



# Comet Class Association

*sail with us...*

*...race with us*

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## Comet...

...designed by Andrew Simmons of Comet Dinghies and, like all their boats, built to a consistently high standard. The Comet appeals to sailors of all ages and abilities. Comfortable and rewarding to sail, Comets need little upkeep and maintain their value. Designed for singlehanded racing the Comet can carry two adults safely and is equally at home cruising.

- Quick and easy to rig; light and easy to launch and recover; simple to transport by trailer or on a car roof.
- Excellent performance over a wide range of wind strengths; manageable by beginners but with responsiveness to challenge and reward the more experienced sailor.
- Optional centre or rear-sheeting, choice of 4 rigs.


**Comets** are a popular choice at many clubs right across the country and competition is always available at the many open meetings and other events organised by the Association. New boats, sails, spare parts, & repairs:-


Comet Dinghies: Unit 4, Valley View  
Business Park,  
Ashreigney, Devon, EX18 7ND  
[www.cometdinghies.com](http://www.cometdinghies.com)


## Comet facts...

Comets are sailed and raced competitively over a wide range of conditions by helms between 50kg and 110kg in weight and 8 to 80 years old!

Length	3.45m
Beam	1.37m
Hull weight	50kg

 the "STANDARD COMET" with a 6.50sqm dacron unbattened sail. For strong winds the sail is easily reefed if needed.

 the "COMET XTRA" with a somewhat smaller, 6.00 sqm, Mylar sail set on a shorter mast. Its more efficient sail design, that includes battens, provides overall performance similar to that of the standard rig.

 the "COMET WHITE XTRA" sail is set on the same mast and boom as the Comet Xtra. It is similar to the Xtra, but with a 6.25sqm white dacron battened sail. It has the same performance as the standard rig. A slab-reefing version of the White Xtra sail is available as an option.


 the "COMET MINO" with a sail area of 5sqm, without battens, for the lighter helm in really strong winds.


A further option on the standard Comet sail is a zippered luff which makes sail hoisting super-easy. This is standard on the Xtra and White Xtra sails.

At Class events, the Association now treats the standard Comet, the Xtra, the White Xtra, and the Mino rigs as one fleet and helms nominate which rig they will use throughout the event.

## **Comet Class Association...**

...formed shortly after the launch of this exciting and well-designed dinghy, we are proud to have been associated with its development into the popular class it still is today!

 Affiliated to the RYA, the Association is a voluntary organisation run by and for Comet owners. We promote and influence sailing at all levels. We give free help and advice on all aspects of sailing and owning a Comet and have contacts at clubs throughout the country. We help put buyers and sellers of second-hand boats in touch.

 The Association regularly publishes a magazine, "Perihelion", with tips on Comet sailing, Members' experiences, racing reports from the open meetings and championships, news from the clubs, interviews with Comet personalities, and more.

**Join us and get the best  
from your sailing!**

Visit our website for more details, Comets for sale, and a list of clubs where Comets are sailed.

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*Join us!*

*Race with us!*

We organise two championship meetings each year at which Members of all ages and abilities are encouraged to take part. The National Championship is usually a three-day event in July/August, whilst the Association Championship is typically a two-day event in May. The two events are in different parts of the country to ensure that at least one event is near as many of our members as possible.

In a normal year we have over twenty open meetings at clubs from Derbyshire down to the South Coast at which anyone with a Comet is welcome.

For our Members, these count towards the Regional and National Travellers' Trophies series. The Regional series are aimed at those who prefer to do a few events without too much travelling, while the National Orbital Trophy, which counts all events including the championships, is for the keener sailors.

Comet racing is renowned for keen but friendly competition at all levels!

*Our boat's a champion -*

*Are you?*

# Sail Comet

*The  
Friendly  
Singlehander*

*Fast, Friendly, Fun*

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you!**