

## Commodore's Corner



Bob Longo,  
Commodore

“People laughed at me for setting up a surf shop.” –*Hobie Alter*

Hmmmm good thing we did not all grow up to be doctors, teachers, lawyers, engineers, police officers or firefighters like the choices we were given in third grade. Anyone ever get a strange look when you told someone you sail Hobie Cats? How about a blank stare when you explained what it is like to sail a Hobie Cat? How about the look of fear when you said you RACE Hobie Cats?

Imagination, adventure, spirit or keep to the beaten path? Hmmmm

“I took Al Unser out on a Hobie the day before he became the first auto racer to go 200 mph around a closed-circuit track. We were only going about 18 mph, and you should have seen him hanging on for dear life.” – *Hobie Alter*



Hmmmm Where are the seat belts? Airbags? Child proof locks? Lane departure warning system? Child seats? How do these boats still exist? You have to actually be involved in the activity. Understand the boat, the wind, the water, PHYSICS! You have to be able to show off your bruises not be terrified by the fact that there could be another one waiting for you next time you push off. Hmmmm

We, Fleet 204, are about to host the 40<sup>th</sup> Madcatter Regatta. 40 years. Not much sticks around for 40 years. Hosting one of the premier Hobie regattas for 40 years is some kind of miracle. Are you participating in this miracle? Taking a small piece? A big piece? There is something for anyone and everyone - whether you enjoy bruises or not. For everyone who is pitching in – THANK YOU and THANK YOU in advance for what you have still left to do. For everyone else who is thinking about helping, just like the start line, please nose yourself in!

Hope to see you next meeting at Borios!

*Commodore Bob*



## Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes Nov. 10, 2015

Submitted by **Bruce Krupke**

The meeting was called to order by newly elected **Commodore Bob Longo** at 8:00pm at Borio's Restaurant on Tuesday, November 10. There were about 25 Fleet members in attendance. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for their support during the elections. He also noted he appreciated the other elected officers who will be part of his team: Vice Commodore, **Ken Knapp**; Treasurer, **Bill Whalen**; Secretary, **Bruce Krupke**.



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



**Treasurer's Report:** **Dr. Bill Whalen** noted the checking accounts are about the same as last month in our 2 accounts with very strong balances. There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded and vote passed.

**Safety is No Accident Talk:** **Mimi Appel** discussed a handout that was provided at the 16 nationals. She said it was important for us to know hand signals when you are in the water. She demonstrated by pretending she is in the water, floating, and then patted her head with one hand; it means I'm ok. She then put up two hands spread apart; it means I'm in trouble please get to me ASAP. She noted that it is always important to first make sure your crew is safe, and to see if they are separated from the boat and if they have their PFD on. She said it is very important to know these signals if you are a sailor or if you are on a boat. If you are on a boat checking an overturned boat or other emergency situation with people in the water ask how many were on board, make sure you have the correct head count and everyone is accounted for and near the boat.



**Division 16 Report:** **Adam Atherton**, our Division 16 Chair, reported that 20 Division 11 had a meeting, and they have their schedule completed. Now it looks like there aren't any major conflicts with our Division 16 regattas. The regatta schedule for 2016 can be found on the Forum, but is not official. He noted MWE might be in Pensacola, FL in early April.

**Training Coordinator Report:** **Herb James** asked when and where do we want to hold a chalk talk? Options include: Before a meeting at Borio's; after the Fleet meeting; or at someone's house on a different night? It was decided to use all Formats. The first one in December will be at 6:30pm before the Fleet meeting. The January 2016 Chalk Talk will be at the Atherton's house, watch the Forum for a date and time.



**Past Regatta Report: None to Report.**

**Future Regattas:**



Winter Florida sailing/regattas were discussed. There are two, possibly three regattas in Florida scheduled to participate in 2016! Notice of Races, (NOR's) are posted for each of these regattas on their websites. There is interest in some members attending, if you are interested, put a posting on the Forum page.

- **Tradewinds** January 16-18th in the Florida Keys, which is a non Hobie points on President's weekend. If you are going, Herb James is interested

in renting a house, contact him if you would like to get a room.

- **Port Charlotte Harbor Regatta** in, Punta Gorda, FL., on February, 5-7th, is a Hobie Points regatta, located about 120 miles south of Tampa on the gulf coast. 3-4 Fleet member teams are planning on attending.
- The Hobie **Mid Winters East Regatta** has been noted it will be in early April in Pensacola, FL. Watch for info on the website.



**Madcatter 40 Report:**

Commodore Longo provided a committee report. He has established four groups/committees.



Each responsibility will be assigned to one of the four committees. This is a new format to make the administration of running Madcatter easier and more efficient. Those who are responsible for a Madcatter assignment, please work within the committee list. If there is anyone who believes they belong in a different group, let **Bob Longo** know and they will be reassigned. The committee list will be posted on the website and discussed at each meeting. We are trying to keep the discussions about the individual responsibilities streamlined and at a minimum at Fleet meetings. There were some related topics discussed.

- Is anyone interested in being a Webmaster, if you do, please contact **Bob Longo**.
- **Bill Whalen** noted he has created a Pay Pal Account to allow an online registration to use a credit card. We need to get the Madcatter registration and NOR set up with the ability to pay for it. We also need credit card utilization to order the new H charms.

- Trophies: **Mimi Appel** discussed we need Madcatter NOR started to allow pre-paid registration to help us save money with the trophies and H charms. She is working with Diana Jewelers in Liverpool, thank you very much to them! She showed us a silver prototype. There will be gold; silver; and bronze for each class. They will be sold in advance. The prices will be \$45 for bronze; \$95 for silver; \$295 for gold. If you want one, we are going to place orders for Christmas, the orders have to be in the Monday (22nd) before Thanksgivings. Shipping will be handled by Diana Jewelers, and insured.



- There was a suggestion if there is a class of 5 boats, we provide just a gold H Charm as a trophy. If there are 10 boats in the class, then all three will be awarded. The NOR needs to reflect this policy up front. Madcatter H Charms orders need to be placed in advance in the Spring, info will be released in 2016 for the second order opportunity if you miss the first one. The money raised in advance sales will help to pay for the trophy H charms trophies.



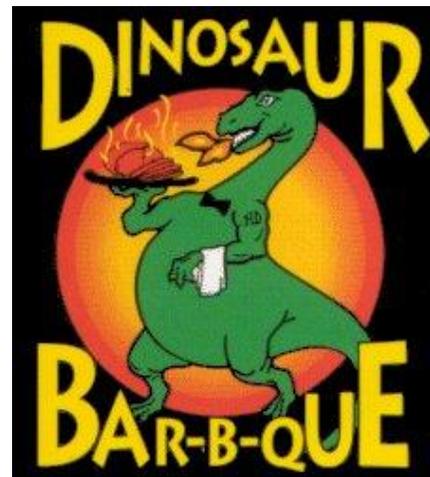
- Vintage Fleet Rally: **Sam Anderson** noted plans are still underway for this concept. A race for the boats might not work. Maybe a social fee for older sailors will be created. We are trying to attract older boats who might not want to race. We might want to just allow them to show them off with their older sail numbers on the beach.

- **Sue Korz** wanted to notify the Fleet she has collected and kept track of all the Madcatter finishers since the inception of the regatta going back to 1976. She wanted to create a new board for future use. The cost will be about \$150 and will be created for MC40.

- There was a discussion to print maritime letters in memory of our friend **Brad Wilson** who passed away this year. Commodore Longo passed around a thank you from Louise Wilson to the Fleet. There was a motion, seconded and passed to create the

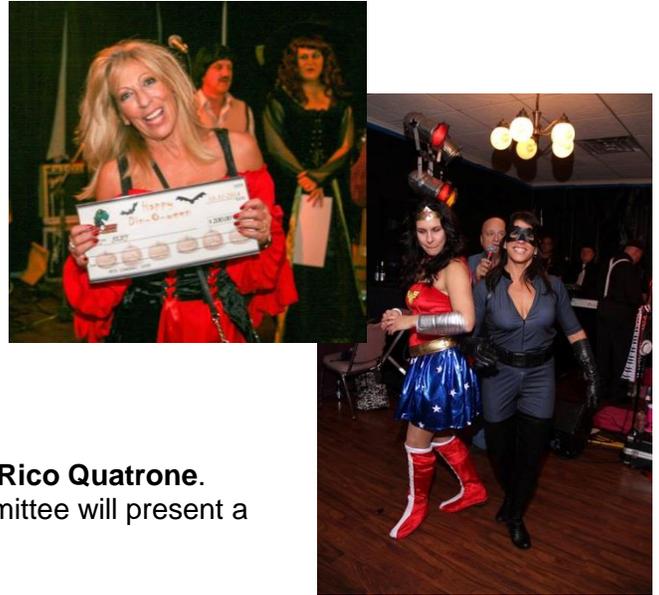
letters to hand out and be placed on our all our boats at Madcatter 40.

- **Herb James** discussed the dinner plans for Madcatter. He is considering something new, a catered BBQ. He has retrieved quotes from 3 sources. He is considering 200 plus meals for planning purposes. Smokey Bones is the lowest price provided. There was a quote from Dinosaur BBQ and Limp Lizard. Costs and preferences were discussed. There was a motion to vote on a caterer, the decision was to go with Dinosaur was chosen as our caterer for dinners at MC40.



**Social Committee Report:**

- A Halloween party was held at Borio's.
- Christmas will be at **Korz's house** on Dec. 12th. Watch the Fleet's webpage for all the information, all Fleet member and a guest are invited to attend, no one under 18 please. There will be a secret Santa present gift exchange. To get a gift, bring a gift, price range average \$15.
- We are looking for a Superbowl party location, if you are interested let the Commodore know.



**Old and New Business:**

Burgee Committee report. A design was submitted by **Rico Quatrone**. **Adam Atherton** will be send one in as well. The Committee will present a recommendation to the Fleet at the next meeting.

**Chalk Talk:**

The next Fleet meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8th at 7:30pm. Please be on time. Remember, a chalk talk will take place at 6:30pm at Borio's before the meeting. If you have a topic, contact **Herb James**.



## Official Notice of 204 Christmas Party

Where: **The Home of Tom, Sue, and Erika Korzeniewski**



7724 Black Willow  
Liverpool, NY 13090

When: Friday, Dec. 12, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m. until ... ???

### **To Bring:**

1. Good things to eat and drink!
2. Secret Santa gift if you want to! (see rules, below)

### **Secret Santa Rules**

- Bring a gift, get a gift
- Bring a gift of around \$10-\$15 (but there is no \$\$ limit)
- Select a gift when your name is called
- Stealing is legal (3 times, any way!)
- Rules subject to change at a moment's notice
- You must follow the rules!



**Membership Information Form**

<b>Address Information</b>	
Last Name	Home Phone
Address	Home e-mail
Address	
City, State, Zip (Country)	
<b>His</b>	<b>Hers</b>
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 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.

**204 Play**  
**The Atherton Family**  
7888 Marina Dr.  
Bridgeport, NY 13030

**Address Service Requested**

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Next meeting is **Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**  
at **7:30 pm** at  
**Borio's Restaurant**  
**Lakeshore Road**  
**Cicero, NY**