

## Commodore's Corner



Therese Straigis  
Commodore

'Tis the season! 'Tis the season to bring out the skis, watch the Syracuse Crunch, or gather inside to watch sailing videos! The first snow has fallen, but Fleet 204 is still actively involved in hosting parties and gathering to watch a horrible version of Airplane!, Zero hour. It is the season to be thankful to all our supporters in our fundraising efforts for the Burns' family, thankful for the great 2013 sailing season, and thankful that Fleet 204 sailors are also friends. The last party of the year is coming! Join us at the Christmas party, bring a gift, a jolly spirit, and let's see who win the party!

Happy holidays!

**Commodore Hondo**



Vice-Commodore Herb James

### Official Notice of Party

**What: Fleet 204 Christmas Party**

**Where: James Residence**

**When: Saturday December 7th, at 7:00pm**

**Address: 6819 Yacht Club Rd, Cicero, NY 13039**

Organizing Authority: Herb and Sharon James. Providing ice, limes and mixers.

Rules: Adult Party. Bring a dish to pass and BYOB. If you would like to participate there will be a \$15 wrapped gift exchange.

Official Secret Santa Judge: Bridget Quatrone

Eligibility: Fleet 204 members and their invited guests.

(if lost call 315-256-6314)

#### **Secret Santa - Bring a gift - get a gift.**

- Bring a gift of around \$15 (but there is no \$\$ limit)
- Put it under the tree
- Select a gift when your name is called
- Stealing is legal - See Bridget



## Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2013

Respectfully submitted by **Bruce W. Krupke, Secretary**

The meeting called to order at 8:00 pm at Borio's Restaurant back room by Commodore **Therese**



**Straigis**. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 16 members in attendance. She asked for the Secretary's report. **Secretary Bruce Krupke** reported he provided the minutes from our October Fleet meeting were emailed to Fluffy White and were printed in the November newsletter by Publisher Donna Wilson. There was a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded, 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 2014. There was a motion to accept the report, seconded, carried.

**Division 16 Report: Adam Atherton Division 16 Chair** reported he is trying to schedule a regatta in Oswego, NY with **Sean Smith, (Jackson)** for 2014. He will try to meet with the Oswego Yacht Club to work it out soon. He reported there was a national division meeting during the Galveston, TX regatta. He said they are looking for a Women's chair. There was discussion to require helmets in regattas for youths. He is still working on getting a regatta in Buffalo and at Owasco Yacht Club in 2014 as well.



### Past Regatta Report:

Galveston, TX was the site of the **North American Championships**. **Tom Korzeniewski and Rico Quatrone** drove down together and ate all the oysters in Texas along the way. They also ate a lot of other local favorite foods including steak, seafood and other interesting critters and fare.

**Rico Quatrone** sailed with **Danielle Carr** and reported that it was her 2<sup>nd</sup> national race. **Tom, Suzie, and Rico** quit counting the number that they've been to! The regatta was held on a private beach on the Gulf of Mexico, which allowed everyone to do whatever they wanted. They could drive, drink and do, ahem, what you wanted on the beach. The site was really nice. It was very big and could hold at least 204 boats. Participants in the regatta recapped the days of racing: Monday's race was light and rainy, only one race was held. Tuesday was nice with lots of wind, 20 knots, max. It was perfect. The wind direction was off shore with minimal flat wave



action, flat and fast, slightly shifty. Wednesday was skunked, no races. Thursday had 3 races, in light air, you knew it wouldn't last. Then there was Friday it was nuclear! It was a day where men were men and the rest stayed on shore. The wind was 30 knots. To check the wind, all you needed to do was open your hotel doors, if the long drapes were flying out straight out the window, you knew you had wind. **Rico Quatrone** said his best recollection was that to tune your boat, you go out, check the wind and waves, and then make adjustments. But even that wasn't enough. The waves started high and continued building all day from the start. The one that knocked him over was really big and snapped his mast in half.



He now has a two-piecer. While masts and frames were snapping and bending, the champions were single trapping. There was a lot of carnage. But fortunately nobody was hurt badly; all teeth, limbs and fingers made it home. The welcome parties were really good, and on the beach. Hotels were down a few blocks, not hard to get to. There was a big thank you to **Bridget Quatrone** for running the regatta she did a great job from far away.

The raffle for a custom set of sails sponsored by our Fleet to benefit **Bob Burns** was a complete success and went much better than we could have expected. The winner was drawn at the North American Championships, and it was... **Chris Wessel!** But after claiming his prize, Chris donated the sails back which initiated an auction for them at the closing banquet dinner. The sails helped raise another \$1,350. **Mike Montague** from California ended up taking the sails home. Congrats and thank you Mike! Treasurer Whalen reported ticket sales went very well, we sold over 200 of them! There were many efforts by a lot of Fleet members to help raise money including **Danielle Podejko; Boat Works Ltd. Rob Jerry, Sharon James; CMOR** donations, cash from people and members; and we sold 242 tickets for \$6,050. When we totaled up the candy money, plus the **\$1,000 from Therese Straigis' company**, the grand total was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$10002! The final amount is yet to be counted. Commodore Straigis thanked everyone for their very generous help, it was a great effort by everyone in the Fleet and those that made donations to assist Bob Burns and his family. It was noted **Boat Works Ltd. and Hobie Cat** made a great donation in providing the sails for the raffle; we thanked them for their generous donation. (*Editor's Note: See message from the Burns family later in this newsletter*)



### Future Regatta Report

**Bridget Quatrone** provided a report of key regatta dates for 2014.

- The **Mid-Winters East** Regatta will be on **April 2-5 in Ocean Springs, MS**. There is discussion about having MWE every year in Ocean Springs. It was suggested to try this so people can know when and where it is each year to help plan vacations. There were questions about this decision and people wanted more information when it becomes available.
- **Hobie 17 North American Championships** May 12-16 in Oklahoma.
- **Hobie 18s and 20s North American Championships** in Huntington Lake, CA during the second week of August.
- **Hobie 16 North American Championships** will be Sept 8-12 or 25<sup>th</sup> in Lewes, DE. The later date might conflict with CMOR. This would be a problem for our Fleet regattas.
- **Tradewinds**, Islamorada, Florida, (in the Keys) January 18-20. **Rob Jerry** is going and may have room on his trailer. Talk to him if you want to hitch a ride.
- **Port Charlotte Harbor Regatta**, Punta Gorda, FL: Feb 7-9<sup>th</sup>. There are 3 members and crew planning on going. **The James'; Bruce Krupke/Yong Zhang; Rico Quatrone and crew**. It is a great venue and location! All Fleet members should consider taking at least one vacation in FL. In the winter!



### Social Report

- Thank you to **Don and Danielle Podejko** for hosting the **Halloween party**. Costume Winners were **Diane** sexiest. **Pappy** most original; Scariest were the Zombie parents; Best Moves, **Robin Longo**; Beer Pong Winners were **Tim**



**Donigan and Ian Smith.** Crowd favorites were the Duck Dynasty duo of **Rakel Holmes and Barb Caster** with Uncle Si **Jim Perkins** and Miss Kay with a beard **Joann Perkins**. There may be a demolition party. Danielle Podejko will let us know. There were 62 people at the party, wow. There were lots of great food and costumes.



- Our annual Fleet **Christmas party** will be Dec. 7 at the James' house. See the website homepage for details (and in this newsletter). This will be an adult Fleet member party. If you have a trophy, get them cleaned and please bring them for Fleet award presentations. Question of the meeting: Can you identify/remember who in our Fleet wore a live lobster on their head and won the party last year??? If you have pictures, please share them. There was a suggestion we have a photo page on our

website of good pictures of our parties. (*Editor's Note:* Or, you could just send them into the newsletter and surprise your friends!)

- We are looking for a host for the **Superbowl party** Sunday Feb. 2. If you are interested post on the Forum or let us know at our next meeting.

### New Business

- **Herb James** would like to try to get Therre's Marina to do a few upgrades and potentially build a cat house. Fleet members will try to meet with Don Therre to see what we can do in 2014. **Bob Longo, Adam Atherton and Bruce Krupke** will be on this committee with **Herb**
- **Madcatter 2014: Commodore Straigis** noted next Month we'll start the committees going. She would like new ideas for sponsorships. Consider a new sponsor drive. If you have ideas, please work with **Bruce Krupke**. Theme for Madcatter was discussed. Commodore Straigis suggested a Hawaiian theme. She has an idea for trophies using Hawaiian nuts with shrinkie dinks attached with information, maybe with some blink attached. Hang loose could be the theme on the T-shirt. There were other discussions to do a pig roast during the Madcatter on Saturday, have a luau. There was a lot of support for the concept and theme. There was discussion about where to hold the Madcatter, in the tent or the lodge for our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016. There was no clear favorite location. Although we will need to make our decision and reservation two years in advance.
- The date to hold our **Madhatter** day in 2014 was discussed. Because our traditional Madhatter weekend practice a week before Madcatter conflicts with Division 11's season opener Rehoboth regatta there was discussion about changing our Madhatter date to two weeks before Madcatter which will be May 16-18. There was some concern about weather and participation. The discussion was tabled for a later meeting.

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

### A Message from the Burns Family



To all of you who have worked so hard to put this benefit together and to all who so generously donated; we cannot thank you enough! Hobie Cat sailors are truly special people. When we bought our first Hobie 16 in 1999 we thought it would be fun, but never imagined we would be adopted into an extended family. Thank you again for all of your prayers and support.  
Bob, Danielle and Aidan.

**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 Donna & Kevin Wilson, [the204play@verizon.net](mailto:the204play@verizon.net), 8442 Transit Lane, Baldwinsville NY 13027, 315-430-6678)

**Membership Summary**

The membership statuses are: Complimentary, Newsletter, or Regular. **Newsletter** (\$25.00) means you will be kept up-to-date on the happening within 204 by receiving the newsletter throughout the year. **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’s 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**

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**Address Service Requested**

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Next meeting is **Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**  
at **7:30 pm** at  
**Borio's Restaurant**  
**Lakeshore Road**  
**Cicero, NY**