

Why Sail a Comet?

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I have sailed a many different types of dinghies since I was 7 (now 54!) and have enjoyed all (although the Concept 302 which was not quite as expected). But what sets the Comet apart is that I do love sailing it in any condition thinking that I can eke out a result on handicap (although I think this is only on smaller waters from my experience). I am not the ideal weight but even that doesn't really seem to matter (certainly less so than with my other passion the D Zero), so why???? I have listed the key factors which I think are the reasons why it is such an endearing boat and will sustain its appeal for years to come:

- It appeals equally to all ages, weights and gender
- It is simple to sail – yet the complexity comes with when you want to go a little faster than others in a race!!
- It is an everlasting boat – in vehicle terms something like a landrover - in that as long as it is maintained it will keep going for ever (not too good on vehicles!) - but definitely not a rust bucket
- You can race in a friendly circuit and every now and again everyone can be up the front (and at the back), It still retains an element of danger when sailing in windy conditions – everyone seems to capsize

These are the reasons I can write down, but there is an X Factor that lies out there, that keeps me coming back for more – just can't quite define it (answers on a post card!!)

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