

## Commodore's Corner



Therese Straigis  
Commodore

Hello, Sailors!

For those of you who weren't there, our first Oswego Regatta was a success! We had a number of friends from out of town show up to make it great - **Dan Borg** made it an international event! And **Dave and Barbara** drove to come to our event from Rhode Island! Although the wind was minimal, it was a great event with good food, plenty of beverages, and as always great company!

The highlight of my regatta experience is

that I finally can see my skills improving. During fleet races and this regatta, I notice that I am able to stay with the pack longer. It is so gratifying to finally see your hard work is paying off! Sometimes it is frustrating and confusing, but nothing feels better than when you round a mark before a veteran sailor or come in third place! Without the persistence of my crew, **Don Podejko**, this weekend I may not have placed third. **Darcie Jerry** has spent numerous hours and fleet races crewing for me and mentoring me. And most of all is my husband's patience during the times I was frustrated and wanted to jump off the boat! There are so many Fleet 204 members that have helped me get to where I am, and every time I am on my boat I am grateful to be a member of this awesome community! Thank you for making me the sailor I am today!

See you all on the water, and at the meeting at Borios!

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Vice-Commodore Herb James

## 2014 Division 16 Schedule

July 10 - 12	North Americans for Hobie 14, Youths and Waves
August 2 - 3	Pre Pan Am Toronto Catamaran Regatta – Toronto, Ontario Canada -
Sept 13 - 14	CMOR Regatta Canandaigua YC
Sept 22 - 26	Hobie 16 North Americans, Lewes, DE

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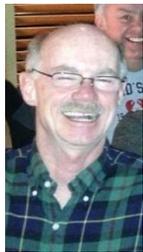
## Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2014

Respectfully submitted by **Bruce Krupke, Co-Secretary**

The meeting was called to order by **Commodore Therese Straigis** at 8pm at Borio's Restaurant. There were about 29 Fleet members in attendance. She welcomed everyone to the meeting including guests. The Question of the night: *Where is the gavel!?*

Commodore Straigis asked for the **secretary's report**. Secretary **Bruce Krupke** reported the May minutes were put into the Fleet newsletter by Editor **Theresa White** who has now also become the Publisher. **Donna Wilson** has resigned from this job. There weren't any changes or additions. He reported Fleet member data will be printed in the July issue (*Editor's note: See later in this newsletter*). If you have had any changes since last year, to let him or Theresa White know to make the updates, otherwise people will call your old cell phone and send Christmas cards to your old address! **There was a motion to accept the minutes, seconded and passed.**



Next Commodore Straigis asked for the **Treasurer's report**. Treasurer **Dr. Bill Whalen** noted the checking accounts are in very good condition, the balances are as high as they have ever been. There was discussion having good account balances will help out with future planning and events. **There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded and carried.**

**Division 16 Report:** Div. 16 Chairman **Adam Atherton** noted that the first annual Oswego Yacht Club Hobie Regatta will be on the weekend of June 27/28. He asked for a show of hand of those members considering participating; there were 11 raised hands. There were many questions about where to stay, who will be the PRO, etc. Adam said much of the final planning is still being developed but assured everyone that it would be a good regatta and encouraged to get the word out. Watch the Forum, look for the NOR, and plan to participate! There were question about the former Division 16 Rochester and Buffalo regattas. Adam reported both Fleets in those cities are dormant, and they don't have enough members to run a regatta. If we wanted to sail in those locations, we'd have to help organize them, especially Rochester. It was reported the location/bar/beach owner in Buffalo is on the lam (possibly due to some tax issues), making the use of that location difficult!



**Nationals Report:** **Bridget Quatrone** noted the 14, youths and wave national championships will happen in July. There might be a sail raffle, for a 14 or 16. Buy tickets from Bridget or look on line, check the website for more info. She also reported the 17 Nationals are in Michigan next week.



### Past Regattas Report:

- **Madcatter 38.** Report was provided by the Commodore and members. It was agreed it was a very successful Madcatter, the weather cooperated, a bit cool, but the attendance was the best in the past decade. The number of boats participating was over 60! A Hawaiian theme was chosen with T-shirts, decorations and awards designed around the idea. Commodore Straigis gave a big *thank you* for all the mentor help with Newbies. She said a Hotline



article has been written by **Bob Longo**. **Ken Knapp** reported as a newbie that his first Madcatter was a little nerve wracking. Although both he and his wife **Lynn** had a great time and learned a lot. He said the pit crew did a great job when he had a small equipment malfunction and that **Boat Works** had what he needed. It was good to have a B Fleet, to learn from others and had a lot of fun. There was good wind on Saturday, no wind on Sunday. It is important to have something on under a dry suit to keep warm! The tent provided good shelter, testing the system for the first time as there was much cooler weather than in past years. Having the portable heaters worked very well. There was a suggestion to have them available every year. One of the biggest hits of Madcatter was the pig roast organized by **Herb and Sharon James**. It was



tasty and very popular. It was suggested to do it next year. There didn't seem to be any comments good bad or otherwise about the cost to attend. Commodore Straigis thanked everyone for their help in volunteering for all the committees and duties. Each year Fleet members step up and do the work, a true testament to the success of the event. On to Madcatter 39! What will the theme be next year?

- **Wickford RI Regatta**. **Rob Jerry** attended the regatta, with **Trey James**. F18s and F16 participated. There were 19 boats overall. Rob and Trey finished 12<sup>th</sup>. It was well run, with 80 boats altogether; monohulls and lots of other classes participated. Weather was great, good wind. There were 8 races total.

### Future Regattas and Events:

- **Division 16 Toronto Water Rats points Regatta** will be the first weekend in August. Some Fleet members attended last year and said it was a barebones regatta, not a lot of frills. But the location is very unique and the Toronto Fleet is trying to build it up each year. You are literally sailing on the lake right in front of the city of Toronto. Last year the Big Sailing Ships were having a festival and sailing around us. At that time of year the water temp in Ontario is better. A raise of hands showed at least 5 boats planning on attending so far. There were comments this is one of our important Division 16 regattas and we need to support it.
- NJ Division 11 points regattas will include **Barnegat Regatta** on July 19/20. **Spray Beach, NJ**, some Fleet members are going. Great location.
- **Caseville, MI**, on Lake Huron. Usually windy and nice campgrounds. July 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Pymatuning, PA**, not a Hobie points regatta, about 4 hours away towards Erie, PA is like going to summer camp with boats. It will happen July 12<sup>th</sup> weekend. Adam noted the organizers do a good job and is a fun event. Some Fleet members indicated they might go.
- **Bruce** said the **Mayfield Yacht Club** has a long distance race on June 21 on Sacandaga Lake. He said he will go with **Bob and Gabe Longo** and **Bill Whalen**. It will be a navigated regatta against 3 other classes of boats. You need to carry a radio and tow rope just in case. Entry fee is only \$30 and is a one day race.
- **Bob Longo and Bruce Krupke** reported the annual *Come Sail with Us Day* will be Sat. June 14, weather depending. They said Fleet members have volunteered for the various duties. Bruce reported so far there are about 25 signed up to participate. Come one and come all. They said after *Come Sail with Us Day* will be our first Newbie Tuesday which starts the 17<sup>th</sup>. The night is intended for those that haven't sailed before that want to try out sailing, or



Newbies looking to get a ride with an experienced skipper. We also will help newbies with their boats, check them over for sea worthiness. Please indicate your participation for each week, a posting will be made by each Monday morning. Thank you for your support!

- The annual Plattsburg, NY **Mayor's cup** on Lake Champlain will take place Sat. July 12. This is a one day race for all classes of sailboats. Multi hulls have free registration and there is a party, parade and more. Some indicated they might participate.
- **Commodore Straigis** said she has set up a 2014 sail to Jewell, **Steve and Debbie Wiehl's** house on August 9 or 10<sup>th</sup> depending on wind. We will watch the weather for the best wind day, depart from our marina's early in the day, 9am, sail down, have some food, visit then sail back. It was noted safety will be important for this event. We'll want a chase boat and sail in pairs. More will be discussed at the next 2 meetings.
- Some are considering getting together at the marinas on the **4<sup>th</sup> of July**. Look for a post on the Forum!



### New and Old Business:

- **Newsletter report.** Donna Wilson has officially stepped down as publisher. The Fleet thanked Donna for all of her years of hard work and support. We really appreciated all she has done to keep the Fleet informed and up to date. Her services will be missed but **THANK YOU VERY MUCH DONNA!** Now we need to find a replacement. **Theresa White**, editor reported she handled all the work for May and until a solution is made. She used Kinko's to help copy, fold, staple and stamp the May newsletter, there was a total of 8 pages. She reported the next newsletter will contain more pages. We mail out about 35 each month. It will cost about \$50 bucks on average each month to continue the process. Theresa will handle layout of the newsletter. It has been found members who get it by U.S. mail like getting it in that form. There is value in keeping members informed, supportive and active. There was a lot of discussion about mailing vs. emailing the news. There is time and cost of paper, ink etc. **Rose and Adam Atherton** offered to take on the handling of the newsletter if the Fleet will approve paying for all the expenses, including a printer. **There was a Motion to allow the executive officers/committee to further research those that receive it in writing to find out if they can get it by email and report back, there was a second, carried. It was also suggested to note all of this in the next newsletter for those that do get a hard copy to let Commodore Straigis know if they would be open to receiving their letter by e-mail.** Some suggested our dues are for parties, not to get the newsletter. **Rico** noted our newsletter is on our website, it is just hard to find he didn't think non-dues paying people should get the benefit to read our news.
- Next a discussion on the fact that our Fleet's very valuable website needs constant updating and maintenance. It was agreed the website is necessary and useful. It takes **Rico Quatrone** a lot of time to keep it going. There was a lot of discussion to make sure it is easy to maintain. **Rico Quatrone** has been handling the responsibility for many years. There is a software program out there called Wordpress that can be used by someone that doesn't know much about updating a website via internet. Currently, the website it is not in a format that someone can update it easily. Rico would like to get more people involved in updating, so that it would make it easier to keep the website up to date. We are looking for several volunteers. If you are interested, please contact the Commodore or **Rico Quatrone**.
- **Susan Korz** would like to have some practice days before the Women's, 14s, Waves and Youths. This will be race training, mark roundings etc. and to be held on Saturdays. Watch the Forum for info.



- **Officer Elections update.** Nominations are being sought for Fleet officers. **Bill Whalen** is easy (!! ) and said he'd continue as Treasurer, there was a round of applause for his help! **Bruce** may stay as Secretary. Commodore and Vice Commodore positions are being sought. **Dave Witmer** is a possibility.
- There was a discussion about having a separate start for the Wave Class at Fleet racing. It was decided to have a 6 minute start for Waves. The Class Flag for the Waves will go up at the 4 minutes remaining mark with the preparatory flag. Essentially the Waves will start one minute after the 16s, giving them a clear line.

**Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be July 8, 2014 at 8 p.m.**

### Who, When, When, and Where Trivia

*Do you know how this happened?!*



*All we'll tell you now is that the seas were quiet that day, my friend.  
The rest of the story will be revealed at the next fleet meeting!*

### **Thank you, Madcatter 38 Sponsors!**

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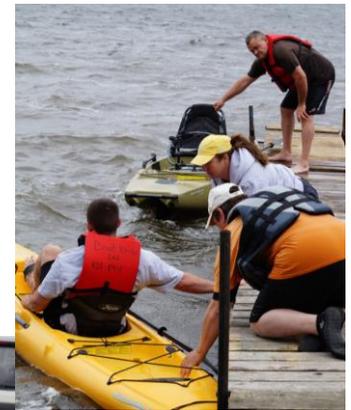
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## Come Sail With Us Day

A very successful *Come Sail With Us Day* was held by the Fleet on Sat. June 14<sup>th</sup> at Therre's marina. There were 26 guests and newbies that participated! Although the weather was cool, gear was provided for the guests, and the wind was strong. All guests were treated to rides on



Hobie Cats, water crafts, kayaks and more. We had great support from Fleet members, who cooked, helped out on shore, on the water in a chase boat, and gave advice. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated! We encourage all newbies to continue learning more about Hobie sailing by attending Newbie Tuesdays.



## Welcome Newbies!

Among the Newbies that are returning to sail and be active with the fleet are Tim and his kids (Hannah, Miranda, and Declan) who not only loved *Come Sail with Us Day* but have been returning ever since on Newbie Tuesdays. They have even brought their own power boat to BE the committee boat and drop flags and track results. Thanks for getting out there and getting involved. *Welcome to Fleet 204!*





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**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.

**204 Play**

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Next meeting is **July 8<sup>th</sup>**  
at **8:00 pm** at  
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