

Commodore's Corner



Therese Straigis
Commodore

It is hard to imagine that May had more warm days than June! It has been a cold and rainy summer, but that does not stop Fleet 204 from getting out on the water! It also did not stop us from having the largest turn out for *Come Sail with Us Day* EVER! With over 40 guests, we were able to get all of the prospective sailors on the water on a Hobie. Some of them loved it so much, they went out for a second sail! All hail the wind gods for providing a nice windy



Bob Longo,
Vice-Commodore

breeze, so all the newbies could experience the thrill of trapezing! *Come Sail with us Day* would

not have been a success without the fleet members volunteering their time, but most importantly the planners who made it all come together. Thanks to my left and right hand skippers, Bruch Krupke and Bob Longo! Another thanks to our Training Coordinator, Herb James and his crew, Pat Caster, Theresa White, Mike Siau, Mike Degennaro, and Sharon James for organizing drills this past weekend. Rain or shine Fleet 204 will be sailing, racing, practicing, and just having fun! Bring on the rain, and Fleet 204 will bring on the storm!

hope to see you next meeting at Borios, too!

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2015 Sailing Event Schedule

- Jul 11 - 12 Sam Meyers Memorial Regatta, Pymatuning Sailing Club, OH (Open)
- Jul 18 - 19 Barnegat - NOR - www.hobiefleet416.org (D11)
- Jul 25-26 Special Olympics Regatta, MD
- July 25-26 Hobie 16 Youth North American Championships, Lake Quinault, WA
- Aug 1 – 2 Sandy Hook Blue Water Regatta (D11 Open)
- Aug 4 - 8 H18 F18 H20 North American Championships Huntington Beach, CA
- Aug 8 - 9 Oswego Hobie Regatta, Oswego Yacht Club, NY (D16)**
- Aug 15 Schroon Lake, NY Fun Sail Around**
- Aug 21 - 23 H14 NAC Missisauga, ON
- Sep 12 - 13 CMOR Regatta, Canandaigua YC (D16)**
- Sept 12 – 13 RBSA - Fall Classic Rehoboth, DE (D11)
- Sept 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 May 12, 2015

Submitted by **Bruce Krupke**

The meeting was called to order by **Vice Commodore Bob Longo** at 8:00pm at Borio's Restaurant. There were about 22 Fleet members in attendance. He welcomed everyone to the meeting. **Commodore Straigis** apologized that she could not make the meeting due to a work commitment.

Safety Talk, Mimi Appel, Title: *Safety Priorities, the Big Picture*. Can someone be severely hurt



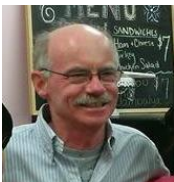
while sailing? Of course, the answer is yes. US sailing mandates and requires certain procedures to ensure safety. Fleet 204 has been relatively safe for 39 years, without any major accidents or incidents. Lightning struck near a Fleet member and other minor incidents have happened, though. We cannot let our guard down. We need to be very aware major accidents can happen. Big wind can happen quickly; just look at what happened a recent regatta on the Gulf Coast (Dauphin Island Regatta, May, 2015 -

http://www.al.com/news/mobile/index.ssf/2015/05/a_cruel_wind_how_the_2015_daup.html).

Oneida Lake can stir up very fast. As the summer progresses, it would be good to have a safety plan. We need to make sure we practice good habits, such as telling someone you are going out sailing (especially when you are singlehanded), and always wearing your PFD. Tell someone when you expect to be off the water. Use your cell phones to look at radar before you go out, and get a good weather app. We'd like to create a simple check list of items and concepts to review at least twice a year. Keep the 204 attitude of safety and keep the big picture in mind and be serious, help keep an eye on each other.



Secretary's Report: Bruce Krupke reported that the May 2015 minutes were put into the Fleet newsletter by Editor Theresa White and Publisher Adam Atherton. There weren't any changes or additions. There was a motion to accept the minutes, seconded and passed.



Treasurer's Report: Dr. Bill Whalen noted the checking accounts are about the same as last month in our 2 accounts, looking good. Madcatter budget are expected to be about even. A final tally will be reported at the next meeting. If you have any outstanding bills or expenses please submit them before July 4 to Bill Whalen. **Dues are now past due!** If you haven't paid them, please get them in ASAP. It's only \$50 per family. Please, Mail your membership dues check to Dr. Whalen 8254 Honeysuckle Drive, Liverpool, NY 13090, make them out to **Hobie**

Cat Fleet 204. There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded, carried.

Division 16 Report: Adam Atherton, our Division Chair Division chairman was not present but a report was provided to look at the regatta schedule and get out and race this season!



Training Coordinator Report: Herb James is looking at Sunday the 21st of June for training; watch the Forum for more information. It will probably focus on starts and changes of the lines.

Past Regatta Report:

- **Summary of Madcatter 39.** The weather was great, good ice cream, Vodka on Fridays, chocolate milk. Chase boats were very proficient. Food, GEP, the PRO sit in all did a great job. VC Longo thanked all the sponsors, Boat Works. We invited **Chuck Borio** to the meeting and thanked him and his family personally for their continued support as well. Everything for the most part went very well at MC 39. Thank you to everyone, all Fleet members, and volunteers as usual helped make MC39 an overall great event!
- **Come Sail with us Day** was held on Saturday June 6 at Therre's Marina. We had 45 plus



Newbies attend with 25 Fleet members, it was a great success. Thank you to all Fleet members and Volunteers who did a great job in assisting Newbies. It was a great response, the Newbies were very interested and we expect a lot of follow up from them. There were a few suggestions for next year. Get gear ready for Newbies to use in one area and return it there; serve food as soon as possible don't wait; have skippers ready at a very specific time.

We need a chase boat and invite them all to the next Fleet meeting while we have their attention at the beginning. We'll follow up with the attendees to invite them to **Newbie Tuesday** and Fleet members.

- **Newbie Tuesday:** The first one was held today, with a Boy Scout troop, about 12 boys and girls showed up with some parents who all sailed. There were 5 skippers and 3 boats helping out. It will continue until Labor Day. We'll put a posting on the Forum for each Tuesday a few days before for everyone to sign up both Newbies and skippers. Put a reply on the Forum each week if you can skipper.



Future Regattas

- A large number of Waves will be at a points regatta to be held at **Put-in-Bay, Ohio** in conjunction with the annual Race Week on last weekend in July, 31, Aug 1 and 2. It will be a good size event, 30 plus boats. It is about 7 hours away and is a fun event.
- **The Pan Am regatta** will be in Toronto in mid-July. **Mark and Grace Modderman** are the US sailing team. There are many other familiar sailing teams from other countries participating as well. We wish the Moddermans all the best of luck and sail fast in representing our sport for our country.
- Fleet Youths **Val Wiehl and Erica Longo** would like to attend the national event in



Washington State in July. (**Hobie Youth Hobie 16 North Americans** in Lake Quinault, Quinault, Washington, July 26 – 29, 2015). They have applied for a grant to help with the expenses for travel. They have asked for 204 financial sponsorship support. There was a motion to assist the team of up to \$500. The amount will be added to whatever shortfall they can't raise or get from a grant HCA. There was discussion about how to support our youth, the future of the sport and

Fleet. There was discussion regarding help in finding sponsors and assisting in training them and whether this is setting precedent for future teams. It was agreed we should support youths and each year consider doing what we can. There was a motion to provide up to \$500 in financial support after they have determined what support they will get from HCA. There was a second to the motion, and the vote carried. The Youths thanked the Fleet for their support and will do us proud at the Nationals.

- Planning for **Madcatter 40** is starting. GEP budget was discussed we need to start early to find one. We need to start and solidify many details earlier than normal. We need to find more housing for volunteers, talk it up. If you want to be on the planning committee for the 40th, talk to the Commodore or VC Bob Longo. We need to have a good plan and the earlier the better. MC 40 planning discussion. There was discussion about using the Arrowhead Lodge for the 40th, and or the Tent. There was support for both the Lodge and tent. There are pros and cons to both locations. There was discussion about having a band for MC40 and power needs. There was a discussion about the noise factor at both locations as well as what to do about the beer cooler. The Lodge is reserved and we can wait until Jan. 1 until the decision needs to be made to actually use it or not.
- See the racing schedule; you can participate in a regatta just about every weekend. Support your Division 16 regatta events. Get out on the road! Please participate in and support **Oswego** and **Canandaigua** regattas as well the first ever **Schroon Lake Family sail around** event.
- **Oswego Regatta.** **Sue Korz** is looking to help organize the event with **Tim Conover**. The Oswego Yacht Club did a good job last year. There is interest to find an RV location and the use of the ramp to put boat in the water. We'll defer to **Adam Atherton** to continue to make all the arrangements.
- Hooper's Harbor sailing is going to be difficult to schedule this year. We'll give it another year to solidify the event.



Social Report

There might be a Fleet Fourth of July gathering at Therre's. Watch the Forum for more information.

New, Old, and Other Business

- Therre's sail tube storage rack is being worked on. We have three options that **Adam Atherton** is exploring and working on to finish the project. If you paid for a tube and have not claimed one yet, please do so.
- There was a motion to make a donation of \$100 to the Lakeshore Baptist Church because they are helpful in allowing us to park in their lot. There was a second to the motion, vote carried.
- A Fleet Burgee discussion was put on hold until the next meeting. We need a cost for the final design which was approved last year.
- There was discussion about creating a new Hall of Fame board. **Sue Korz** will look into the costs. \$200 was suggested for a new one. She'll get a quote on it. There was a motion and a second to the idea, vote carried.
- Fleet boats were discussed. We are currently using **Tom Byrne's** boat. **Bob Longo** is getting the Winner boat fixed; it



has a bad line, and might cost around \$200. We can park one boat at a time at Caster's. The pontoon boat is being looked at, parts, tank, battery, seats are in the warehouse. It hasn't moved in 3 years and is coming back as is if we decide to continue using it. We need a place to park the pontoon boat if we use it.

- There were comments on Fleet racing. One, we need a RC sign up list! Look on the Forum and sign up. We need to be on time or the Fleet races. Please if you are late, wait in the starting area. Turn in scores to **Tom Korz** with legible names. Waves will have their own A mark and all boats other than 16s will start one minute after them. So all racers please be ready when the warning horn goes off. Wave starting sequence will start at the 4 minute 16 prep flag.

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



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OMG Look Who's 40!!!

Madcatter 40 is coming up this spring. We want to blow it out for the 40th. This Fleet Meeting will be looking for volunteers and committee heads. Please look this list over and see where you can plug yourself in! Contact Bob Longo 256-7061 rmlongo@aol.com The Theme is *That 70's Regatta*. Thanks and see you at the meeting!

Membership Information Form

Address Information	
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Address	Home e-mail
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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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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.

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Next meeting is **July 14th**
at **8:00 pm** at
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