

**Hey!
Were you at the Boat Show?!**

Thank you for taking time to stop by our Fleet 204 display at this year's Boat Show at the NY State Fairgrounds. We hope you had a chance to talk to one of our Fleet members about our sailing club and Hobie Cats.

We would like to personally invite you, any additional family members and or friends to our Fleet's annual Social meeting on **Tuesday, March 8 starting at 7:30pm -9:00pm.**



The meeting will be held at **Borio's Restaurant** located just off Lakeshore Rd., Cicero , NY in one of their banquet rooms. Borio's address is: 8891 McDonnells Parkway, Cicero , NY 13039. Phone: 315.699.2249 www.borios.biz

Our Social meeting is designed to provide you with more information about our Fleet, Hobie Cat sailing and help you continue with your interest in getting out on a Hobie Cat this summer. In addition, you'll get an opportunity to meet more of our members, learn more about our future Fleet activities and talk about sailing. We want you to be our guest and enjoy some great pizza, wings, beverages sponsored by Boatworks and Borio's. See you at the meeting!

Commodore's Corner



Bob Longo,
Commodore

Hey, Fleet 204! I wanted to thank all of you for a great Boat Show! Because of your enthusiasm, we had a HUGE number of sailors of varying abilities stop at our booth and talk with us about sailing. One sailor who visited said that he had been hoping to find other people who sailed Hobie Cats – I told him that he had come to the right spot! We hope that you'll continue to talk sailing with our new friends at the social meeting.



Ken Knapp
Vice-Commodore

Much of our focus these days is on our Madcatter regatta in May – our 40th! Over the past few weeks, I've had calls from basically, all over the place about this event - California, Michigan, Puerto Rico, and Long Island, to name a few. So, there is already a good deal of interest and I think that a lot of people are coming to sail Oneida Lake with us! We're all working hard on our committees to get the event up and running. I need to send a special shout-out to the trophy people, who are putting in a lot of time. Keep up the good work! I hope that all of us will be ready, and be there! It's going to be great!

I need to mention another exciting event for our fleet, which is the roll-out of the new website. If you haven't seen www.Fleet204.com recently, check it out! While some areas are still under construction it generally looks great. It will really help people get to know about our Fleet and Hobie sailing.

Hope to see you at the Social Meeting!
Bob Longo, Commodore, Fleet 204

Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes February 9, 2016

Submitted by **Bruce Krupke**

The meeting was called to order by **Commodore Bob Longo** at 7:30pm at Borio's Restaurant on Tuesday, February 9. It was blowing, windy and snowing outdoors; spring cannot come fast enough! He welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted there was one new member (sort of!) at this meeting, **Marten Peterson**. There were about 22 members in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Secretary **Bruce Krupke** reported the January minutes were put into the Fleet newsletter by Editor **Theresa White**, and printed by publisher **Adam Atherton**. There weren't any changes or additions to the minutes. There was a motion to accept the minutes, seconded **and carried**.



Treasurer's Report: Treasurer **Dr. Bill Whalen** said that all accounts are all in order and in good standing. He said for all Fleet members to remember to pay your dues now! **Dues are Due!** (*Editor's note:* See Bill's note on this topic later in this newsletter.) Past newsletters are on our website, in the *News* menu section.



Bill also encouraged all Hobie sailors to become a Hobie Cat National Class Association member. If you want to support your sport and national organization, join the Hobie Cat Association. If you plan on sailing a Hobie sanctioned race, you need to be a member of HCA. For more information visit their site: <http://hcana.hobieclass.com/>

There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded, **and carried**.

Nationals 2016 News: There will be a **2016 Women's and Youth** at chicken bones beach in Pensacola, **July 11-13, Monday – Wednesday Regatta**. Watch the racing schedule for more information.

Safety is No Accident Talk: **Mimi Appel**, our Safety Officer, touched on two topics. First, she asked about the kind of release hook you have on your harness. A quick survey of those in attendance showed that only about half had an emergency release for their harness. There are two different types – you should get to know the differences. They are discussed in the latest issue of the *Hobie Hotline*.



Mimi also reminded people to consider the viewpoints and feelings of others when working with Fleet members and sailors. We will all be working closely on MC40 and other events. Try to have patience with each other. No yelling! When working together we can get stressful. Be kind and work well together.

It is important and sets us apart when we can work together. If you are struggling, ask for help and don't be afraid to ask for help. We are a Fleet Team. Be considerate and if you make a mistake admit it. We need to keep under control with our MC 40. If you borrow something, return it in as good shape. Fleet adage, if you break it you upgrade it! Remember, there is always another regatta. Remember rule #1 (*Have fun!*).

Division 16 Report: Adam Atherton reported he talked to Dan Borg, and there will be a Toronto Regatta this year! It will be June 11/12 and will be possibly out of Etobicoke Yacht Club. The Schroon Lake Regatta will be Jun 18 and 19th hosted by the Town of Schroon. He noted you need to have your HCA membership before you race or you won't be scored in any regattas you participate in. (*Editor's note:* See the full schedule of events elsewhere in this newsletter!)



Training Coordinator Report: Herb James said that there was none to report.

Past Regatta Report: Winter Florida sailing/regattas were discussed. There are three winter regattas scheduled for 2016.

- **Tradewinds** January 16-18th was in the Florida Keys, President's weekend. Many members attended. There was a report on the general regatta. There were trips to Key West and other locations made, but not recommended, too tiring. The regatta winds were blowing hard and the weather was rainy. Many didn't even rig their boats on the first day. Saturday conditions were light to moderate with hangovers affecting performance. Sunday was a washout blowing 30 plus. Ben Brown, a former youth from California took first, Mark Modderman second, **Herb and Sharon James** took third place and **Tom Korzeniewski** took fourth. There was a Wave class. You can charter a Wave for \$235 or so. The point is, you don't have to travel with a boat to compete. Many people saw former Fleet member **Pete Killius** at Pete's Meats in Key West, a popular tourist attraction. **Adam Atherton** and his son **Jon** sailed together and had fun. **Martin Peterson** and **Rob Jerry** sailed the F18 class, but Marten thought he was going to sail on a 16. He was surprised!



- **Charlotte Harbor Regatta** in, Punta Gorda, FL., was held on February, 5-7th, is a Hobie Points regatta, located about 120 miles south of Tampa on the gulf coast. Three Fleet 204 member teams attended, along with friends from the New Jersey Fleet. Mark Modderman came in first with Daphna Brown. Daphna's son Ben and his crew took second place. Division 16 sailors from Toronto Nick and Laurence Liebel took 3rd; they actually tied with **Herb and Sharon James**. **Sue Korz** reported her crew (**Tom**) missed the 16



A mark! It was a nice regatta, with some very high wind conditions. (So much for first place!) Day one, it blew pretty hard, big streaks, long chop, current and tide, 23 knots. The limit of 20 mph was set by the PRO but somehow ignored. Day two was light, with the wind shifting 180 degrees after the second race. The third race that day had rain, making the marks very hard to find and see. The third day, the wind was out of the north - 25mph. It wasn't for the faint hearted. We didn't see of our Floridian friends on the water, nor many other classes for that matter. As some of the locals said, it was the coldest three days in a row in the past 10 years. Some said it was due to El Nino. Nonetheless there was a Pusser's Rum party, good food and new friends were made. We encouraged many of them to come up to MC40.

Future Regattas:

- The Hobie **Mid Winters East Regatta** will be in Tampa, FL at the Davis Island Yacht Club on March 4-6. The local Fleet in the area is preparing a NOR, watch the Forum for more future info. Are you going?! Talk it up!

Madcatter 40 Report:

- The Commodore reported **Rico Quatrone** is suggesting using an online service to have racers register for Madcatter such as Regatta network or Regatta Tech. There are pro and cons to the concept. We have never used this service before. There is a service fee charged, as much as 10%. There are other services which could be used. There was a lot of discussion if the service is worth it or not and the cost involved. Many agreed there is an incentive to getting racers to sign up early and commit attendance. After a show of hands, it was decided to use Regatta Tech as the registration service for this year. It will be a good test to see how efficient the process it. Although we will have to pay a 5% commission for all registration used through the service, they provide results, lists, credit card payments and more. **Bill Whalen** will be the point person to get the system up and running, watch for the registration on the Website, and sign up early!
- **Bruce Krupke** provided a Sponsorship presentation. He said forms are now ready to be used by all Fleet members. A copy will be up on the website soon. He noted we already have a Beer (Omegang) and Hotel sponsor (Days Inn, Brewerton; Comfort Suites, Cicero, mention Hobie Cat Fleet 204 Madcatter Regatta for a deal). Please try to obtain one sponsor for Madcatter. We need sponsorship money!
- **We need an engraver** for our trophies. If anyone knows one please let the Commodore or Trophy committee know asap.
- Our charm sales are going good. There will be another opportunity to place an order, Contact **Mimi Appel** if you are interested. Sales of the charms will continue every month. The 15th of each month is the deadline for the order. Sales of the H charms might not happen at the Madcatter if we don't have to do that. On the order form the deadline is April 15th. Order them now! If you have a H-Charm, post a picture of you wearing it on our Fleet FB website page to help promote them.

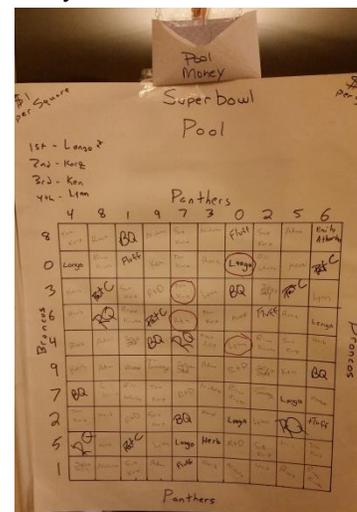


Social Committee Report:

The Fleet Annual Superbowl party was held at the **Atherton** residence, thank you very much **Rose**, Adam and Kids. There were big winners from our board, congrats to **Tom Korz**, the **Longos and Knapps**!

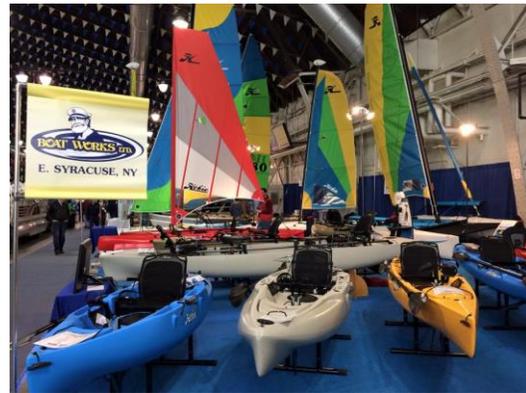
Old Business:

The topic of selection a Fleet Burgee was discussed. **Rob Jerry** reported he is in the process of getting final quotes and having them ready for MC 40. There was a discussion to create a Big Burgee banner and we'll order 25 burgees. There was a motion to allocate money (\$725) to purchase the Burgees in advance and sell them. There was a second, vote carried!



New Business:

- The **CNY Syracuse Boat Show** will be 4 days, starting Thursday Feb. 18. Set up will start at 5pm on Monday until about 8pm. We'll also set up all day Tuesday and Wednesday if needed. Details will be posted on the Forum. **Therese Straigis** is in charge of sign up for times to staff and assist with our Fleet 204 display. Commodore Longo noted some new posters have been designed to complement our Fleet information. **Mr. Krupke** will be responsible for the display. If you have ideas, contact him.



- There was discussion about when to hold our **Annual Come Sail With Us Day**. Dates in June were discussed and it was agreed to hold it on **Saturday June 4th** 11am-4pm.
- The **Northeast Hobie championships** will be held at the Oswego Aug. 6th regatta. **Adam Atherton** will approach Hobie for the designation and sponsorship money.
- A new Fleet Website is being designed by a committee of **Lynn Knapp, Kevin Walma, Rico Quatrone and Bruce Krupke**. It is a work in progress and will be somewhat difficult. They are creating a new and improved site for the Fleet. There will be many upgrades and easier user interface. Please have patience with the process. They are trying to finish the project before March 1. (*Editor's Note:* They did! It's here –and it's AWESOME!) If you have a suggestion for the site, contact **Rico Quatrone or Lynn Knapp**. The new idea is they are trying to compartmentalize the work so one person won't have to do all the work and the site will be updated sooner and more often.

Commodore Longo asked if there was any other business, he noted the next Fleet meeting will be held Tuesday March 8th at 7:30pm sharp at Borio's Restaurant, all Fleet member are welcome to attend. It will be our annual Fleet Newbie and Social meeting all Fleet member are welcome to attend. There will be pizza, wings and beverages served. We will be inviting all the people we meet at the Boat Show to attend. Commodore Longo encouraged everyone to interact with newbies at the meeting. Please show up on time, the meeting will start at 7:30 with or without you! There was a motion to adjourn, seconded, carried at 9pm.

2016 Division 16 HCA - Regatta Schedule and Local Area Events						
APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
2/3	30/1 Gunpowder Regatta Chase, MD (D11)	4/5 Spray Beach Yacht Club LBI, NJ (D11) 4 Come Sail with us Day Cicero, NY (Fleet 204)	2/3 July 4th Statue of Liberty Race - Sandy Hook, NJ (Open)	6/7 Oswego Hobie Regatta, Oswego Yacht Club, NY (D16) SHBCC - Blue Water Regatta (Open)	3/4 Labor Day	1/2 Ben Hur Regatta at Water Rats Toronto, ON (D16) Rock Hall Yacht Club, MD (D11)
9/10	7/8 Mothers Day	11/12 Water Rats Catamaran Club Toronto, ON (D16) Hobie 20 NAC, Oceansprings Y.C. Tentative	9/10 Sam Meyers Memorial Regatta, Pymatuning Sailing Club, OH (Open)	13/14 Sandy Hook Cat Club Atlantic Highlands, NJ (D11)	10/11 CMOR Canandaigua Yacht Club, NY (D16)	8/16 Hobie 16 NAC Puerto Penasco, Mexico
16/17	14/15 Shore Acres Yacht Club Brick, NJ (D11)	18/19 Schroon Lake, Schroon Lake, NY (D16) Rock Hall YC, MD (D11)	16/17	20/21 Hobie 17 NAC Lake Carlyle, IL Alter Cup on Hobie 18 Lake Carlyle, IL	17/18 RBSA - Fall Classic Rehobeth, DE (D11)	15/16
23/24	20-22 40th Madcatter Regatta Syracuse, NY Fleet 204 (D16)	25/26	23/24 Barnegat Breezer Trixies Landing Bayville, NJ (D11)	27/28	24/25	22/23
	28 Memorial Day		30/31 Special Olympics Regatta St. Marys College, MD Corsica River Regatta Conquest Beach, MD (Open)			29/30

TO: All Fleet 204 Members!
From: Dr. Bill Whalen, Treasurer
Subject: Your DUES ARE NOW DUE

It is that time of year again when your dues are due. If you haven't already made payment, would you please submit your membership dues to me by March 31. To pay your dues, you have more options. You can pay by check, cash at the next meeting, or new this year, by credit card!

- To pay by check (made out to Hobie Cat Fleet 204), mail your dues of \$50, which includes all your family members to: **Dr. Bill Whalen**, Treasurer, 8254 Honeysuckle Drive, Liverpool, NY, 13090.
- To pay by credit card, mail me your credit card number, expiration date and name on the credit card, or call me with the info at 315-622-0823.
- And of course you can pay using cash, check or credit card at the Fleet Social Meeting on March 8th which will start at 7:30pm sharp at Borio's.

If you have had any changes in your contact information since last July, please let me know when you make payment.

Thank you for your support of Fleet 204!

Dr. Bill Whalen
Fleet 204 Treasurer



Look who we spotted under the clock at 2:04 at the SU basketball game!

Membership Information Form

Address Information	
Last Name	Home Phone
Address	Home e-mail
Address	
City, State, Zip (Country)	
His	Hers
Name	Name
Phone	Phone
e-mail	e-mail

Delivery options: We would prefer to receive the newsletter via:

US Postal Service or e-mail (Please double check your e-mail addresses above)

[Send to **Theresa (Fluffy) White**, 601 DeMong Drive, Syracuse, NY 13214]

Membership Summary

The membership statuses are: Complimentary or Regular. **Regular** (\$50.00) says you and your immediate family have opted to take advantage of all that Fleet 204 has to offer, fleet races, newsletters, parties, the Labor Day Outing, etc. Each February, your membership status reverts to **Complimentary** until your dues are received. Please mail your dues (checks only please, payable to **Hobie Cat Fleet 204**) to us with your membership information.

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Fleet Website: <http://www.fleet204.com/>
Where are we: During the sailing season (approximately late April through late August), we can be found on Thursday evenings sailing out of Therre’s Marina and the Caster residence, 6725 Lakeshore Road, Clay, NY 13041. Preparations usually start about 5:00pm with white flag at 6:00pm. Launching facilities may be found at Therre’s. Take South Bay road to Oneida Lake, turn left, and you’re there – first Caster’s, then Therre’s Marina.

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The Atherton Family
7888 Marina Dr.
Bridgeport, NY 13030

Address Service Requested

Next meeting is **Mar. 8th**
at **7:30 pm** at
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