

Commodore's Corner

'Tis Happy New Year!!!!

2014 is here!!!!!!

I cannot wait for this sailing season to begin!

Every Fleet 204 sailor is counting down the days the lake melts and the first launch of the year kicks off. Some will already have their boat tuned at one of the three winter regattas. Others will get their boat out of storage and sail for the first time at Madhatter.

To start my 2014 season off on the right hull, I will set my first sail in Hawaii! Hawaii is one of my favorite places and sailing is my favorite hobby, so I cannot wait to trapeze over the Pacific Ocean! Most likely, my tropical adventure will be pleasure sailing, but this as an opportunity to gain experience and advance my skills.

I have never sailed in the ocean; the closest I have been to sailing in the sea was in the bay at Rehoboth. This is my chance to practice in ocean waves, reefs, and currents. I will gain practical knowledge while smiling ear to ear, cruising on a beachcat.

I will be burnt as bacon when I return, but the experience will be worth it! No matter how your sailing season begins, make it memorable. Whether it is another Jewel sailing adventure (hurray!), the return of the Buffalo regatta, or a bullet win at a Fleet race, let's go sailing!

Aloha,

Hondo

P.S. Hawaii, hold on to your sheets, because Hondo is coming!



Therese Straigis
Commodore



Vice-Commodore Herb James

*Friends and Family -
The Greatest Gifts of the Season*



Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2013

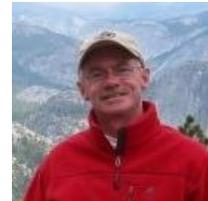
Respectfully submitted by **Bruce W. Krupke, Secretary**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm at Borio's Restaurant by Vice Commodore **Herb James** on a snowy and cold night. **Commodore Straigis** was not able to make the meeting. Herb welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 15 members in attendance. He asked for the Secretary's report.



Secretary's Report: Secretary **Bruce Krupke** reported he provided the minutes from our November Fleet meeting were emailed to **Fluffy White** and were printed in the November newsletter by Publisher **Donna Wilson**. As a reminder, should you need addresses for Fleet members, for something like, let's just say... Christmas cards, look at your July newsletter! It has them all in there. If you need a copy, email Bruce for one. There was a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, which was seconded, and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dr. Bill Whalen reported the balances in our accounts haven't changed since November. 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 chairman reported Buffalo Hobie Cat Fleet 119 is looking at dates for 2014. We are looking at having 6 regattas in the division this year. This would be very good news. He will have more to report in future meetings. Oswego Yacht Club is interested and is continuing discussions with them to host a regatta.

Past Regatta Report: There were no past regattas held since the last meeting

Future Regatta Report:

- There was discussion regarding holding a **Fleet member vacation regatta** in 2014. We would get as many Fleet members to attend one other division regatta or event regatta such as the Statue of Liberty race; Plattsburg's Mayor's Race; and make a vacation out of it. Locations in Delaware and New Jersey were also discussed. There was a suggestion to go to Barnegat, or Spray Beach, because it has points. There was a lot of support for the idea.
- The **Mid-Winters East Regatta** will be on **April 4-6 in Ocean Springs, MS**. There was good interest in members attending. It is a nice place, with an active yacht club, and has a reputation for good wind. It is close to New Orleans; take a few extra days to vacation there as well. **Bridget Quatrone** reported the Hobie 17 national championships will be there at the same time as well.
- There is a **Christmas Ball** regatta in **Puerto Rico** next weekend, some Fleet members will be attending.
- There are **two Florida** regattas, both are three day regattas. **Tradewinds** in the Florida Keys, Islamorada, FL will be **January 18-20**. **Port Charlotte Harbor Regatta** Feb 7-9 in Punta Gorda, FL. Some Fleet members will be attending. **Rob Jerry** may have room on his trailer for the Tradewinds regatta; contact him if you are interested in going. Three Fleet crews are planning on going to Port Charlotte. There is no room on their trailer. There may be room on a trailer to MWE; start talking it up and make reservations!

Social Report:

Thank you to **Herb and Sharon James** for hosting the Christmas party at their new home on



Oneida Lake. Everyone thought the house was beautiful. Everyone brought something to eat and or drink. It was decided **Hondo**, our commodore won the party. She was also voted in 2nd place. There were Christmas presents exchanged, some even stolen 3 times! No lobsters or people attempting doing splits were spotted. One tired healthcare worker was spotted taking a short nap! There were about 40 people there, lots of new faces and members. **Don Bacik** made some really great spiced rum, it was warm and yummy. The annual Fleet 204 trophy awards were presented by the Fleet officers. **Billy Jeffers** took first place in Fleet races; The **Backbone award to the Jerry's** for helping members out all year long;



Steve and Debbie Wiehl won the new adventure long



distance sail of the year; and **Don and Danielle Podejko**

won the best most active newbie Fleet member award. Lots of pictures were taken of the spreading of Holiday cheer. Check out our Forum on the website for links to some pictures. If



you have pictures you would like to share contact **Bruce** for instructions to upload them.

A **New Year's Eve party** was discussed; it is possible it might be hosted outdoors by the **Perkins'** house. It will be in the woods, if there is snow, we'll have snowmobiles to get you there. Bring your own food, booze, etc. If there is no snow we'll walk out. It will happen no matter what the weather. We may have a tent with straw for kids. We'll leave cell phones out to call to get a ride out. Watch and check the forum for details.

Superbowl XLVIII Party: There were many offers to host the party. It was agreed **Adam and Rose Atherton** will host this year's party on Sunday, February 2. The part will start 1 hour before game time. Watch the Forum for details, but everyone is welcome, kids and all football fans. We'll have a number board, bring a dish to pass, you know the drill. Who do you think will be in the Super Bowl, give us your prediction on the Forum!



Sean Smith, aka Jackson offered to host the Madhatter party in his new house, but we may need to bring some furniture. Details will follow in coming months, but thank you Sean.

There was a discussion about providing a donation to the host of a party to help pay for some of the drinks, ice etc. Treasurer **Bill Whalen** said it has been a general policy to help pay for some of the expenses back to the host of parties.

There was a **motion to reimburse \$100** to the host of the following parties: New Year's; Superbowl; Madhatter; Halloween; Christmas, and 4th of July parties, should the host desire. There was a second to the motion, vote carried.

New Business: Herb James, Bob Longo, Adam Atherton and Bruce Krupke gave a report of a meeting held with Don Therre regarding erecting a building to store sails and possibly some equipment on his property. Mr. Therre was very receptive and supportive of the concept. Those that store their boats at the marina will have to have a meeting to discuss and come to an agreement about how to pay and construct the facility. Mr. Therre's main concerns were to make sure the building meets any town code requirements; that his property tax liability is not increased because of improving the property. There were many other aspects to the concept discussed such as: the size of the building, what it will hold, what would be stored in it, liability, insurance, who will pay for it, future ownership, rent for non-Fleet members wanting to use it, opportunity to have a changing room. He said if a building were to be built, it would eliminate the need to keep as many trailers on the property to store sails. This would make room for more sailboats and potential new Fleet members. There was discussion about whether the Fleet should make a small donation to help pay for the building with the idea this might help attract more sailors to Therre's and new members. There were many unknowns that still have to be researched. There will be more reported on this topic at future meetings. If you have input, talk to one of the committee members above.

Madcatter 2014: Committee assignments were discussed and a list was passed



around. Some committees were assigned. We'll continue to ask for volunteers at all meetings from now until April. We need a new sponsorship chairperson. If you have any ideas to help raise money for sponsorships please let **Therese** know. There was a discussion regarding having a pig roast for our

Saturday dinner. Prices will be researched. A Hawaiian theme was discussed and pretty much agreed upon. Madcatter will be here before we know it, all new ideas are welcome. **Bruce Krupke** will meet with **Gary Lopez** at Oneida Shores County Park to discuss reservations and 2014 fees. It was agreed we will not utilize Arrowhead lodge in 2014 and will reserve the tent again. Although we'll hold the lodge for 2015 and 2016 in case we want to change our minds.



Boat Show 2014 was discussed, it will be held Feb. 12-16. The commodore will help organize the set up, show and breakdown. We'll need Fleet members to staff the event and our display. **Rob Jerry** said we'll have the same space as last year for our Fleet info. Please contact Commodore **Therese Straigis** to sign up to We will talk to potential Hobie sailors about sailing Hobie Cat and encourage them to consider joining our Fleet. A signup sheet to volunteer will be passed around at the January meeting. If you have ideas for us to use at the boat show, contact **Bob Longo**, he'll be in charge of our display.

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

There was no chalk talk after this meeting, if you have a topic or other for a discussion after the meetings, let our Commodore know.

Herb wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May Santa bring you some new Hobie gear, or better yet, maybe even a new boat!



Membership Information Form

Address Information	
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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 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 **Jan. 14th**
at **7:30 pm** at
Borio's Restaurant
Lakeshore Road
Cicero, NY