

Commodore's Corner



Therese Straigis
Commodore

'Tis the season!
Thanksgiving was a wonderful feast and sailing Santa is on his way!
Sometimes I wonder if these two holidays were supposed to be near the end of the year to reflect the passing year and to prepare for the future.



This year I am thankful for the time I have with my family, the local friends nearby, and to become an aunt to a beautiful girl. I am grateful that my husband and I found a hobby we love to do, talk about, argue about, and compete with each other.

What are you looking forward to?! Next year, I cannot wait to graduate from school! Jason will be one year closer to being back in Syracuse. And cannot wait to go sailing again! There is always something in the future to look forward to when you get to go sailing with Fleet 204! 204 204 204!

I hope to see you all at the meeting at Borio's!

Commodore Hondo

Do you remember when....



Mark rounding at the 1999 CMOR
courtesy of Bill Whalen's photo archives



Bruce Krupke is going to put together a picture show of Fleet 204 Events that happened in 2014. If you have some pictures you would like included, please email them to Bruce at bwk@celebrationband.com by December 16th.

Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes November 11, 2014

Respectfully submitted by
Bruce W. Krupke, *Secretary*

The meeting called to order at 7:30 pm at Borio's Restaurant by **Commodore Therese Straigis**. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 29 members in attendance.



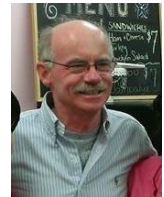
Mimi Apple provided this month's **safety message**, which is no accident. PFDs (personal flotation device) are a sailor's best friend. She noted what we all currently wear are correct (Type 3 vests), because we are required to wear them! It was noted, there are some

changes in the new PFDs out there. The Coast Guard will still approve them, but they will be in just one type. Matt Miller is a Hobie Cat representative who provided information and news about PFDs in the most current Hotline issue. Zhik brand jackets good jackets, but are not up to the necessary qualifications. There will in the future just one type, so it will be easier to buy one without questions. She suggests going to **Boat Works** in E. Syracuse to purchase one, buy local, and to make sure you have the right size. You don't want one too big, as it could come loose from you if you are unconscious. Commodore Straigis thanked Mimi Appel for her research and the safety message report.



Secretary's Report: **Bruce Krupke** reported he provided the minutes from our October Fleet meeting were emailed to **Fluffy White** and were printed in the November newsletter. There was a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded, vote carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer **Dr. Bill Whalen** reported our finances are in really good condition. Our balances are high and will allow us to look at more options and ideas in 2015. There was a motion to accept the report, seconded, carried.



Division 16 Report: Adam Atherton Division chairman reported he has been working on national events. Pensacola is the location for 2015, September 14-18, at the Pensacola Yacht Club. 2016 NAs 16 and 18s in Mexico! Ole! He is working on setting up a Division meeting in early December. He wants to find out what a good date will be for those that need to attend. There was a question if the dates for the 2015 NAs will conflict with CMOR in Canandigua, he said

possibly.

Past Regatta Report: **Rob Jerry** reported the F18 regatta in Corpus Christi, TX, was good, got in 5 days. There were 14 races, with food and beer every night. He sailed with **Mike Siao**. It was good sailing, not too heavy as their reputation is noted for.



Future Regatta Report: Tradewinds in the Florida Keys is in January on MLK weekend. **Port Charlotte Harbor Regatta** will be in Punta Gorda, Florida Feb. 6-8. There are Fleet members going to each, if you have interest in crewing or sailing, post on the Forum. **MWEs** (Mid Winter's East) have not been established yet. There haven't been any bids put in, though there is talk about it returning to Ocean Springs, MS.

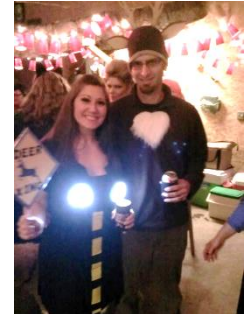


Social Report:

- A big thank you goes out to **Joann and Jim Perkins** for hosting a great **Halloween party**.



There were about 50 plus people there, lots of great food, drink, scary costumes. The location is the best and the



Perkins did a really good job. Thank you to the **Jeffers, James** and the **Jerrys** for helping set up the party, great job everyone. Perky's Cousin Clayton, won the party. There was a tie for best costume: **Rakel Holmes** New Orleans Day of the Dead & **Don and Danielle Podejko** as Deer in the Headlights, or others thought they were aliens landing on Earth !

- **The Christmas Party** will be held at **Kevin and Melissa Walma's** house in Brewerton on **December 19**. (See website for directions) The time of the party will start at 6:30, but will really get going around 7pm. Bring a dish/dessert/beverage to pass/eat. If you want to receive a Super Santa present, you need to bring one. Suggested value range is \$15. HO, HO, HO, see you and your favorite Elf there.



Other Business:

- **Chalk talks** are popular, but there was discussion to hold them at a different time. It was agreed if you want to host a chalk talk set a date at a Fleet meeting or post it way in advance as possible on the Forum.
- The idea of a **Fleet Burgee** was discussed. Options created by Fleet members were viewed and discussed. There was discussion regarding if we are planning on selling them. The answer is for individual Fleet member use and for the Fleet to give away to other yacht clubs or regatta sites. If we use the flying H, it is a trademark owned by Hobie, we need to get permission from Hobie Cat if there is money exchanged, meaning selling them etc. **Pat Bisesi** concurred with **Mimi** on this point (!). **Rob Jerry** will make sure we have permission to use the Flying H from Hobie Cat owners. The examples provided were shown to everyone. A vote was taken for the favorite design. The winning artwork was designed by **Adam Atherton and Bob Longo**. We'll consider pricing options and vote to purchase them and take orders at the next meeting.
- **Commodore Straigis** reported after a great deal of research and discussion by the executive officers, the Fleet will purchase a laser printer. **Adam and Rose Atherton** will become the publisher and in charge of distribution. **Dr. Theresa White** has been

publishing the newsletter up to this point. Thank you much for a job well done. They'll print out most of all the Fleet's printing needs.

New Business:

- **Pattie Krupke and Sharon James** reported they are looking at developing a uniform Fleet shirt/vest type to let the public know we are a group at events like the Boat Show. She showed off some ideas that have been used in the past. They noted what we use should be warm. Maybe we should use our burgee on it. Options, designs and types of outerwear were discussed. There was a lot of interest in creating this piece to have ready for the boat show in February. By a show of hands there was more interest in a vest or jacket. Options will be shown and discussed at the December meeting.
- **Tom Korzeniewski** reported the **CPR class** will be held on December Saturday December 20th. The time will be at 2pm at Four Season Pilates.
- **Tom** also discussed **Sailx.com** cyber racing simulations and he will host Thursday nights. If you are interested contact him, and look for info on the Forum.
- Lastly, **Tom** discussed holding a race on Onondaga Lake with the Yacht club in 2015. They have a great clubhouse. We'll have literature available for anyone interested in sailing and our Fleet.
- **Madcatter 2015: Commodore Straigis** started assigning committee assignments. She asked all Fleet members to get a head start on Madcatter 2015 and 2016, our 40th!. She would like new ideas for sponsorships. Consider a new sponsor Drive, if you have ideas; please work with **Danielle Carr** and **Bruce Krupke**.
- To get a jump start on **Madcatter 40** planning, **Bob Longo** discussed ideas with the Fleet. One idea was to have a free entry fee. The idea is to have a retro fee. \$2.04 was thought would be a good idea. Some thought the original fee was \$25, possible including everything. A lot of suggestions were provided and bantered about, back to the future theme; attend Madcatter 39, get the 40th free. Some were concerned we don't empty our accounts for just one anniversary. If you have a vintage classic Hobie, maybe special consideration for them to attend. An all-inclusive charge for all events was supported. Maybe have a second course was considered. More ideas will be discussed at future meetings.
- We are looking for a host for the **Superbowl party** Sunday Feb. 1. If you are interested contact Commodore Straigis or let us know at our next meeting in December.



Send all your **Macatter 40** ideas to me or other Committee members!!

There was no other business and there was a motion to adjourn, seconded carried.



Membership Information Form

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

- US Postal Service 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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Where are we: During the sailing season (approximately late April through late August), we can be found on Thursday evenings, sailing out of 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 almost immediately to the left of the Caster's at Therre's boat launch. Take South Bay road to the end, turn left, and you're there.

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Next meeting is **Dec. 9th**
at **7:30 pm** at
Borio's Restaurant
Lakeshore Road
Cicero, NY