

Commodore's Corner



Therese Straigis
Commodore



Vice-Commodore Herb James

Aloha!

My first two weeks in 2014 I biked, hiked, learned Polo, and of course sailed off the beautiful island of O'ahu. I was surrounded by drastic majestic mountains and every shade of blue ocean water. Whether I was sweating profusely climbing 1000 steps up Koko Crater, remembering it has been 10 years since I rode a horse, or endlessly trapezing past reefs there is nothing more peaceful than nature's beauty. My sister went on a light wind leisure sail with the commodore of the catamaran club in Kaneohe Bay. She phrased it best, "How did I get so lucky? How did I end up fortunate enough to sail with turtles in Hawaii?"

Kokokahi Sailing Club has a beautiful place to sail, but it doesn't have the large community of active sailors as Fleet 204. When I told them that we sail 2-3 times

a week in the summer, they were baffled! They asked how to recruit more sailors. Not many clubs can compare to our enthusiasm. That's when I realize I am lucky to be in a Fleet 204 member. I will miss the tropical island, but I am ready to sail Oneida Lake!

See you at Borios!

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Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2014

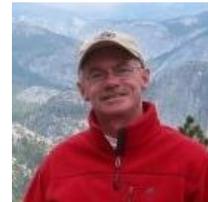
Respectfully submitted by **Bruce W. Krupke, Secretary**

The meeting called to order at 7:30 pm at Borio's Restaurant by **Commodore Therese Straigis** fresh off a Hawaii vacation. While there she sailed 4 different Hobie Cats and had a great time with the local catamaran club in Hawaii. What a great way to spend a vacation when you think about it! She welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 18 members in attendance and new member, **Ken and Lynn Knapp's** daughter **Elisa**. She was home from college and said she will be looking for a skipper to sail with this year. **Commodore Straigis** asked for the Secretary's report.



Secretary's Report: Secretary **Bruce Krupke** reported he provided the minutes from our December Fleet meeting were emailed to **Fluffy White** and were printed in the January newsletter by Publisher **Donna Wilson**. There was a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, which was seconded, and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer **Dr. Bill Whalen** announced it is a new year and with it if you want to be a proud Fleet 204 member, your **DUES ARE NOW DUE**. Please send in your dues to him by the end of February or pay at the next Fleet meeting that will be held one week earlier than normal due to the conflict with the annual Syracuse area Boat Show at the State Fair grounds. Please mail your annual Fleet dues check of only \$50 that covers everyone in your family made out to: **Hobie Cat Fleet 204** and mail it to: **Dr. William Whalen, 8254 Honeysuckle Dr., Liverpool, NY 13090**. If you have had any changes in your mailing address or contact information that appeared in 2013 July's newsletter, please include the changes with your dues. Bill reported our finances are in really good condition going into the New Year. There was a motion to accept the report, seconded, carried.



Division 16 Report: **Adam Atherton** Division chairman he has Information which came through announcing the **Hobie 14, Waves and Youth North American Championship** regatta will be on July 10-12 in Sandy Hook, NJ. The **Women's, Hobie 18, and Hobie 16 Trap seat** (for disabled sailors) North American Championships will be June 27/29 in British Columbia. The **Hobie 18, Hobie 20 and F18**

National Championships, will be at Huntington Lakes Club. The **Hobie 16 North Americans** will be held in Lewes, NJ Sept. 22-26. This is the same date as the **CMOR** regatta in Canandaigua, NY. The conflict in date will be a major problem for many Fleet members who race at CMOR. Adam said he notified CMOR race officials of the conflict and asked them to consider another date. He said they could not find a date that was available, but that they will keep looking. Adam reported that the Buffalo regatta, known as **Hobie Kenobie**, is up in the air and that he's not sure it will happen after all. It is not yet approved or a date set. One unexpected setback is that one of the sponsors who own the South Shore Beach Club where the regatta is held is on the lam!?! Without his usual help, it might be hard to make the regatta happen this year, much to the dismay of our Fleet members. **Oswego Yacht Club** is offering to host a regatta. Adam will have a meeting with their group and see what can be done to have a regatta there this year. Suggested dates are June 26/27; July 12/13. They will let us know.



Photo by Elizabeth Whizzy Burrows

Mimi Appel reported there is a good regatta located in **Put-in Bay, Ohio**, and will be Aug. 1-3. They would like support and have us attend. She will try to get more info A.S.A.P.

Past Regatta Report: There was a regatta in Puerto Rico, called the **Christmas Ball** on Dec. 14/16. There were 2 Fleet members, **Rob and Darcy Jerry**, participating. Other Division 16 friends, Dan Borg, Nick Libel, and Laurence Libel, participated as well. There were 8 Teams, 4 boats, good times, lots of wind and waves.



There was a chalk talk held at **Tom and Sue Korzeniewski's** house. Many Fleet members attended and reported it was very good and valuable. It lasted 2 hours. The next one will be Jan. 23 at **the Longo's house** at 6:30. All are invited, look on the Forum for more information about all future Chalk talks. BYO snacks, no meal will be provided. It will be a lot of discussion about tricks of racing etc. It was suggested for new sailors to look at the *Hobie University*. You can find it on line for free - just *Google it*. (*Secretary's Note:* The next Chalk Talk will be at **Herb and Sharon James'** house on Tuesday Feb. 25th, 6:30pm start. Bring a snack if you would like to. No shoes, bring slipper if you would like to. See the Fleet Forum for details.)

Future Regatta Report

- Winter regattas are ready to go. **Tradewinds regatta** will be next week! **Rob Jerry** is planning on participating on his F18.
- **Port Charlotte Harbor** regatta will be held on Feb. 6-8 in Punta Gorda, FL. There are 3 teams going. It is on the Gulf coast of Florida, about 110 miles south of Tampa, FL.
- The final regatta will be the annual **Hobie Cat 16 Mid-Winters East Regatta** which will be on April 4-8 in Ocean Springs, MS. Three racing teams are currently planning on participating. If there are any Fleet members that would like to participate, **Rob Jerry** will have room on his trailer for your boat, contact him A.S.A.P.

Social Report

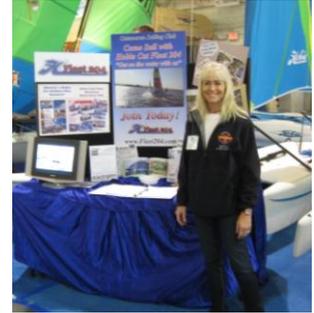
- Thank you to the **Perkins** for hosting a New Year's Eve bonfire party on their property in the woods. Many Fleet members attended and reported it was very cold. There was a table with food that froze. The temperature was 17 degrees. It was agreed **Darcy Jerry** won the party but she wanted everyone to note she did not puke!
- The **Super Bowl party is Sunday Feb. 2** and will be at the **Atherton's house** starting anytime after 5pm. Game is on about 6pm. Bring a dish and beverages to share. We'll have a board to put your bets on.
- The annual **Madhatter** practice day and party will be held Saturday May 10th before Madcatter weekend. **Sean Smith, a.k.a. Jackson**, said he will host the party in his new house - although you may have to BYO furniture to sit on! The Madhatter practice and races will be run by someone, *possibly Herb James*. He needs help to run the races on the committee boat. If you would like to help organize the Madhatter sailing practice during the day on the 10th of May, contact **Dr. Herb James**.



New Business

- **Syracuse Boat show: Boat Works** will have display at the boat show as usual. A Boat show volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around. We need Fleet members to help Boat Works set up their display on Monday Feb 10 and 11, staff our Fleet booth during the 5 day show and for take down on Sunday 16th. We need to talk to show attendees and

encourage them to learn to sail a Hobie. We would like any of our new Fleet members to help out; we need your enthusiasm! (Youth, too!). Sign up for some hours during the show on-line on our Fleet website (look on the Forum or contact Commodore Straigis to help). We need minimum of 2-4 Fleet members staffing our display during the entire show, especially on the weekend at the *Center of Progress Building*. To gain entrance, go through the middle back side door of the COP building; knock, if the door is locked. There was a suggestion to have everyone from the Fleet wear a Fleet 204 shirt from one of our regattas. If possible, if you help out, wear something that has our Fleet logo on it. **Because of the Boat Show, we are moving the February Fleet meeting to the Tuesday before, up one week, it will be held on Tuesday Feb. 4th, starting at 7:30pm at Borio's.**



- **Madcatter XXXVIII** (38) was discussed.
 - We will implement a Hawaiian theme for this year's Madcatter. Think of ideas that we can use implementing the theme.
 - Next, a new Oneida Shores County Park fee for Madcatter was discussed. The Onondaga county legislature established new standard rates for all parks and usage. **Commodore Straigis** and **Bruce Krupke** met with the Parks office met recently with the Parks Department to see what this would mean for Madcatter use of Oneida Shores County Park. Park Staff told them the new fees are \$750 per day; set up fees and per boat fees. The bottom line is we could pay a lot more this year for use of the beach and park facilities. The maximum could be as high as \$3000. Parks said they would like to keep our event. Therese and Bruce explained to the parks our history, how close we are to Madcatter, that our budget is set, that the park isn't being used that time of year. But all of that doesn't matter because of the new fees established by the Onondaga County legislature. We suggested an incremental fee increase over the next 3 years. There was a lot of discussion regarding the park fee increases, what we charged for our registration fees last year, what we do for our sailors and participants. There was even discussion for future thought about holding our regatta at a different location/time. Would other sailors complain if the price went up as much as \$30? There were many opinions regarding who might or not attend if we raised his price. The average registration fee increase could be \$20-\$30 more per boat. The bottom line will be a compromise of increases in registration and or decreases in expenses to hold our budget. Therese was given support to make the best deal she can with the Parks department and report back at the next meeting. There was a motion to allow for negotiation purpose for Commodore Straigis to make a deal with the Park that consists of up to \$2000 for the fees. The motion was seconded, vote carried . It was noted that in this year's NOR we make it very clear for participants what we provide and what the costs will be. It was noted the registration fee needs to be determined by the next meeting because the NOR needs to go out.
 - **Commodore Straigis** noted that next month she would like to have all committees established and confirmed. A committee list was reviewed. The list will be posted on the website. Please sign up for any unassigned committee and or help out with more than one. If you have not signed up for a committee or did one last year, please sign up and contact Commodore Straigis before the next meeting to let her know if you can do the same work again this year or not.

REMINDER, OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ONE WEEK EARLIER THAN NORMAL:

TUESDAY FEB. 4TH 7:30PM AT BORIOS

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

Membership Information Form

Address Information	
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Address	
City, State, Zip (Country)	
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Name	Name
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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, 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.

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Next meeting is **Feb. 4th**
at **7:30 pm** at
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Lakeshore Road
Cicero, NY