

## Commodore's Corner



Therese Straigis  
Commodore

It was my second day in San Francisco - cloudy but much warmer than the freezing temperatures in upstate New York. My sister, brother-in-law, niece, and I were walking along the bay watching the dogs fetching balls in the water and kids playing in the sand. My eye naturally went to the water, assessing the wind conditions: roughly 8 knots no wind. When I wasn't chasing my sister's dogs from intruding on people's picnics or retrieving the ball after a bird distracted her, I would look up to watch the sailboats leisurely cross the bay. Just before we were to turn around to start back towards the car, saw a sailboat far in the



distance making trees and passing multiple white monohaul sails. This sailboat was most definitely a catamaran. We turned around as it tacked towards the other side of the bay. Sure enough, it tacked again, coming straight towards us. As it sailed closer, I started snapping pictures and sending them to Jason, who was stuck in Albany. Of course, he immediately responded. It's moments like these, I am thankful to have a hobby that I can share with my husband. Whenever we run out of things to talk about, or are far apart, we can always talk about sailing. Because sailing is AWESOME!!!

## 2015 Sailing Event Schedule

Feb 5 – 8	Charlotte Harbor – Port Charlotte, FL
<b>Feb 11-15</b>	<b>Syracuse Boat Show</b>
<b>Apr 10-12</b>	<b>Mid-Winters EAST</b>
May 2 - 3	Gunpowder Regatta, (D11) Gunpowder State Park in Chase, MD
May 9	The Madhatter! (official tune up for the <i>Madcatter</i> )
<b>May 16 - 17</b>	<b>Madcatter 39</b>
Jun 6 - 7	Sandy Hook - <a href="http://www.fleet250.org">www.fleet250.org</a>
<b>Jun 6</b>	<b>Fleet 204 host a <i>Come Sail with Us</i> day</b>
<b>Jun 13 - 14</b>	<b>Water Rats Catamaran Club, Ontario, Canada (D16)</b>
Jun 20 - 21	Spray Beach YC, LBI, NJ (D11)
Jun 20 - 21	Rock Hall YC, MD (D11)
Jul 4 - 5	Statue of Liberty distance race.- <a href="http://www.fleet250.org">www.fleet250.org</a> - (D11; not a pts. regatta)
Jul 11 - 12	Sam Meyers Memorial Regatta, Pymatuning Sailing Club, OH (Open)
Jul 18 - 19	Barnegat - NOR - <a href="http://www.hobiefleet416.org">www.hobiefleet416.org</a> (D11)
Aug 4 - 8	H18 F18 H20 North American Championships Huntington Beach, CA
<b>Aug 8 - 9</b>	<b>Oswego Hobie Regatta, Oswego Yacht Club, NY (D16) (Proposed)</b>
Aug 21 - 23	H14 NAC Missisauga, ON (Tentative)
Sep 12 - 13	RBSA - Fall Classic Rehoboth, DE (D11)
Sep 19 - 20	Roton Point Multihull Regatta - Norwalk CT (D11)
<b>Sep 21 - 25</b>	<b>Hobie16 North American Championships Pensacola, FL</b>
<b>Oct 3 - 4</b>	<b>Ben Hur Regatta at Water Rats - Toronto, ON (D16)</b>
Oct 3 - 4	Rock Hall Yacht Club, MD (D11)
Oct 10 - 11	Hi Performance Dinghy Open Regatta - American Yacht Club, Rye NY

## Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes

Jan. 13, 2015

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



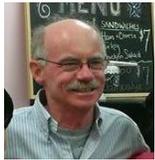
the Secretary's report.

The meeting called to order at 7:30 pm at Borio's Restaurant by Vice Commodore **Robert Longo**. He welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 12 members in attendance. The weather was clear skies, although zero degrees outside. Because of the relatively low attendance, VC Longo suggested holding **Mimi Appel's** Safety message until February. She agreed and will bring her presentation to the February meeting. VC Longo asked for



**Secretary Bruce Krupke** reported he provided the minutes from our December Fleet meeting were emailed to Editor **Fluffy White** and were printed in the January newsletter by the Athertons. There was a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded, carried.

**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. 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. Remember, support your Fleet and your money will gain you admission to the Labor Day Outing; it is a great deal! If you have had any changes in your mailing address or contact information that appeared in 2014 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.



Fleet 204 members are so cool!

**Division 16 Report:** Adam Atherton could not make the meeting. He is working on statewide regattas, such as Schroon Lake. The Hobie 16 nationals will be held in Pensacola, FL in September 20-25. The national 14s might be held in Missaugua, Ontario, rumor has it, via Mimi. CMOR regatta in Canandaigua, NY has yet to set a firm date; they have a conflict with the nationals in September. Adam is trying to pin them down to a date in Sept or August. There was support for September's date, just before Nationals.



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

**Future Regatta Report: Tradewinds winds**, in the Florida Keys. As we meet there are 6 boats on the way down. Good luck Fleet 204! The competition is expected to be real good. **Port Charlotte Harbor** regatta will be held on Feb. 5-7 in Punta Gorda, FL. There are 2 teams going. It is on the Gulf coast of Florida, about 110 miles south of Tampa, FL. Registration for the regatta is strong with teams coming from many locations.



The annual **Hobie Cat Mid Winters East Regatta** for all Hobie boats location and date has been set for **April 10-12 in Ocean Springs, Mississippi**. It is a three day regatta and a very nice location. Plan on attending, start talking up doublestacks!

**Madcatter XXXIX (39) was discussed.**

We need a theme. None was decided at the meeting. **Sam Anderson** discussed having a “**Party Gras**” Fleet for vintage boat and sailors. It is designed to rekindle and reintroduce members and Hobie sailors to the event. Information will be posted on the website. We need to get the info out ASAP. It is a new concept, hoping to bring in old sailors. Vintage boats and sailors include any boat or sailor that wants to play at a lower level. We may want to extend a free Fleet membership and or free subscription of our newsletter if they agree to show up. We need to get the word out ASAP. We need suggestions how to do that? Possibly talk it up at the boat show, a mailing and a notice in the Hotline. **Mimi Appel** suggested creating a notice, and as you drive by old Hobies, duct tape a message in a sealed plastic zip lock bag! **VC Longo** said **Commodore Straigis** would like to finalize at the February meeting all Madcatter committees be 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.



**Social Report**

- A big thank you to **Kevin and Melissa Walma** for hosting the Christmas party at their home. Many attended, there was great food, lots of secret Santa gifts exchanged, great conversations and a happy time was had by all! **Patrick Lake, Marcie's** husband, was the party winner!
- 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. Jim and Joann had a table with food that froze but the Solo cup lights were shining brightly. The temperature was 21 degrees. It was agreed **Rob** won that party!
- The **Super Bowl party is Sunday Feb. 1** 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. Info will be placed on the Forum.
- **Herb James** is our Fleet training coordinator will host a meeting at his house on Thursday **Feb 19, 6pm**. Food will be served, but you can bring your own refreshment. The first meeting will be about proper nutrition and exercise. Tactics, rules and rigging will be topic at future training, aka Chalk Talk meetings to be scheduled.
- On Friday **Feb. 20th at 7pm** will be a social night at the **Longo's house**. We'll have a **domino tournament** fun night. Everyone is welcome to attend. **Robin Longo** will hold a teaching/training session. Minor wagering might be included. RSVP with Bob or Robin to help get a headcount.



Christmas fun, Fleet 204 style...!

**Old Business:**

- The **Fleet burgee** topic was tabled for the next meeting.
- **Fleet apparel** was discussed by **Pattie Krupke**. She contacted many companies and offered a suggestion to create a Fleet vest or jacket. They would be embroidered. There will be both ladies fit and men's styles offered. The company that we will work with will set up a Fleet store where you can place your own order and pay for it on line. Unfortunately because of the timing, there will be a short order period. They will be delivered by Pattie by Monday February 9 in time for the Boat Show. A second order period will take place well in advance of Madcatter if you don't get your order for the Boat show placed in time. There was a motion to move forward with the concept. We'll email the information and post it on the Forum for all members and if you want to place an order, you can do it when you want to. Pricing will be \$40 for jackets; \$50 for vests. Place your orders early to have them in time for the Boat Show. **There was a motion to move forward with the Fleet apparel order project; there was a second, carried.**
- Also, in March, date to be determined, we will have a sailing book exchange club meeting. We'll share info from the many different sources and book out there. Videos are welcome as well. More information will follow.
- There was a comment about our website and how good a job **Rico Quatrone** is doing. Thank you, Rico!

**New Business**

**Syracuse Boat show** will be held February 11-15<sup>th</sup> at the NY State Fairgrounds Syracuse, NY. Boat Works Ltd. will have a major 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 8:30am throughout the day and then again Feb 9 and Tues. 10, staff our Fleet booth during the 5 day show that will start on Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> and for take down on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. We need to talk to show attendees and encourage them to learn to sail a Hobie and join the Fleet. We would like any of our new Fleet members to help out, we need your enthusiasm. Youths are encouraged to participate as well with parents. Sign up for some hours during the show. You can do this on line on our Fleet website, look on the Forum for info or contact Commodore Straigis to help out. We will need minimum of 2-4 Fleet members staffing our display during the entire show, especially the busy days on the weekend which will be held 13/14/15 at the Center of Progress Building. To gain entrance, go through the middle back side door of the COP building; knock hard if the door is locked.

**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. 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 7:30pm at Borio's.**

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



**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.

**Contacts**

**Commodore:** **Therese Straigis**, [surge7598@aol.com](mailto:surge7598@aol.com), 8482 Grandview Drive, Cicero, NY 13039  
**Vice Commodore:** **Bob Longo**, [rmlongo@aol.com](mailto:rmlongo@aol.com), 315-637-0722, 4920 Red Pine Road, Manlius, NY 13104  
**Co-Secretary:** **Bruce and Pattie Krupke**, 315-699-6040, 5426 Fortuna Pkwy, Clay, NY 13041.  
**Treasurer:** **Bill Whalen**, [bill204204@yahoo.com](mailto:bill204204@yahoo.com), 315-622-0823, 8254 Honeysuckle Dr., Liverpool, NY 13090  
**Social Director:** **JoAnn Perkins**, [Perk77766@aol.com](mailto:Perk77766@aol.com), 315-656-2840, 7591 Kirkville Rd. North., Krkvl, NY 13082  
**Youth Membership:** **Trey James**, [sjames1@twcny.rr.com](mailto:sjames1@twcny.rr.com), 6819 Yacht Club Rd., Cicero, NY 13039..  
**Newsletter & Membership:** **Theresa (Fluffy) White**, [h16tlw@yahoo.com](mailto:h16tlw@yahoo.com), 315-345-4303, 601 DeMong Drive, Syracuse, NY 13214 and **The Athertons**, [athert@twcny.rr.com](mailto:athert@twcny.rr.com), 7888 Marina Dr., Bridgeport, NY 13030.  
**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**

---

Next meeting is **Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
at **7:30 pm** at  
**Borio's Restaurant**  
**Lakeshore Road**  
**Cicero, NY**