will be putting on a super event for the Comet's 25th anniversary. It's a great club, a good water, and a very pleasant area. Let's give them and our Association our full support – what else would



you be doing over a Bank Holiday weekend? If you want to gauge the opposition before the National Championships or simply enjoy a great weekend's sailing in Christchurch Harbour, then I expect to see you at Mudeford for the

Association Championships!

It would be good if more than usual of you would come to the AGM this year: Sunday 27th August at Winsford SC, 1830 hours (or one hour after the end of the last race, whichever is later). As I hope you know, there will be some important changes to the measurement rules to discuss and vote on, the principal one being to allow centre-sheeting. The Comet has enjoyed a very successful first 25 years as a one-design, but times change and perhaps now is the right time for us to embrace centre-sheeting, as an option, if we are to attract the new generation of sailors we need to ensure successful years to come. It is with a little sadness but with no hesitation that I recommend the proposed rule changes to you. Perhaps more needs saying, too, about the status of the Comet Mino and the new Comet Xtra! Unfortunately, with the pressures of a new family and of work commitments, Simon and Emily

Ellis have found it necessary to step down from managing the Comet website. They have made an excellent job of it for the past three years, as I am sure you will all agree, and we thank them most sincerely for all their work. They took our original site, very good in its day but starting to look rather dated, and brought to it a new look and functionality which is currently serving us well.

At the moment I am in charge, though hardly in control, of the website and I don't know what I'm doing!!! I am also very fully occupied with other work at present so please bear with us if the site does not get updated as often as it should or if anything strange happens to it! So far I have managed to pay the hosting fees which were due, but have not had time to try much else.

So, we need a new Webmaster! Anyone interested in having a go, please?

My previous report included information about the 2006 Photographic Competition. Entries will be judged at Staunton Harold at the end of October so the deadline for receipt of entries is 20th October, please.

As I write, there are still 16 events left on the 2006 Comet Calendar including the two championship meetings. Plenty of occasions, then, for us all to get out and about. There are still a lot of potential Comet sailors out there, and I daresay in our own clubs, so let's show them what a great little boat it is!

Good sailing,

Henry Jagers

BUILDERS REPORT

I don't usually write a Builders Report for two Perihelions in a row but what with centre mainsheets and mylar rigs I thought I better keep you informed of developments.

The centre mainsheet has been fitted to a few existing Comets, mainly to newcomers to the class who had centre mainsheets on their previous boats. As for Xtras, so far we've sold 6 complete new boats, one with rear mainsheet!

And 8 conversion kits, about half of these converted to centre main as well. So far this year 3 "normal" Comets have been sold.

Overall, I'm pleased with how it's going. It's early days to report on how the Xtra performs alongside normal Comets, I think one competitive Xtra owner is going to Mudeford and hopefully me and a few others will race them at the Nationals. At the moment I'm a mere 4 stone too heavy for a Comet and 5 stone too much for an Xtra!

Andy Simmons



Secretaries Report

Notes from the Committee:



1. The season has started well, with good attendances at most of the events so far, although numbers were down at Hampton Pier, in spite of a reasonable weather forecast.
 2. Please remember to send a copy of the complete results to Paul Hinde as soon as possible after the event. He needs all of the placings so that he can gather information for the Aphelion's and Orbital trophies. Paul asks for information on the individual races so that he can validate scoring systems. If it helps, he is happy to email you a blank result sheet for you to fill in and return to him.
 3. Please remember too that Open events are a good way of advertising your club, by sending an article to Yachts and Yachting and Dinghy Magazine. Last season reports on Comet events were thin on the ground in both.
 4. Thank you to those people who have sent their email addresses. We haven't set up a system of reminders about events yet.
 5. The Association Championships are at Mudeford on July 29th and 30th. We discussed the option to race outside of the harbour, but the consensus was that helms would prefer to stay inside. Mudeford are planning a social event for the Saturday evening so it promises to be a good weekend by the sea.
 6. Ros is busy with the plans for the Nationals at Winsford Flash over the August Bank Holiday weekend. The club organised a terrific event in 2002, and we're looking forward to an equally enjoyable time this year. Ros has personally checked out all the accommodation on the list!!
 7. Your Annual General Meeting will be on Sunday 27th August at 1830 hours, or one hour after the end of the last race, whichever is later. You will find an invitation and provisional agenda with this copy of Perihelion. If you are unable to be there, please send your apologies to me.
 8. If you have a motion for consideration by the members at the AGM, please ensure that it reaches me by July 31st. Each motion should be in writing, and should be proposed and seconded by full members of the Association.
 9. With this copy of Perihelion you will also find a nomination form for the Committee. Ros will be standing down at the AGM, so a new representative from the Northern Aphelion would be particularly welcome.
 10. Teignmouth Corinthian Yacht Club has offered to host our 2007 Nationals, and Henry and I have been invited to spend some time there to observe how they manage a similar event. We are anticipating that the Combined Comet Class will be joining us for the Nationals, which will be over the August Bank Holiday.
 11. We have not yet set a venue for the 2007 Association Championships. Any offers?
 12. We have had a number of inquiries about the centre main sheet. It would be really helpful if we could put callers in touch with a Comet helm who is using, or has used, the new system so that they could discuss the pros and cons with some authority. The same applies in respect of the Comet Xtra, so I look forward to hearing from you.
- Norah Jagers Class Secretary

COMET CLASS ASSOCIATION Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Lee-on-the-Solent Sailing Club

Sunday 28th August 2005

The meeting was attended by 28 members of the Association and the builder.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Keith Lamdin, Derek Coleman, Paul Hinde, John Edwards, Ian Coppenhall, Emma Coppenhall, Mark Coppenhall, Phil Hossell, Liz Hossell, Jonathan and Jacqui Sturgeon, Oliver Harford, Jennifer Lemmon, Robin Ballam.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 30th May 2004:

The minutes of the last AGM were agreed and signed. Proposed by Brian Herring. Seconded by John Coppenhall.

3. Reports by Officers:

The Chairman, Henry Jagers, welcomed members to the meeting, and thanked Lee-on-the-Solent Sailing Club for making accommodation available for our Annual General Meeting. He then thanked the committee members for all their hard work and moral support. He noted that Nick and Paul were particularly involved with organising our stand at the Dinghy Show, and went on to thank Richard for keeping the books straight, and for writing to all the Comet owners who were not members. This was huge piece of work, which resulted in a terrific boost in membership – thank you and well done! Henry continued by thanking Ros for all her support and the trophies and mementoes for last season. He noted that after the last AGM Ros decided that she did not have the time to continue as trophy buyer after the end of last season. Thanks were due to Derek, particularly for being the contact with Lee-on-the-Solent, and for organising the Nationals. Henry concluded his comments about the Committee with thanks to Norah for organising the programme, and for trying to keep him in order.

Apart from those people on the Committee there were others who had made a terrific contribution to the Class Association. These include John Windibank, John Edwards and Simon Ellis. John Windibank continues to be a first class editor, with Perihelion going from strength to strength. John Edwards does a sterling job as our Auditor. He is very much an unsung hero, and our thanks go to him. Henry sent the Association's good wishes for a speedy recovery to Jean. Simon Ellis – and his wife Emily – have done a very good job with the website, and seem to be keeping on top of things, in spite of the new baby! The Association congratulated them.

Among other people who have helped raise the profile of the Association is Alan Bennett who had, once again, rallied the troops for the NEC. Thank you Alan. This year his son, Richard, was given the job of collecting the boat at the end of the show, and it was good to see Richard sailing in the Nationals.

Henry continued by thanking Ian Coppenhall for being such a good ambassador for the Class Association in 2 pursuit races this year – at the Boat Show at ExCel and at the official opening of Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy.

Henry then returned to the committee, saying that Derek and Nick were stepping down, and that Ros had agreed to do one more year, partly so that she can manager the trophies for the next year's Nationals. He concluded by telling the meeting that he would like to hand over the Chairmanship, hopefully in the next year.

The Secretary: Norah Jagers, thanked all the clubs which were hosting events for the Association, and for making her life so easy by offering venues. The Class was sorry to say goodbye to Carsington, Naseby and Redditch, all of whom had good reasons for not holding an Open meeting. Carsington is only offering events to classes who race regularly at the club, and there is no longer a Comet fleet operating there. Redditch is building up it's GP fleet with a lot of new sailors wanting to crew, and will be offering their Open meeting to the GPs. Naseby has run out of water and disbanded.

Sandwell Valley, Rugby & Daventry and Hampton have all come forward this season, and they were welcomed to the circuit. Rugby & Daventry have had to reschedule, and hoped for a good attendance.

Sutton Bingham have indicated that they are not prepared to host a meeting next year, because of the low attendance, which is sad, given that Sutton Bingham has been such a popular venue in the past.

Next year's Nationals will be at Winsford Flash over the August Bank Holiday , and the Association Championships will be at Mundeford – the dates are to be finalised.

The Secretary concluded by asking for nominations for the Hossell and FATE plates. These are currently held by Karen Symonds and Catherine Bellamy.

The Results Officer: Paul Hinde was unable to be present and did not present a report.

The Newsletter Editor: John Windibank, thanked the Association for asking him to continue as Editor. He described Perihelion as a slowly evolving process, and said that he had been experimenting with different coloured backgrounds, but had found that these had made the printing difficult. He went on to ask that when emailing photographs they be sent one at a time, with a clear indication of who had sent them.

John said that he was looking at having occasional series, such as "Blast from the Past" and "Sail Away". He noted that the Comet Class Association has evolved though the clubs where Comets sail. He would like to do a series about how Comets came to a particular club, and what the club gave back to the Comets. He cited Aylesbury and Kingsmead as examples.

John continued by saying that over the years the emphasis has moved to other clubs who have produced champions.

He concluded by asking members to keep the articles coming – he was willing to print almost anything.

4. Builder's Report:

Andrew Simmons said that he enjoyed reading Perihelion and that it was good to hear that the Class is going so well, with lots of Open meetings. He said that he had not had any second-hand Comets for a couple of years, although he has built 6 new ones this year and has a couple in stock. Andrew said that he intended to continue to build Comets, and commented that their strict one-design status could be a drawback. He has built 3 Comets – 2 of them Mino rigs – with centre main sheeting. He pointed out that all the other members of Comet family have the option of either rear or centre main sheeting. This year Andrew has built 82 Versas, and there are now 27 Trios at Exmouth. He said that he is a trifle apprehensive about the future, especially as the rotomoulded boats are considerably cheaper to produce. He will continue to

show his boats at the boat show in London, which is his main shop window, Southampton and the Dinghy Show. Andrew commended the Dinghy Sailing magazine to the group. It is currently undertaking a comparison between Comets, Lightnings and Streakers.

5. Adoption of Accounts:

The Treasurer, Richard Smallwood, spoke to the accounts, which were published in Perihelion 75. He has changed the format for the accounts to try to make them more accessible. The accounts were adopted by the meeting. Proposed by Mike Thompson, Seconded by John Windibank.

6. Consideration of Motions:

There were no motions for consideration.

7. Election of Officers and Committee:

Derek Coleman and Nick Warren stood down from the Committee The other Officers and members of the Committee were prepared to stand for a further year, with a plea that other people come forward to ensure that new ideas are encouraged.

The remaining members of the Committee were elected en bloc. Proposed by Nick Warren, seconded by Simon Thompson

Two new Committee members were elected:

Clive Chapman, proposed by Richard Smallwood and seconded by Mike Thompson
Chris Robinson, proposed by John Coppenhall and seconded by Diana Thompson

The Committee is:

Chairman:	Henry Jagers	
Treasurer:	Richard Smallwood	
Secretary:	Norah Jagers	
Committee:	Paul Hinde	(Results)
	Ros Stevenson	
	Clive Chapman	
	Chris Robinson	

8. Appointment of Auditor:

John Edwards was appointed as Auditor. Proposed by Richard Smallwood, seconded by Clive Chapman.

The meeting recorded a vote of thanks to John for his work on behalf of the Association.

Any Other Business:

a) The meeting recorded a vote of thanks to the "trolley dollies"

b) the meeting recorded a vote of thanks to the Committee.

The meeting closed with thanks to Lee-on-the-Solent Sailing Club.

The Chairman then made presentations of a collage of photographs to Derek Coleman, to thank him for his support over the years and a barometer to Nick Warren in recognition of his work on the committee where he had been a stalwart, valuable and valued member. Henry also presented Ros Stevenson with a necklace to mark her flair in finding interesting and different trophies and her talent in attracting sponsorship.

Norah Jagers Class Secretary

Comet Class Association Accounts 2005

Income and expenditure For 2005 (with 2004 Figures for Comparison)

Income	Notes	2004 £	2005 £
Membership Fees	1	2,754.00	1,992.00
From Comet Dinghies £12 per boat (x 8 2005)		60.00	96.00
National & Assoc. Champs. Revenue	2	628.00	1,168.00
Insurance Commission (Noble Marine)	3	2,000.11	1,077.97
Building Society Interest (Portman)		108.23	141.46
Website Donations for Advertisements		162.00	120.00
Donations & Sales		<u>72.05</u>	<u>18.50</u>
Totals		<u>£5,784.39</u>	<u>£4,613.93</u>
Expenditure		£	£
Prizes & Engraving		1,374.75	615.69
Perihelion Costs		1,394.68	1,368.12
Exhibition Charges		400.00	493.75
RYA Affiliation Fee		70.00	74.00
Advertising in Yachts & Yachting		370.00	381.88
Expenses (inc. Petty Cash: £77.57)		343.80	197.57
Adhesive Labels		7.80	6.95
National & Association championships	2	<u>126.00</u>	<u>873.00</u>
Totals		<u>£4,087.16</u>	<u>£4,010.96</u>
Net Surplus for Year	3	<u>£1,697.23</u>	<u>£ 602.97</u>

Richard Smallwood Hon. Treasurer

W John Edwards Hon. Auditor

Notes

1 Membership. There were 143 renewals (3 family) 21 new members (1 family) with old boats, 8 new members with new boats, 64 new members carried over from late 2004, and 2 honorary members. This generated $140+20+8=168 \times £12 = £2016$; $4 \times £18 = £72$; total 2088. Total membership at year end was $143+21+8+64+2=238$. 2004 there were 241 members

2. Championships There were 36 entries at the Association Championships at Staunton Harold & 31 (including a Minow) at the National Championships at Lee on Solent. The entry fees for the Nationals were processed through the Association's Accounts, and an agreement payment made to Lee on Solent SC. Income is up overall but so is expenditure.

3. Insurance Commission . This is down from last year as two years worth of commission was included in 2004 and this accounts for the reduced surplus for 2005.

All in all another satisfactory year with a net surplus for the year of £602.97.

Balance Sheet at 31st December 2005

Accumulated Fund

	Balance at Building Soc.	£5,044.48
Balance Brought Forward	£5,253.88	Balance at Bank £ 44.15
Surplus for year	£ 602.97	Cash in hand £ 5.65
Balance Carried Forward	£5,856.85	Total £5,094.31

Sundry Creditors & Adjustments (Perihelion 77 £347.46) less £100 deposit paid in advance for Sailboat 2006	£ 247.46	Sundry Debtor (2005 Insurance Commission)	£1,010.00
	<u>£6,104.31</u>		<u>£6,104.31</u>

Memorandum

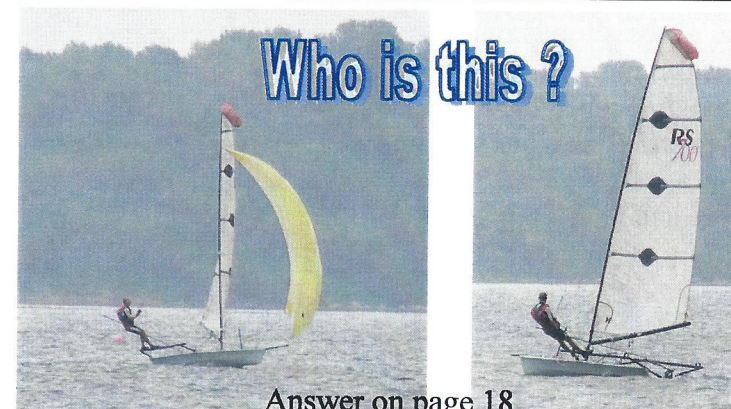
The Association held the following assets at 31.12.05

Comet No. 1 Nominal Value	£100
Stock of prizes	£193.57
Hon. Secretary's Materials	£ 97.80
Hon Treasurer's Materials (Stamps)	£ 36.06
	<u>Total £427.43</u>

The Total Net Assets of the Comet Class Association (Balance carried forward plus Assets) on 31st December 2005 are therefore £5,856.85 plus £427.43 = £6,284.28p.

Richard Smallwood 5/5/06
Hon Treasure Comet 750

W John Edwards 6/5/06
Hon Auditor Comet 633



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Provisional Agenda

Will be held at Winsford Flash Sailing Club

On Sunday 27th August 2006

**At 18.30 hrs, or 1 hour after the end of the last race,
whichever is later.**

Motions must be received, in writing and duly seconded,
by the Secretary,
no later than 31st July 2006

Apologies

1. Minutes of the 2005 AGM held on 28th August 2005
2. Reports by Officers
3. Builder's Report
4. Adoption of Accounts
5. Consideration of Motions
6. Election of Officers and Committee
7. Appointment of Auditor
8. Any Other Business

The AGM is YOUR meeting: YOUR opportunity to have YOUR say in how the Association is run: YOUR chance to tackle the Committee about decisions made on YOUR behalf.

It is also the time when the Association takes stock of what has happened over the previous year and looks at plans for the next.

Please come and have your say.

Norah Jagers
Class Secretary

Help still needed to update the Website

Last year we informed CCA members through Perihelion that we wished to update the "Clubs" section of the Comet Class Association website, and the Committee sought the help of all members. There was a limited response, and the Clubs Section has now been revised and updated with the available information.

We ask you now to please look again at www.cometsailing.org.uk, Clubs page, and find your own club; then have a look at the details shown and assess whether the details shown accurately reflect your club and particularly the number of Comets (not only CCA members). This column 3 - number of Comets etc. - needs the most input. Please let us know what sort of racing is available for Comets and whether your club arranges training sessions either of a general nature or specifically for Comets. For column 4 you may include a Comet contact at the club as well as the website if you wish.

If your club is not shown, please give details as for the other clubs listed, although we do not usually include clubs with only one Comet.

If your club's entry needs updating, contact your Comet Class Captain or other responsible club official and ask that the new information be sent in. The information should be emailed to the Hon Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Richard Smallwood, at , ideally by 1 August 2006.

Please help us to keep the website up-to-date.

Richard Smallwood

The Places To Be
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**Winsford Flash
National Championships
26-28th August**



**Mudford
Association Championships
28-29th July**

Sailing Away Series



RIGGED AND READY

You wake up in the morning and listen to the sound of masts swaying in the breeze and then open the windows to look out on to the glistening Mediterranean. Sitting on the veranda you eat a leisurely breakfast and watch somebody else rig the boat you will be sailing that morning. A sailor' dream? No you have woken up for the first morning of your holiday at Minorca Sailing.

On the flight out we sat with Emma an Oxford second year history undergraduate who is flying out to work for Minorca Sailing for ten weeks, this is her third year and many of the other young instructors return again and again and I don' think it is for the money. There was also an instructor with the nickname "Comet" it was Ian Coppenhall your own national champion, so Minorca sailing had two comet sailors for that week..

On the first day John sails an RS Vareo, spending more time in the water than in the boat and he has the accompanying cuts and bruises to prove it , it was a very windy day, - but I he enjoyed it! That evening there is a welcome drink on the beach and it gives all the sailors and windsurfers the opportunity discuss how things could have been better today - you know what I mean - if only the wind hadn' done this or that, or how it would have been if you hadn' ripped the mainsail (yes John managed that too) or if that damned Laser hadn' got in the way, the usual end of day conversation.

Now as a non sailor my mind began to wander and I realised you didn' have to listen to the conversation to know who the sailors and windsurfers are you only had to look for those with grazes, cuts and bruises and this was only the end of day one. To end the day a group of us went for a meal together and I kept wondering which would be the first of sailors to fall asleep over their meal so it was an early night for everyone.

The days continue in the same vain someone rigs your boat for you, you then receive instruction on how to sail it, you spend the morning on the water practicing different techniques you sail back where a member of staff pulls your boat onto the beach whilst you go off for lunch, returning in the afternoon for racing and following that one to one tuition if that is what you want. The boats are put away by the instructors whilst the sailors put their feet up and drink a beer before going off to watch a video of the days triumphs and disasters.

The weather for the week varied immensely, it was very windy for the first couple of days on the third day it was perfect for both those on the water and spectators slightly cooler temperatures and breezy. John was still sailing the Vareo but managed to keep it upright all



day. Day four saw great squalls - gusting seven so I was told, but by the end of day 5 the sea was so calm that many of the sailors remained on the water until quite late - just enjoying the experience, alas not enough wind for the experienced windsurfers.

The majority of the accommodation at Ses Salines is for sailors, the only shop opens when the sailors are off the water and there are two restaurants, the most popular being Margos as it also a bar with large screen television and of course there was the football and Wimbledon that week as well. The food

at the Restaurant Ses Salines was absolutely excellent but perhaps not for everyday eating.

Now as non sailor I had time to notice other things as well. In England we are bemoaning the decline in sparrow numbers well there is no need to worry they have just followed the example of a lot of other Brits and emigrated to warmer climes. In Minorca they have become braver and think nothing of perching on the table whilst you are eating hoping to find some crumbs.

The whole area is very clean and recycling rubbish is taken very seriously. The glass recycling unit was near our apartment, a lorry with a grabber comes along lifts the recycling bin empties all the glass from a great height into his lorry - at three in the morning! John the sailor is so tired he is soon asleep again, not so easy for those of us who are not so tired.



On the Thursday evening there is prize giving, winners of all classes win a medal and every place receives a very fetching plastic garland. There is a great atmosphere and the staff work hard to ensure that everyone is either a winner or placed which is really great for the children and at the same time they show videos on the two screens in the bar one of the windsurfers and one of the sailors and everyone spends more money on another drink whilst they try to spot themselves on the videos.

Now you might think that prize giving marks the end of sailing, but no, they are all out again on Friday morning to sail around the island within the bay , as we do not leave Ses Salines until four in the afternoon.

Absolutely everyone I spoke to who had been on the water that week wanted to go back some time, even though many of them are still sporting injuries received form the windier weather earlier in the week.

It really is fantastic for the sailor to find his boat rigged and ready in the morning and somebody else puts it to bed at night and as much time on the water as they want.

Mavis Windibank

Open Meeting Reports

Chipstead Comet Open 24th June 2006

Chipstead was pleased to welcome 12 visitors to their 18th Comet Open. The sun was blazing and there was a light wind that came and went with occasional gusts. The first race saw Mark Wilkins take a commanding lead until near the end of the race he sailed into a hole in the wind, which allowed Brian Welham to come up on a puff and with his momentum carrying him clear to win, with Mark second, Robin Ballam rolling back the

Pos	Helm	Boat	R1	R2	R3	Pts	Club
1	Mark Wilkins	C 657	2	1	1	2	CSC
2	Brian Welham	C 711	1	3	4	4	TLSC
3	Guy Wilkins	C 561	4	2	23	6	CSC
4	Stephen Lemmon	C 168	9	5	2	7	SSC
5	Robin Ballam	C 518	3	6	13	9	CM
6	Peter Thornley	C 834	5	4	5	9	WGC
7	John Coppenhall	C 532	7	11	3	10	HSC
8	Roger Lemmon	C 812	11	7	6	13	SEV
9	David Chesworth	C 778	10	12	7	17	CSC
10	Chris Robinson	C 63	8	10	10	18	BUR
11	Clive Chapman	C 622	13	8	12	20	LSC
12	Jennifer Lemmon	C 763	12	9	11	21	SEV
13	Derek Coleman	C 707	18	13	9	22	CONY
14	John Sturgeon	C 246	15	16	8	23	HLC
15	Allan Collins	C 214	6	19	23	25	CSC
16	Brian Thom	C 512	14	14	11	25	CSC
17	Clive Cottam	C 749	20	15	14	29	CSC
18	Nigel Carling	C 777	16	18	15	31	CSC
19	Fiona Cauter	C 575	19	21	16	35	CSC
20	Andrew Keynes	C 299	21	17	18	35	CM
21	Peter Nowell	C 806	17	20	23	37	CSC
22	Anthony Dalton	C 617	22	22	19	41	CSC

years finish third and Guy Wilkins fourth.

The close racing continued in the second race with Mark holding of Guy to win, Brian was third and Peter Thornley fourth.

With Guy unable to sail the last race the result was in the balance between Mark and Brian. Mark starting in the middle of the line found that he had picked the right spot which took him into a lead which he held to the finish. Stephen Lemon who had made the long trek from Severn SC finished second, John Coppenhall third and Brian fourth.

There was good competitive sailing throughout the fleet and we were pleased to see so many visitors.

John Windibank C700



FIRST SIX AT OPEN MEETINGS

Shearwater (W)
532 John Coppenhall
622 Clive Chapman
812 Roger Lemmon
800 Henry Jagers
707 Derek Coleman
750 Richard Smallwood
Att: 9

Sandwell Valley (W)
532 John Coppenhall
620 Alan Bennett
644 Nigel Ford
Att: 6

Hampton (S) (incomplete)
711 Brian Welham
308 Dave Harris
532 John Coppenhall
Att: 10

Hunts (C)
636 Ian Coppenhall
620 Alan Bennett
427 Mark Coppenhall
308 Dave Harris
323 Annette Walter
711 Brian Welham
Att: 19

Rudyard Lake (N)
620 Alan Bennett
427 Mark Coppenhall
532 John Coppenhall
100 Steve Bellamy
248 Catherine Bellamy
820 Ros Stevenson
Att: 9

Chipstead (E)
657 Mark Wilkins
711 Brian Wellham
561 Guy Wilkins
168 Stephen Lemmon
518 Robin Ballam
834 Peter Thornley
Att: 22

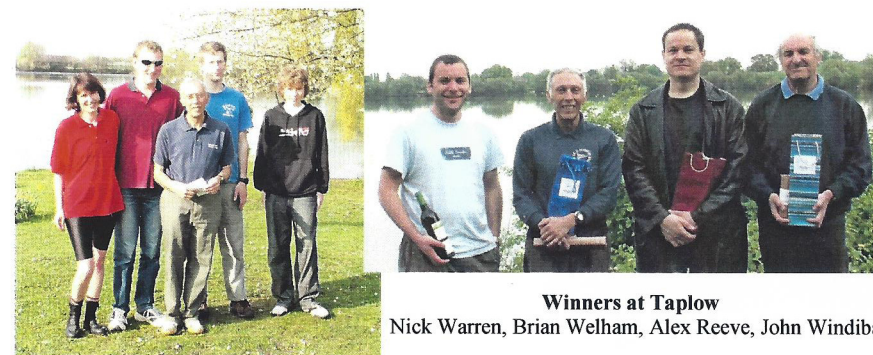
Send in Your Results

Paul has asked me to remind all our Club Contacts to send in their results and for all comet sailors to remind their Club Contacts. If he don't receive the results, it is harder to work out the travellers results for the end of the season.

The results that are missing are:

Fishers Green : Taplow Lake : Hampton Pier : Crawley Mariners : Hampton Aylesbury : Rugby & Daventry

Paul needs the full results and including if possible the individual races, not just the prize winners.



Winners at Taplow

Nick Warren, Brian Welham, Alex Reeve, John Windibank

Fishers Green winners Karen Ascii, Ian Coppenhall, Brian Welham & others

Security Always a Problem

Vandalism seems to be a growing problem and certainly the Police took this incident very seriously. A fire had been lit under the Comet using the centre board and rudder causing irreparable damage. The Club are now looking at a range of options to increase the security of the club and the dinghy parks, which will inevitably lead to more restrictions and rules being imposed.

Peter Nowell from Chipstead sent in the picture and said that he has now purchased another Comet which leaves him with a variety of spare parts for sale if anyone is interested. His home telephone number is 01322 669006



A Note from the Editor

In this Perihelion there is a lot about my sailing and my home club, but I can only use the material I have to fill up the pages. What has happened to the race reports I was promised and a photograph or two would also make my life easier. Lets not waste this opportunity to exploit the availability of colour printing as other clubs and classes are green with envy. So reports and articles and photos please. Ed

The pictures on page 11 are of Ian Coppenhall

Ian has been working at Minorca Sailing for the summer but will be back for the National Championships.

The staff at Minorca sailing work very hard to give you a great holiday, but guess what they do with their time off?
Ed



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Please send your contributions for the next issue of Perihelion by

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29-Jul	Sat			
30-Jul	Sun	Mudford	Mike Roach	01202 477553
13-Aug	Sun	C Cransley	John Townsend	01536 519044
26-Aug	Sat	Winsford Flash	Ros Stevenson	01606 591695
		Nationals Championships		
27-Aug	Sun	AGM		
28-Aug	Mon	B/H	Winsford Flash	Ros Stevenson 01606 591695
2-Sep	Sat	W	Severn	Steve Hawley 01905 458636
9-Sep	Sat	N	Swarkestone	Cynthia Harness 01283 734318
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7-Oct	Sat	S	Kingsmead	Dan Goodman 02087 370778
8-Oct	Sun	N	Redesmere	Geoff Smith 01619 805415
28-Oct	Sat	C	Staunton Harold	Nigel Fern 01530 469691

COMETS FOR SALE

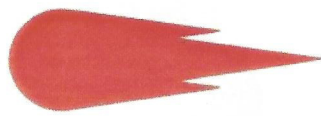
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