

Commodore's Corner



Bob Longo,
Commodore



Ken Knapp
Vice-Commodore

- “And now we’re here...” Dad said with a pause the day after Mom passed. Thoughts of a life together, 60 years of marriage, travel, friends, family, kids, times intense and mundane storming through his head for quiet contemplation. He had just told me the story of how they met and started going together back in the 50’s. And now the moment had ended. There was a silent understanding between us.
- “And now we’re here...” Forty years. Also, just a moment. Much to do. Much we will want to look back on. Much we will want to say we were a part of. May is close, so blink one eye at a time. February is the Super Bowl Party (thank you Athertons) and the Boat Show Feb 18-21 (Thank you Boatworks), March the Social meeting, April and May are to put the finishing touches on our regatta as we panic at the thought of a, fingers crossed, 100 boats showing up for us to host. The list is long so if you haven’t grabbed something to call your own please do. You get one time through this craziness. Don’t wish you had participated. Committees are doing a fine job so far, Mimi and the flying “H’s” being a notable and impressive bright spot along with some of the surprises being worked on, but lots left to do. I have already gotten calls and emails from California, Michigan and Canada on where to stay and asking other details. They are coming!
- “I speak, not because I have the ability to speak but because I don’t have the ability to keep quiet.” –unknown (by me)
- Immediately before us is the Boat Show. Doors open Thursday Feb 18th at 1:00pm and goes through Sunday, February 21st 5:00pm (**SHOW HOURS:** Thursday & Friday 1:00-9:00pm, Saturday 10:00am-9:00pm, Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm). Set up and tear down help needed along with volunteers to staff the booth. Mr. Krupke, with some help, is doing some nice updates to our booth look and we need good looking, energetic and enthusiastic Fleet 204 Members to represent.
- “And now we’re here “ February 2016, starting another trip around the Sun with our extended Hobie family heading for times intense and mundane. I can’t think of a better way to spend my time!
- Bob Longo
Commodore, Fleet 204



Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes January 12, 2016

Submitted by **Bruce Krupke**

The meeting was called to order by **Commodore Bob Longo** at 7:30pm at Borio's Restaurant on Tuesday, January 12. He welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted there weren't any new members at this meeting but said they are always welcome to attend to learn more about our Fleet.



Secretary's Report: Secretary **Bruce Krupke** reported the December 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: Treasurer **Dr. Bill Whalen** was not able to attend the meeting, he was vacationing in Florida! Rumor has it he has been vacationing for a long time now, like he isn't working any longer or something! **Commodore Longo** said the checking accounts are about the same as last month in our two accounts with very strong balances. He said for all Fleet members to remember to pay your dues now, **Dues are Due!** Make the checks out to **Hobie Cat Fleet 204** and mail them to Bill Whalen at 8254 Honeysuckle Dr., Liverpool, NY 13090 by February 29th. Dues are \$50 and include you, your spouse and immediate family. Your dues helps to pay for Fleet expenses and gains you entry to all Fleet outings and events. Support your Fleet 204 and send in your dues now. Also, please look at your contact information in the [July 2015 newsletter](#); if any of the info has changed please tell Bill when you pay your dues. Past newsletters are on our website, in the News menu section.

Bob also encouraged all Hobie sailors to become a Hobie National 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**.

Safety is No Accident Talk: No safety message this month, other than drive safely in the snow now that it has arrived.



Division 16 Report: **Adam Atherton** reported there will be a Division regatta to be held at **Schroon Lake**. The dates will be June 18 and 19. He said this will be the first year for the regatta and is looking to build Hobie sailing east of Syracuse. He would like to encourage all Fleet members and friends to participate in this first year event. It will be a Division 16 points regatta. **If you would like to assist in helping the**

regatta contact Commodore Longo. The event is sponsored by the Town of Schroon and they are very excited we will be racing on their lake. There's not much to report about North American Championships right now, but the *Hotline* is out. It is a big issue, and Fleet members contributed many articles. Be sure to read them! Thank you very much for your input and articles.

Training Coordinator Report: There will be a chalk talk at the next meeting, hosted by **Herb James**.



Past Regatta Report: None to Report.

Future Regattas:

Winter Florida sailing/regattas were discussed. There are three winter regattas in Florida scheduled to participate in 2016!



- **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. Heather McDonald from Port Charlotte reports that there is a local skipper (from Jacksonville, FL) who is looking for a boat; if he gets one, then he needs crew. Otherwise, he would be willing to crew.

area is preparing a NOR, watch the Forum for more future info. Are you going?! Talk it up!

- 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



Madcatter 40 Report:

- **Bruce Krupke** reported the Madcatter 40 Sponsor donation form sheet is ready. He strongly encouraged every Fleet member to find one sponsor to help raise money for MC40. He noted the forms will be on our website. If anyone has questions about sponsorship levels and details, they should contact him. So please get out there and sell, sell, sell! Now is the time, help raise money for MC40.
- **The Vintage Class Rally** concept was discussed further. There is a great interest to try to invite and attract old sailors and past members who might still have a boat and want to attend for the fun of it. Watch for more info on the Madcatter 40 website info page.
- Only major sponsors will have their logos put on the T-shirt.
- **Therese Straigis** is the contact for charter boats at MC 40. Do you have a Hobie in good condition you want to rent out? If so, contact Therese asap.
- Hobie H Charms, gold, silver or bronze: We are about half way in selling what we need to cover costs. Watch the Forum for more info about how to order in the future or contact **Mimi Appel**.
- It was reported **Dave Witmer** is on board to help with the Trophies. The question will be how many will need to be manufactured. We need thank-you trophies. The Hobie H charms given will depending on how deep the entries are in each category.

Social Committee Report:

Fleet Annual Superbowl party – Sunday, February 7th. If you would like to host the party, please contact **Commodore Longo** or the Social Director, **Mimi Appel**. It is rumored the **Athertons** may host the party. [Editor's Note: It's true!] Watch the Forum for details - all Fleet members are invited. It is on Sunday February 7, starting at 6pm. Bring a dish and your favorite beverage to share.

**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 the ready for MC 40.

New Business:

- **CNY Boat Show - Bruce Krupke and Bob Longo** will be in charge of our display, but if you want to help and have ideas, please contact them ASAP. There was discussion we may need to create some new materials; there was a motion to allow up to \$100 budget for our Fleet's display, there was a second, vote carried. The exhibit committee (Executive Officers) will meet soon to discuss and prepare it. Big change this year – **the show will be four days only and one week later than usual, Feb. 18-21st.**



- The Fleet assists Boat Works in setting up and taking down the exhibit in the Center of Progress Building. Watch the Forum for a sign up not only for set up and take down, but also to staff the Fleet's exhibit. Come help set up on **Tuesday and Wednesday**. Note the final details; they will be posted on the Forum. A Signup sheet is being prepared by **Therese Straigis** similar to past years. Google docs will be used again since she has it ready to go. Thank you in advance for all the help needed and provided.
- A **new Fleet Website** is being designed by a committee of **Lynn Knapp, Kevin Walma, Rico Quatrone and Bruce Krupke**. The committee met before the Fleet meeting. They are creating a new and improved site for the Fleet. There will be many upgrades and easier user interface. They are trying to finish the project before February 1. If you have a suggestion for the site, contact Rico Quatrone or Lynn Knapp. The new idea is that they are trying to compartmentalize the work so that 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 February 9th at 7:30pm sharp at Borio's Restaurant, all Fleet member are welcome to attend. There was a motion to adjourn, seconded, carried at 9pm.

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

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