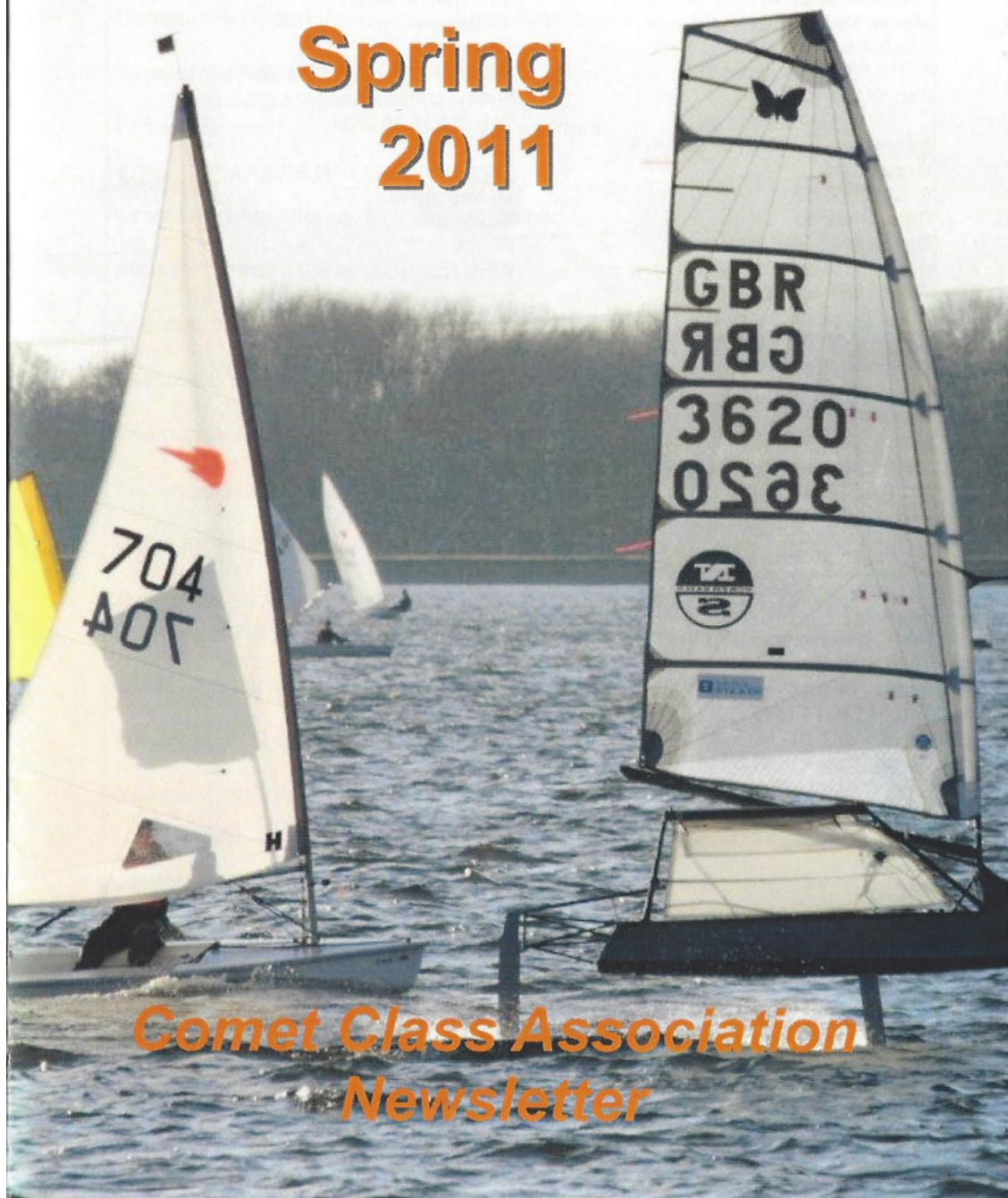


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Chairman's Report

Greetings,

As in previous years, this year's sailing started with the Bloody Mary Pursuit Race at Queen Mary SC. With ice over Burghfield reservoir for nearly all of December, this was the first opportunity I had to sail for quite a while. Clive Chapman, Brian Weatherley and I made up the Comet fleet. We launched in a force 4-5, not easy on a lee shore. The start was straightforward, as there was only the three of us on the line. Once we had got up the beat, and found the windward mark, we enjoyed a fast reach to the far side of the water. This was followed by a hairy run into the second half of the reservoir, and then another fast reach. Fortunately, by this time the wind had eased, making the second lap much easier, and we came off the water having had a very enjoyable sail.



This has been my only sail this year, as shortly after the Bloody Mary I went on holiday to New Zealand, returning just in time for the RYA Volvo Dinghy Show at Alexandra Palace. John Sturgeon had got our stand organised, so all I had to do was turn up – thanks John. As in previous years, Andy supplied us with a new boat for our stand, and also displayed a new Comet Xtra on the Comet Dinghies stand. These were going to be delivered to their new owners the following week. With the Comet Association stand, Comet Dinghies stand, and the Combined Classes stand all together we made an impressive sight. Our thanks go to all of you who volunteered to help on the stand. We were kept very busy with enquiries, and chatting to prospective, new and long standing members alike. I had a chat with John Coppenhall about 532. If you remember 532 had been involved in a rear end shunt on the M4 at the end of last

year, and in Perihelion 96 Brian, our editor, had speculated that it may not be repairable. However, although both cars were badly damaged, and the road trailer was a write-off, 532 only had a few scrapes around the bow, which were easily repaired by Andy. This just shows how well the Comet is built. Not all classes are built so well. Recently I've been reading about the 420 World Championships in Argentina, as Burghfield SC has some sailors racing there. Over the championships the fleet's broken mast tally topped twenty nine!

As I write the first Open Meeting is still a few weeks away, so I'm planning to sail at the club to get some practice in before going to Shearwater Open. Having experienced three weeks of hot weather in New Zealand, I'm struggling with the colder weather here in the UK, but I'm reminding myself of the enjoyable sail at the Bloody Mary in order to get myself motivated to get on the water.

The coming season should be an exciting one. I'm looking forward to the Association Championships at Cransley, where we are hoping for a good turnout of less experienced helms, as well as the top sailors. Then of course there are the Nationals at Weymouth & Portland Sailing Academy. My accommodation is now booked for both events, so I'm ready to go. Are you?

See you on the water

Chris Robinson C63 & C867

Perihelion 99

Please send your contributions for the next issue of Perihelion by

Wednesday 1st June 2011

To Brian Welham, Class Editor, 19 Lake End Way
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Secretary's Report

Notes from the committee:

1. At least the weather is slightly warmer than when I last wrote these notes. The violets are out on the lawn and the snowdrops are nodding away. The sailing club has walls and a roof with windows, doors, ceilings and floors being added at a rate of knots. So far I've not been needed for a work party although I helped with the demolition job!
2. The Bloody Mary had 3 Comets competing. Well done to Chris Robinson, Clive Chapman and Brian Weatherley. It was much better weather this year and a larger field.
3. The London Boat Show has been and gone. Your Committee decided not to take advantage of an offer to have a stand in the main concourse, mainly because of the need to have volunteers there all the time. The Show is mainly for big boats and dinghy sailing is not showcased. In the event, there were no class associations on show, so we feel that we made the right decision. Sadly the Battle of the Classes was cancelled, so Rhian and Henry were not required.
4. The calendar for next year is almost completed. You'll find a list of the early events elsewhere in the newsletter. Please encourage your fellow helms to support the events on the circuit, especially your home Open meeting. They don't have to belong to the Association to compete in an Open event (apart from the Association and Nationals) – and it may enthuse them into travelling to other venues.
5. As I said last time we hope that as many people as possible will come to the Association Championships at Cransley on May 29th/30th. Do come along and "have a go". The cost will be £26 if you register in advance or £31 if you register on the day.



6. Going to Cransley may encourage you to come to the National Championships at Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy. You will need to enter in advance. The Dinner on Saturday 27th August will be about £25 per head. We will send out the menu choices as soon as possible and we anticipate that you will need to pay in advance. I know that several people have found that accommodation is at a premium. The RS fleet is there until the Friday and some of the competitors have booked in for the Friday night too. There is a Laser event at the same time as we are there, so that is also putting pressure on beds. Roger Lemmon from Severn is happy to share the research he's done on options.
7. Look out for Comet No 1 – Numero Uno – at Cransley. Your President, Keith Lamdin, plans to sail her for the event.
8. At the recent Committee meeting we identified the need for some more people to serve on the committee. Chris Robinson stands down as Chairman, after completing his 3 years, and will also stand down from the committee. Please talk to one of the committee members about what's involved. It isn't too arduous – honest!
9. We are very interested to hear your views on the format of the Association Championships as the entries, especially at tidal events, continue to be low. Organising these events is time consuming for the committee and the host club. The host club also needs to be able to recoup its costs. So it is really disappointing if only a few boats turn up. You will find a survey form with this edition. Please help us by completing it.
10. By the time you read this most of you will have started sailing at your own club and the first Comet event is on 9th April at Shearwater. See you there!

Norah Jagers Class Secretary

COMET ORBITAL & APHELION

Trophy series 2011

Rules for qualification and scoring

Orbital and Aphelions

As from last year all 3 rigs are eligible for these trophies. However helms cannot change rigs during an open meeting or a championship but can use different rigs for each open or championship. At each open meeting the finishing positions are determined by the host club. The CCA will remove all non CCA members and recalculate the positions for use in the Orbital and Aphelion results.

Orbital

To qualify for a position and a memento for this, our overall travellers' series, you need to enter a minimum of six events. This must include open meetings from at least two of the Aphelion areas and either of the (or both of the) National or Association Championships.

Your six best overall results (from opens and championships) will be used to determine your Orbital position.

Ties will be broken by the most 1sts, 2nds, 3rds, etc. in those six best results. Ties remaining after this will be broken by the better place at the National Championship or failing that by the better place at the Association Championship. As usual It is hoped to present the trophy, prizes and mementoes at the Staunton Harold Open meeting

Aphelions

To qualify for a position and a memento for an Aphelion, our regional travellers' series, you must enter a minimum of three of the open meetings designated for that region. You may compete in any or all of the areas. Your three best overall results from a region will be used to determine your position in that region.

Ties will be broken in favour of the helm with the most 1sts, 2nds, 3rds, etc. in their best three results. If a tie remains it will be broken by the best place nearest the end of the series. It is hoped to present the trophies, prizes and mementoes at the final venue in each region.

Cancelled events

If one or more of the scheduled events in a region is cancelled and if at the end of that region's events a competitor could have qualified for that region had he/she been able to compete at the cancelled event(s) then, **for the purpose of qualifying in that region only**, that competitor will be awarded their average position from the events they did enter in that region for the cancelled event(s) as though those event(s) had taken place.

Aphelion areas

Northern Aphelion

Sat 7 May Winsford Flash
Sat 14 May North Staffs
Sat 16 July Chester
Sat 1 Oct Redesmere
Sat 22 Oct Staunton Harold

Southern Aphelion

Sat 30 Apr Maidenhead
Sat 9 July Hawley Lake
Sun 31 Jul Mudeford
Sat 1 Oct Burghfield

Eastern Aphelion

Sat 16 Apr Fishers Green
Sun 6 May Crawley Mariners
Sat 18 Jun Chipstead
Sat 2 July Bewl Valley
Sat 17 Sept Littleton

Western Aphelion

Sat 9 Apr Shearwater
Sat 7 May Sutton Bingham
Sun 14 Aug Baltic Wharf
Sun 25 Sept Merthyr Tydfil

Central Aphelion

Sun 17 Apr Hunts
Sat 11 Jun Cotswold
Sat 3 Sept Severn
Sat 15 Sept Banbury

Association Championship

Sun 29 May Cransley
Mon 30 May Cransley

National Championship

Sat 27 Aug Portland & Weymouth
Sun 28 Aug Portland & Weymouth
Mon 29 Aug Portland & Weymouth

CUSTOMIZING YOUR COMET

Some idea gleaned from earlier editions of Perihelion

Keeping the bottom of the mast grit free

Having to put the Comet mast into the boat means that I have to place its foot on to the ground. This puts mud and grit on to the mast which can grind into the fibreglass in the mast step. To prevent this I have cut the top off a washing-up liquid bottle which I put on to the bottom of the mast before I raise it to the vertical. I have made the fit loose enough to allow it to be removed easily when lifting into the boat.

Splitting the Mast

I have used T-cut to polish the bottom end of the top section. I have found that this reduces the friction and makes it easier to get the two pieces apart.



Ropes to assist climbing in after capsizing

For those of you who don't have the grab bars or handles.

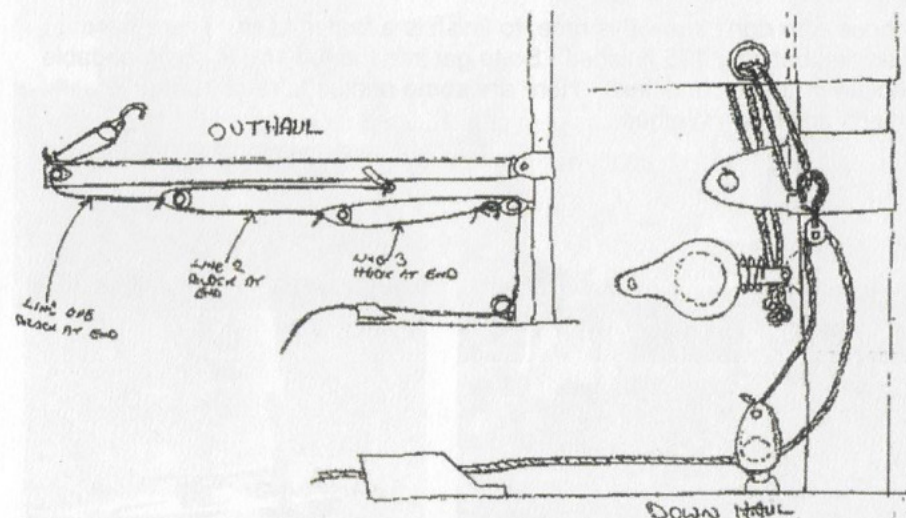
John Finch (Comet 325) mentions, in an article in PH12, Page 5, difficulty in climbing in after a capsizing and made the modification of "tying a rope on each side between the mast and the fixtures at each end of the rope horse".

Hitching the outhaul rope to the mast with a snap shackle

8:1 Outhaul

To make it easier to adjust your outhaul when hiked a second block is used on the outhaul thus doubling the purchase and allowing the front block to be used as a gauge of how much outhaul is being used. In the diagram the mast end is snap

shackled to the becket on the mast to allow easy assembly but also to ensure that the blocks always remain at the same place on the boom. However, the line could just as easily be permanently tied to the kicker strap then it would not have to be removed when dismasting.



Avoiding hitching the downhaul rope to the boom

Arrangement means that the Cunningham remains with mast as does not get lost or have to be retied on rigging.

Ensuring the sail is wrapped securely when waiting to launch or to de-rig.

A loop of bungee cord is kept on the mast below the sail and the Cunningham is threaded inside this on rigging so that the loop of bungee cord can be pulled up over the sail when it is wrapped round the mast and similarly pulled down below the sail to allow unwrapping. This loop stays above the boom on the mast but does not interfere with the operation of any of the controls.

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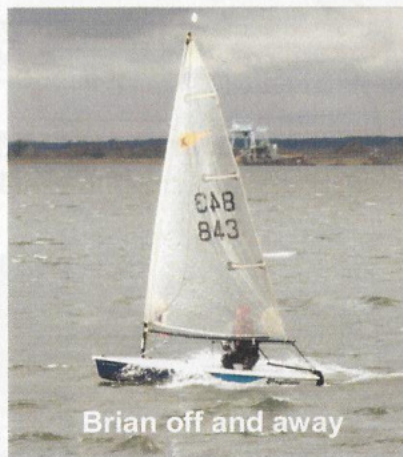
38th Bloody Mary Pursuit at QMSC

Chris has mentioned in his report that he and two others took part this year. What he failed to mention was that Brian Welham "whimpered out" due to the strength of the wind although it was he who encouraged everyone to sail it. Chris also failed to mention the finishing positions, which were 94th for Chris Robinson, 145th for Clive Chapman and 172nd for Brian Weatherley in his Xtra.

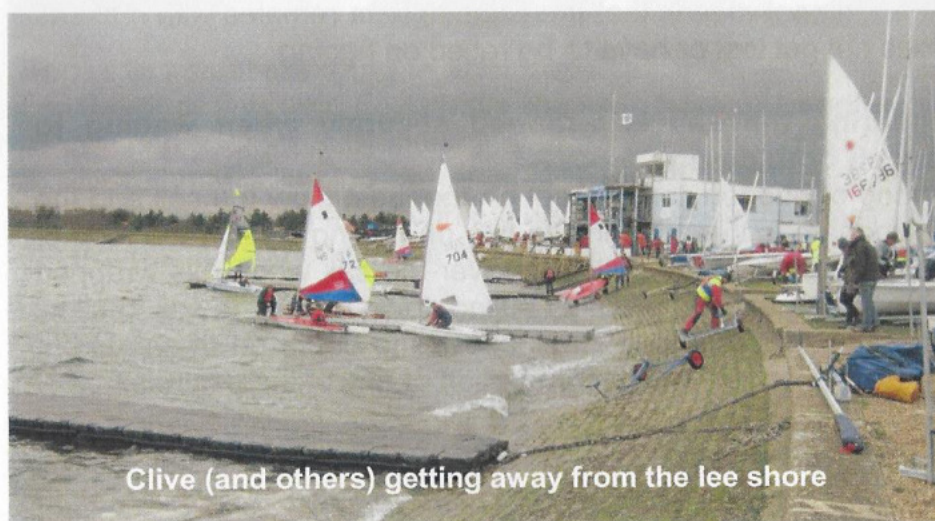
For those who don't know this race, to finish is a feat in itself. There were 238 entries but only 195 finished. So to get into the top 100 is commendable especially in these conditions. Here are some photos taken by John Sturgeon and Brian Welham.



Chris rounding the bottom mark



Brian off and away



Clive (and others) getting away from the lee shore



QMSC Clubhouse



Setting off to the start



"Pirate" Brian & Chris rigging their boats

Comet Association Championships

29-30 May 2011 at Cransley Sailing Club, Eagle Lane, Thorpe Malsor, Northamptonshire NN14 1PR

The organising Authority is Cransley Sailing Club in conjunction with the Comet Class Association

Notice of Race

1. Rules

1.1 The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2009-2012), the prescriptions of the RYA, the class rules and the Sailing Instructions. Sailing Instructions will be available on registration. Competitors should note that Cransley Sailing Club and the Comet Class Association implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012).

1.2 Personal buoyancy must be worn at all times whilst afloat. This is a change to rule 40. The change will appear in the full Sailing Instructions.

2 Eligibility and Entry

2.1 The event is open to boats of the Comet (this includes Comet Mino and Comet Xtra), class. Competing helms shall be members of the Comet Class Association.

3. Fees

3.1 Fees are as follows: per boat

Registration before May 23rd Registration on day

£26

£31

4. Schedule

4.1 Registration opens at 10.00 on 29th May 2011 for competitors who have not registered in advance. Competitors must register prior to the first race in which they intend to compete. Competitors wishing to register in advance should send entry form and fee to Rhian Bevan 30 Sycamore Close, Kettering, Northamptonshire NN16 9ST

Comet Association Championships

Notice of Race

4.2 A briefing will take place on the Sunday 29 May 2011 at 11am

4.3 Dates of racing are:

Sunday 29th May 2011 3 races

Monday 30th May 2011 2 races

If three races have not been able to be run on the Sunday a third race may be run on the Monday. This will be at the discretion of the race committee.

4.4 The scheduled time of warning signal for first race on each day is

Sunday 29th May 2011 11.40

Monday 30th May 2011 10.25

5. Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available at registration

6. The Courses

The courses to be sailed will be issued prior to each race. All races will take place on Cransley Reservoir

7 Scoring

7.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with A9 replacing A4.2.

7.2 Five races are scheduled.

- (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from four to five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

8. Change of Rig

Competitors shall nominate which rig they will use (Standard / Xtra / Mino) before racing. A competitor shall use the same type of rig for all races.

Notice of Race (cont.)

9. Disclaimer of liability

Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat and its helm and crew are fit to sail in the conditions that they might find. By launching competitors confirm their boat is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the event. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the owners and competitors of their responsibility.

Cransley Sailing Club takes no liability for damage or loss of boats, equipment or personal belongings

10. Insurance

Each participating boat must have valid insurance for third party liability for a minimum of £2 million.

11. Further Information

For further information please contact Rhian Bevan on 01536 518591 / 07834 186247 or e mail rhianbevan@hotmail.com. General information can be seen on the club's website www.cransley.org.uk

12. Accommodation and Meals

Camping is available on site, although there is not space for large frame tents. There are several local hotels, please contact Rhian Bevan if you require a list of these. No hotels are recommended by the club.

Meals may be purchased at the club Sunday lunch time and Sunday and Monday Breakfast times. A buffet will be provided at no cost at the prize giving early afternoon on the Monday.

13. Other information

Boats may be brought to and left at the club on the Saturday afternoon / evening.

Photographic competition

Prizes

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When your club holds an Open meeting or even a club event, we know that very often your family come along to support you (or just to get the free food) but sometimes they have little to do once their efforts at stowing the launching trolley and wishing you well has passed. This is the time that you should entrust your precious camera to them and instruct them to get some great shots of you rounding the marks (in first place) or catching that gut-wrenching capsizes of your closest rival. Or even young Johnny pinching one of the cakes for the helms teas.



We need your help to ensure that the magazine is populated with interesting photos and your friends and family are just the group to make this happen. As an encouragement we offer prizes for the photos that we place in either Comet Sailing or Comet People categories.

All photos submitted with Open meeting reports will be entered but we welcome any photos of any event that could be classified as something to do with Comets or Comet people.

Ed

National Orbital Trophy

1988	Craig Moffatt
1989	Andrew Pierce
1990	James Withal
1991	Henry Jaggers
1992	Guy Wilkins
1993	Mark Wilkins
1994	Mark Wilkins
1995	Jake Sutton
1996	Mark Wilkins
1997	Alex Reeve
1998	Philip Hossell
1999	Mark Wilkins
2000	Henry Jaggers
2001	Ian Coppenhall
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2005	Ian Coppenhall
2006	Ian Coppenhall
2007	Mark Coppenhall
2008	Chris Robinson
2009	Mark Wilkins
2010	Eddie Pope

North

Mark Wilkins
Errol Edwards
Richard Smallwood
Errol Edwards
Steve Hayes
Philip Hossell
Philip Hossell
John Edwards
Henry Jaggers
Ian Coppenhall
Ian Coppenhall
Ian Coppenhall
Ian Coppenhall
Ian Coppenhall
Mark Coppenhall
Alan Bennett
Mark Coppenhall
Mark Coppenhall
Eddie Pope

East

Guy Wilkins
Mark Wilkins
Mark Wilkins
Mark Wilkins
Mark Wilkins
Alex Reeve
Philip Hossell
Mark Wilkins
Annette Walter
Ian Coppenhall
Ian Coppenhall
Ian Coppenhall
Ian Coppenhall
Ian Coppenhall
Brian Welham
John Windibank
Brian Welham
Mark Wilkins
Brian Welham

South

Nacy Gould
Mark Wilkins
Jake Sutton
Jake Sutton
Alex Reeve
Mark Wilkins
Richard Smallwood
Mark Wilkins
Brian Welham
Ian Coppenhall
Ian Coppenhall
Ian Coppenhall
Ian Coppenhall
Ian Coppenhall
John Windibank
Brian Welham
Henry Jaggers
Mark Wilkins
Ben Palmer

West

Mark Wilkins
Jake Sutton
John Windibank
Philip Hossell
Philip Hossell
Paul Govier
Ian Coppenhall
Ian Coppenhall
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Ian Coppenhall
John Coppenhall
Mark Coppenhall
John Coppenhall
John Coppenhall
Dave Harris

Central

Philip Hossell
Ian Coppenhall
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Mark Coppenhall
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Chris Robinson
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Eddie Pope

It is good to see a number of different names as I wished for last year and Dave Harris and Ben Palmer have won their first Aphelions. Congratulations to both and I am sure they will both be contenders in 2011.

Ed

Comet Hall of Fame

National Championship

1983	Ken Potts
1984	Bob Sandford
1985	Stuart Ingham
1986	Kieth Lamdin
1987	Jeff Penfold
1988	Graig Moffatt
1989	Chris Sinclair
1990	Chris Sinclair
1991	Guy Wilkins
1992	Guy Wilkins
1993	Guy Wilkins
1994	Guy Wilkins
1995	Guy Wilkins
1996	Alex Reeve
1997	John Challener
1998	Jake Sutton
1999	John Challener
2000	John Challener
2001	John Challener
2002	Ian Coppenhall
2003	Dave Harris
2004	Ian Coppenhall
2005	Ian Coppenhall
2006	Ian Coppenhall
2007	Ian Coppenhall
2008	Ian Coppenhall
2009	Eddie Pope
2010	Chris Robinson

Lady National Champion

Haley Penfold
Margaret Hylton
Tracey Davies

Tracey Davies

Anne Brook

Christine Stack

Christine Stack

Heidi Dodd

Heidi Dodd

Heather Back

Heidi Dodd

Annette Walter

Debbie Degg

Emma Coppenhall

Emma Coppenhall

Annette Walter

Annette Walter

Emma Coppenhall

Emma Brisley

Catherine Bellamy

Catherine Bellamy

Catherine Bellamy

Rhiain Bevan

Junior Champion

Nancy Gould

Jake Sutton

Ian Jubb

Robert Hamilton

Andrew Bowes

Robert Hamilton

Robert Hamilton

Mark Coppenhall

Amanda Rea

Tom Raine

David Taw

Christine Birrell

Daniel Moon

Alistair Mitchell

Catherin Bellamy

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Tristan Cooper

Association Championship

1989	Craig Moffatt
1990	Damon Perrin
1991	Guy Wilkins
1992	Henry Jaggers
1993	Guy Wilkins
1994	Mark Wilkins
1995	Guy Wilkins
1996	Alex Reeve
1997	John Challener
1998	Mark Wilkins
1999	Mark Wilkins
2000	Debbie Degg
2001	John Challener
2002	Ian Coppenhall
2003	Ian Coppenhall
2004	Ian Coppenhall
2005	Bill Webber
2006	Chris Robinson
2007	Alan Bennett
2008	Chris Robinson
2009	Eddie Pope
2010	Eddie Pope

First Lady

Fiona Cauter

Heather Bach

Emma Coppenhall

Helen Leivers

Emma Coppenhall

Emma Coppenhall

Helen Leivers

Annette Walter

First Junior

Annette Walter

Emma Coppenhall

James Wilkinson

Callum Wilson

Emma Coppenhall

Jon Cooper

How to arrange an Open *Some musings from Dave Jobling or* **How to satisfy everyone at North Staffs SC**

To begin with Choose a date on which everyone agrees to attend your open meeting! Taking due regard to weddings, holidays, GCSE exams, the building of conservatories and kitchen extensions etc etc.

How about forming an escape committee whose main aim is the enjoyment of local interests, whilst your partner is sailing.

Here are some suggestions: Gladstone potteries museum, stand along side a spitfire, a tour of the Staffordshire moorlands.

Increased Cost of travel

With increasing fuel costs its not beyond the bounds of organisation for one car to transport 3 comets for example : 2 on a trailer & one on the car roof. However, why not arrange to use un-sailed boats at the host club?

Prizes

Last year North Staffs formula of no entry fee and no prizes made little or no difference the number attending.

There may be a formula to this dilemma but it needs great minds to be applied to solve it.

Here is a possible solution

Prizes at this years North Staffs SC open will be of the gifted kind, ie: When signing on you donate a prize in return for a voucher, at prize-giving the leading helm with voucher selects their prize. With this format everyone donating a prize receives one.

Dave Jobling

COMET SPARES, REPAIRS AND ACCESSORIES

Don't forget all spares and accessories are held in stock and can often be with you in less than 24 hours if you order in the morning.

New Dinghies A selection always in stock

Comet	£3550
Comet Xtra	£3650
Standard Sail	£300
Mino Sail	£270
Xtra Sail	£383

Xtra Conversion Kit & Sail £403 (This includes halyard and parts needed to convert your top mast and shorten your bottom mast and boom). To continue to be able to sail as a Std Comet you will need

a shorter Xtra bottom mast £155

(The original top mast may fit, and can have a block shackled on and still be used for a Std Comet Sail) If it doesn't fit then

(An Xtra top mast £85

A shorter Xtra boom £125 *but the std boom can be used.*

These prices include VAT at the new 20%

Repairs

Accident damage and refurbishing gladly undertaken.

Write, phone or e-mail but include a daytime phone number

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Award made to champions of the Jurassic Coast

A new award to recognise people who have made an exceptional contribution to the Jurassic Coast was launched at the annual Jurassic Coast Seminar last night.

The Jurassic Coast Award is open to anyone who has shown outstanding dedication to the conservation and enhancement of the Dorset and East Devon Coast World Heritage Site, whether professional, amateur or volunteer.

Two awards were presented at the seminar at Bridport Arts Centre on Thursday 16 December.

The first went to Richard Edmonds, Earth Science Manager of the Jurassic Coast Team and former warden of the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre. A nominator said of Richard:

"He has demonstrated a commitment and most significantly a fantastic enthusiasm for the World Heritage Site, the coastline and its geology and helped convey this to a wide range of people in a most enlightening manner."

A joint award was also given to Norah Jagers and Patricia Farrell, from the community group Beer Village Heritage in Devon.



Together with a dedicated local group of volunteers and the support of local fishermen, they have created a wonderful new building on the beach at Beer that enables thousands of visitors to find out more about the Jurassic Coast, the local marine world and the village's history. Norah and Pat co-chair the management of the new centre. In the words of a nominator:

"They continue to be instrumental in the improvement and continual development of the centre with its focus on our village's place in the evolution of the Jurassic Coast together with information about the wider World Heritage Site area."

The winners received two individually sculptured awards made from 4-inch cubes of Purbeck stone inscribed with locations along the Jurassic Coast. They were created by the artist and sculptor Gary Breeze, with sponsorship from the Fine Family Foundation.

The awards were presented by Sibyl King, Director of the Fine Family Foundation, and Professor Denys Brunsden.

Sibyl King, said:

"It is a great honour for the Fine Family Foundation to help to acknowledge some of the people who have gone to extraordinary lengths through their dedication, effort and ideas to make meaningful contributions to our common goals of protecting, conserving and enhancing the coast and communicating its importance to others."

Nominations for next year's awards will open in September 2011. For details go to <http://www.jurassiccoast.com/award>

Well done Norah.

It is nice to see that you still have time for other activities after all the work you put in supporting the Comet Class association.

Ed

Editorial

Hi everyone

Its Spring again and I for one am looking forward to meeting the helms who go to the open meetings again after a long cold winter. There is no 20 Questions for this issue but I expect to have one in the Summer.



As mentioned in other places in this issue Comets were present at the Queen Mother SC "Bloody Mary" and it was good to see them perform with some of the best sailors in the country and against some of the fastest classes. This can be seen on the front cover, where Clive Chapman is being overtaken by one of those foiling International Moths. It can be a scary moment as these things can be travelling at 15 knots in a moderate breeze but they don't make any noise, unlike a planing dinghy, as they rush past and it can be a shock to find them in your area of water! I must praise the Comets who took part as it was too windy for me.

I was on the Comet stand at the Dinghy Show at the beginning of March and so make no apologies for including the piece on the mods. that I and others have made to the rigging etc. mostly on my boat. There were a number of newer Comet helms who were looking for help in setting up their boats. I thought that it was a good moment to re-publish.

Those of you who race against other classes in handicap racing may be pleased to see that RYA have adjusted the Portsmouth Yardsticks (PY) for a number of boats which may make it easier to get higher race results. One of the moans I hear (and also find at my own club) is that it is difficult to beat a Solo. Under the new system the Comet PY has risen from 1177 to 1179 and the Solo has reduced from 1155 to 1153. So it should be a little easier this year. However, Lasers also have had their PY

increased by 2 so will be just as difficult to beat them but anyone who races against Miracles who have had an increase of 5 points will find it more difficult to win.

Just a little information about the Comet family. Nick Warren has told me that Amy presented him with son Thomas Henry on March 9th. I have also heard that Ian Coppenhall is threatening to come to some Opens this year before he goes to Greece to continue his dinghy instruction career.

I look forward to getting some publishable notes from each of you to let us know how you are doing with your Comets or making any requests for help setting up, sailing or transporting them. Don't forget the photo competition as this can only run with your help.

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Dates for your Diary

2011 Comet Association Championships will take place on **Sunday 29 and Monday 30 May** at **Cransley SC**

2011 Comet National Championship
Sat 27 Sun 28 & Mon 29 August at **Weymouth and Portland**

Commemorative Dinner Sat 27th August

Comet AGM Sunday 28th August.

COMETS FOR SALE

Comet 311

1989 build, Red hull, cream deck. Very little used. Folding launching trolley but no trailer. **£600 o.n.o** Swansea address

Contact Rod Cooper - rcoper@yllety.f9.co.uk tel. 01792 851160

Comet 294

Red, excellent condition and fully loaded. Standard spars and sail plus 2009 XTRA spars and sail with centre main conversion. New race rigging and blocks throughout. Telescopic tiller extension, padded footstrap, keelband, hatch/bin, Praddle, Little Hawk. Spar/foil/sail bags. Bramber combi trailer with light board. Two new covers—flat and overboom. Top specification ready for the water. Located in Frome, Somerset. **£975.**

Contact Steve Pope on 07880 728120 or email steve.pope@me.com.

Comet 290

Blue hull (silver coach-lines) & white deck. Excellent condition throughout, comes with praddle, folding launch trolley, nearly new tiller extension, spar bag & cover. Recent photos available by E-mail.

£995 Only

Delivery to buyer considered by separate negotiation.

NJSellwood@Gmail.com or phone 01778 570722 (evenings only) Garaged near Bourne, Lincolnshire

Comet Classic Xtra 670 . Dark blue hull with white top decking. 2008 Xtra sail, top cover and bags for mast and boom, sail, and padded travel bags for dagger board and rudder. Launching trolley, new telescopic tiller extension, Little Hawk wind indicator and praddel. Good condition throughout and full documentation available. Used once in the 2010 season. Contact seller for photographs or viewing. Located at Open Dinghy Club, Angmering-on-Sea, West Sussex. **£1050 ono.**

Tel: 01903 505989, email: richard-sims@tiscali.co.uk

Comet 236

Green Hull, white deck.

Sail, rudder and dagger board. Blue top cover. Folding launching trolley, **£1200** Denbighshire North Wales Steve 07979517833

COMETS FOR SALE

Comet 780

Comet 780 - Just add water!

£1700 Midlands Area

Contact Dave Jobling 01782 502933

Comet 243 , year 1988, yellow hull. In good condition, little used over last few years. Folding launching trolley, rudder and dagger board padded transit bags. Inspection hatch with storage bin, praddle and Little Hawk wind indicator. Cover usable but could do with replacing.

Snipe road trailer. **£875 ono (or £800 without road trailer)**

Located near Chippenham, Wiltshire

David Millard 01249 712686 Email david.millard@dsl.pipex.com

Comet 693

Blue with coachlines, Rapide trolley, nearly new Banks cover, spar bags. **£900** Boat at Hawley Lake

Dave Gilbert 07973 343794, dsds.gilbert@googlemail.com

Comet 316

Comet dinghy complete with Rapide combi trailer and lighting board. Blue hull, white deck. Really good condition. Not heavily used.

Tiller extension, bailer, short paddle, padded toe straps.

Has a cover which has seen better days.

Garaged in Crawley, West Sussex.

£825.00 Contact Roger Palmer on 07786 067240 or email

rogerj.palmer@btopenworld.com

Comet Zero 151

Sail number 151(2002). Rear mainsheet, furling Jib. Outboard pad, rear round hatch and large front hatch. Dark blue (waterline colour scheme). Iroko wooden fencing and full length keelband. Two self bailers. Bramber combi trailer(as supplied by Comet). Banks, heavyduty, boom up top cover (less than a year old).

This is a beautiful boat in near perfect condition. It's had very little sailing (unfortunately) and is ready to go. It is stored in West Devon and will need to be collected from there. **£2300.**

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