

Commodore's Corner



Therese Straigis
Commodore

There is no better way to end the year than an epic gathering of sailors! Thank you so much to **Kevin and Melissa Walma** for welcoming us into your home to host the Christmas Party. Now, it is that time of the year for resolutions. There are many goals and objectives that I would like to set for myself as a wife, sister, daughter, sailor, and many other hats! As a sailor, I strive to learn tactics and as get as much time on the water as possible. As a Fleet 204 member, my resolution is to assist in the best Madcatter 39th ever, with help from Don Q! As Commodore for a second year, I strive to manage the Fleet *without* the assistance of Don Q! For myself, I will strive to enjoy every day. Time flies too fast, even in the winter! I hope to spend less time on the couch

and more time utilize my time learning, reading, sewing (I dabble), and time with friends and family. That being said I cannot wait to see you all on the water, fleet meetings, gatherings, SailX, or just grabbing a little of Don Q! Happy New Years!



2015 Sailing Event Schedule

Jan 17-18	Tradewinds – Key Largo, FL
Feb 5 – 8	Charlotte Harbor – Port Charlotte, FL
Feb 11-15	Syracuse Boat Show
May 2 - 3	Gunpowder Regatta, (D11) Gunpowder State Park in Chase, MD
May 9	The Madhatter! (official tune up for the <i>Madcatter</i>)
May 16 - 17	Madcatter 39
Jun 6 - 7	Sandy Hook - www.fleet250.org
Jun 6	Fleet 204 host a <i>Come Sail with Us</i> day
Jun 13 - 14	Water Rats Catamaran Club, Ontario, Canada (D16)
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.- www.fleet250.org - (D11; not a pts. regatta)
Jul 11 - 12	Sam Meyers Memorial Regatta, Pymatuning Sailing Club, OH (Open)
Jul 18 - 19	Barnegat - NOR - www.hobiefleet416.org (D11)
Aug 4 - 8	H18 F18 H20 North American Championships Huntington Beach, CA
Aug 8 - 9	Oswego Hobie Regatta, Oswego Yacht Club, NY (D16) (Proposed)
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)
Sep 21 - 25	Hobie16 North American Championships Pensacola, FL
Oct 3 - 4	Ben Hur Regatta at Water Rats - Toronto, ON (D16)
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

December 9, 2014

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



The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm at Borio's Restaurant by Vice Commodore **Bob Longo**, as **Commodore Straigis** was not able to make the meeting. The weather was rainy and about 33 degrees. A snow storm front was approaching. Bob welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 16 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 new Publisher **Adam Atherton** and family. As a reminder, should you need addresses for Fleet members locate your July newsletter, they are in that issue. **There was a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded, carried.**

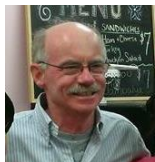


Safety Message: Unfortunately, **Mimi Appel** could not make the meeting; there was no official safety message report this month. Still, **Sam Anderson** gave a good hint: If you plan on going out and your spouse is going to a Fleet meeting, and you have a remote car starter, make sure the key to get into the car is left home before your spouse leaves!



Photo shared courtesy of Ron LaPorta, Division 11

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 2015. He noted **dues will be due on January 1, 2015**; they are \$50 for the year for everyone in your family. **There was a motion to accept the report, seconded, carried.**



Division 16 Report:



- **Adam Atherton** Division 16 chair reported that he held a Division meeting at his house. There will be a scoring change for 2015, making our Division calculation similar to the rest of the country; it will be based on the national system. You'll need to indicate on your HCA membership renewal that you are a member of Division 16 and attend at least two Division 16 events to be eligible for Division awards. He will float the idea around to all Division 16 members and report back.

- Adam also asked that Fleet 204 consider holding a *Come Sail with Us* event in Rochester. A date has not been established, this was an initial inquiry.
- Adam reported he is working on a regatta schedule for 2015. CMOR and Oswego are not on the schedule yet; they are exploring dates. Other potential regatta and one day events were discussed in Schroon Lake, near Lake George. Fleet 204's own *Come Sail with Us* day will be Saturday, June 6, 11am-4. A Buffalo Hobie Cat Fleet 119 regatta is not looking good for 2015. The H-17 national bid was placed for somewhere in the Midwest, but has not yet been finalized.

Past Regatta Report: The annual Puerto Nationals (Christmas Ball) regatta was held. It was a normal regatta but unfortunately, had no sailing. There were no boats from the federation available. **Rob and Darcy Jerry** and **Herb and Sharon James** attended the event, and a good time was had by all. Chepo and Keiki got 4th at the Latin American regatta.



Future Regatta Report: There are two Florida regattas, both are three day regattas. **Tradewinds** in the Florida Keys, Islamorada, FL will be January 17, 18 & 19. **Port Charlotte Harbor Regatta** Feb 5-7 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. If you want to attend one of these regatta, talk it up, post on the Forum. The **Mid-Winters East** Regatta site has not been chosen yet. There may be room on a trailer to some of these regattas, if you want to hitch a trailer ride, post it on the FORUM!



Social Report:

- The **Christmas party** will be held by the **Walma's** house in Brewerton. Bring the trophies if you have one, please polish them! Check the Forum for info. Ho, Ho, Ho.
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- A **New Year's Eve** party bon fire will be held at the **Perkin's** field. Watch for info on the Forum, everyone is welcome. It is an outdoor bonfire!



Old Business: **Dr. Whalen** discussed pricing for a Fleet Burgee. He obtained quoted from 3 sources. Because the proposed burgee has 5 colors, to make them will be more expensive than 2 or three colors. The pricing so far is in the \$32 to \$45 each. If there are less colors the price goes down a few dollars each, depending on the total amount ordered. **Sean Smith** said he would look into local vendors for other pricing options. There was a motion to table the discussion of ordering the burgee until the next meeting, there was a second, vote carried. Please attend the January meeting; we'll try to place orders then. We'll post the info on the Forum as well.

New Business:

- The **Syracuse Boat Show** will be held **Feb. 11-15**. The commodore will help organize the setup, show and breakdown. We'll need Fleet members to staff the event and our display every day and hour the show is open. Please contact Commodore **Therese Straigis** to sign up. We will talk to potential Hobie sailors about sailing Hobie Cats 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.

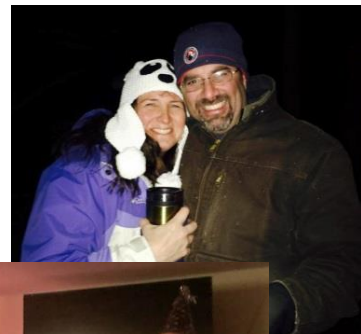


- **Pattie Krupke** and **Sharon James** are working on a Fleet vest, light-weight shirts and or jacket with our logo on it. They will have a design and prices for the next meeting. They'll order different cuts for men and women. Orders will be taken at the January meeting. The concept will be to have them ready to wear at the Boat Show and other pubic Fleet events. Orders will be taken at the next meeting.
- **Madcatter 40 (2016): Bob Longo** held a planning meeting of the Madcatter sub-committee, **Herb, Sam and Bob**. A vintage class race was discussed because there was support from the last meeting. There were suggestions and questions regarding the options. The concept would be to highlight them on the Friday of Madcatter by providing sailing, rigging and repair assistance. Solid masts were discussed; you can qualify for one race. It might encourage older sailors with older boats to participate. It was noted those with older "vintage" boats might not be sailing them as much as we are and may not have them out until well after Madcatter is held. **Sam Anderson** and subcommittee will continue to discuss and develop ideas for MC39 and MC 40 in 2016.
- **Madcatter 39 (2015):** Madcatter 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 new sponsorship ideas. If you have any ideas to help raise money for sponsorships please let Commodore Straigis know. The Sponsorship committee are looking at all kinds of other ideas are being considered. **Robin Longo** is going to volunteer to run a pig roast on the Saturday night Madcatter dinner! **Bruce Krupke** reported he talked with Gary Lopez at Oneida Shores County Park. The fee prices charged by the County will be the same in 2015.



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

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!



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 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
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Bridgeport, NY 13030

Address Service Requested

Next meeting is **Jan. 13th**
at **7:30 pm** at
Borio's Restaurant
Lakeshore Road
Cicero, NY