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Commodore
2012-2013

Commodore's Corner

Well, MADACATTER 37 IS NOW IN THE HISTORY BOOKS!!!!
And once again we prove that a 204 event is not all about the racing.
Good friends, old and new, some great tunes.....a couple o' tots of
Rums of Puerto Rico. You get the picture.

We still have a few loose ends to tie up, Thank you's, reorganizing our
race supplies and materials, fixing the boat, etc.....Please, if you were a
committee head, be prepared to let us know what worked and what did
not work for you. If you could put it in writing then, that would be even
better. This will be an invaluable resource for the next person to take on
that committee.



Therese Straigis
Co-Vice-Commodore
2012-2013

What is really nice about getting the Madcatter out of the way is that
now WE can go to other Regattas and enjoy the efforts of the other
fleets.

We now have the rest of the season to enjoy sailing and racing!!!!
It is the reciprocal relationship between Fleets that makes this all
work. If you are not yet a regatta road warrior, give it a try!!!! It is a lot
of fun. You always meet new sailors, make new friends, and you
ALWAYS learn something new, whether it is a trailer-ing tip, a rigging
secret, or some other piece of insight. So, please make an effort to
support the other fleets in the area. If we don't, we may soon have
nowhere to race.

Also one of our most important and fun events, **Come Sail With Us 2013**, is on June 8. The
weather looks great, so come sail with us!!!



Bob Longo
Co-Vice-Commodore
2012-2013

Don't forget - just go out sailing someday after work. You will be
amazed at how cool it is to just buzz around and not have to go around
anything!!!! And it will really improve your boat handling.

See you at Borio's

Point high, Foot fast

Tom

PS – When are elections?!

**PPS – Remember that we still need an article for the Hotline, Catsailor & sailing world about
Madcatter!**

Hobie Cat Fleet 204 April Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2013, 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by **Bruce Krupke**, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by **Commodore Thomas Korzeniewski** at Borio's Restaurant, Cicero, NY. There were about 35 Fleet members in attendance, a great showing! He welcomed everyone to the meeting including guests **Bev Lauricella** (a newbie sailor) and **Dan Andrianos** (who will help out with chase boats at Madcatter). Thank you!

Commodore Korzeniewski asked for the **secretary's report**. Secretary **Bruce Krupke** reported the April minutes were put into the Fleet newsletter by Editor **Theresa White** and Publisher **Donna Wilson**. There weren't any changes or additions. There was a motion to accept the minutes, seconded and passed.

Next Commodore Korzeniewski asked for the **Treasurer's report**. Treasurer **Dr. Bill Whalen**



noted the checking accounts are about the same with minor increases in balances as last month in our 2 checking accounts. He said dues paid by members are being received. He said the Fleet is in good financial health. He said depending on how well Madcatter revenue is received, we should be able to either keep our account balances stable or potentially increase them. He reminded everyone that your Fleet membership fees are now due. They are only \$50 per person or entire family. Please make your checks out to Hobie Cat Fleet 204. Please get your dues check in by June 1 or they will be overdue. Individual Fleet membership information is usually included in the July newsletter. If you haven't paid your dues by the end of June you will not be listed in the July newsletter. **Also, if you have any updates to your contact information from last year, please let Theresa White or Donna Wilson know by June 15th.** Their contact information is at the end of each newsletter.

Hobie Class Association of North America (HCANA) - Division 16 Report: Chairman **Adam Atherton** gave a report on Division 16. He noted a Division meeting of all Fleets in Division 16 will meet during Madcatter. He asked if there were any issues or topics we would like to discuss at the meeting.

He is trying to work on getting more regattas organized for this sailing season in Division 16 territory. One is located on the Ohio/PA border he participated in last year on Pymatuning Lake. He has tried to contact the organizers of the regatta but has not heard back from them. He noted there are discussions with Buffalo and Rochester Fleet representatives, discussions are ongoing about holding events there again or other options they are considering. He noted the Division regatta schedule is on our website, under racing. **If you have a fleet sailing regatta or event idea that could be held in our Division, please contact Adam.** There was some discussion about organizing a sailing day locally to have some fun and promote our sport.

Past Regattas Report: Commodore Korzeniewski asked for reports of any past regattas. There were none to report at this time.

Social Committee Report: It was reported the annual **Madhatter** on the water practice and party was held last Saturday. **Rob Jerry** reported there was some racing during the day and we had some fun. It was a bit cold and windy. Many Fleet members participated. Everyone thanked **Herb James** who did a great job in organizing the sailing practice and **Kevin and Donna Wilson**, our excellent race committee. The party was held at **Pat and Diane Bisesi's** home. There was some very creative head gear shown off as over 37 Fleet members attended. It was uncertain if anyone "won" the party, although there were sightings of an orange jeep left behind. Everyone thanked Pat and Diane very much for hosting the party; it was a great Madhatter weekend.



Future Regattas Report: There are a number of future regattas in the future. Please participate in as many as you can, support our own Division regattas, first one will be in Toronto on June 22/23. Also consider driving to Division 11 regattas on the eastern shores. Sandy Hook will be in NJ the first weekend in June. There were discussions about who might be attending these regattas and others coming up soon. There seemed to be a lot of interest in attending.

Fleet Activity Reports:



The Syracuse University Sailing Team Visited with Hobie Fleet 204 on May 4, 2013. Thanks to all that helped get the team on the water!

Commodore Korzeniewski said the Fleet hosted and participated for the first time in a **Syracuse University Sailing Club day** at Therre's marina. We invited all of the Club's members and 11 of them ended up participating, a very good showing considering the timing when SU students are taking their final exams and getting ready to go home. The goal of the event was to introduce Hobie Cat multi-hulls to the SU team. Co-Vice

Commodore and event organizer **Bob Longo** reported Fleet members met at Therre's on Sunday May 5th. Each SU club member was matched up with a Fleet skipper who explained rigging and set up. Then all went out for a sail. All SU club members were knowledgably, which made it a lot easier. It was positive experience for everyone. Bob thanked SU sailing club and Fleet member **Valerie Whiel** for helping to set up the event. He also thanked Fleet member **Steve and Deb Whiel** for helping out and bringing their pontoon boat out as well. Bob noted there are SU team members that want to sail with us over the summer and everyone had a great time. Many SU members might come back in the fall when classes start. Bob thanked everyone for their help and participation.

Bruce Krupke reported our annual Fleet **Come Sail with Us Day** open house will be on Sat. June 8. We will start at 11am and go until 4pm. We'll start by introducing sailing to participants, pairing up newbies with skippers. Then we'll have a picnic lunch at noon, and then get on the water. He said he has 8 people already signed up to participate, he expects we could have as many as 20. Boat Works Ltd is the sponsor of the event. **Rob Jerry** said he'll bring down other Hobie watercraft for people to try out. Bruce said "Come one and come all", this is the day where anyone who wants to try and learn more about Hobie Cat sailboats has the opportunity to get on one with a qualified skipper for a ride. Invite your friends, co-workers, relatives to participate.

Please RSVP with him to keep a good head count.

Bruce passed around a volunteer signup sheet and will provide more information on our website Forum page as the event gets closer. He noted a flyer is available on our Fleet homepage to print out, copy, and post at your workplace bulletin board or other places where we can attract attention.

Madcatter 37 Report:

Sponsorship report: **Bruce Krupke** reported sponsorship to help fund Madcatter have come in very well at the end. He thanked all the sponsors for their support. For full sponsorship, giving more than \$275, **Bob Longo** made boat stickers, please consider sporting one on a hull on your boat. Be sure to get a picture of it for publicity and thank you letters later.

T-shirts. Chair **Therese Straigis** said they will be a lime green color with the Madhatterville logo on the front. Sponsors will go on the back. She will have a second printing run for Fleet members after the regatta. Co-commodore Straigis will put a posting on the Forum, be sure to order yours if you don't get one at Madcatter.

Dunkin Donuts – Bob Longo will pick up the baked goods.

Desserts for Sat. Night: **Bridget Quatrone** will put out a sign-up sheet for them. Bring cookies, cupcakes etc. for people to eat.

Volunteers: We need a solid list of volunteers to make sure we thank and provide lunches and meals for. Those that are in charge, please get this list to Tom.

Marks and tackle: Pat Caster said he will make sure they are ready. Division marks are at his house.

Cleanup committee: All Fleet members are assigned to help out at the end of the event.



It was reported to us regional emergency responders, fire departments etc. will be doing on the water drills and practice on Sunday. They'll be near Frenchman's island. Please try to keep clear of any of their efforts. They should not pose a problem for our course. There was discussion regarding working with the responders in the future to demonstrate how to rescue and right a sailboat.

Guest Expert Program (GEP): We'll have a workshop on Friday morning about 11am, hosted by Fleet members **Herb James and Sue Korzeniewski**, props will be used and are ready to go. The topic will be rules of the water. This will be very informative and useful,

please attend.

First aid: The first aid bags and gear are all set, **Gary Repko and Louise** will be on shore to assist with first aid needs during the regatta, thank you very much!

Madcatter Sponsor Boat Works Ltd reported they will be bringing their parts trailer as usual in

case you need any last minute items.

C Fleet mentor chalk talk: This meeting will be held on Friday night after dinner for anyone new to racing. **Rob Jerry** will host the talk and discuss basic rules of the road. We will also help assign a mentor to assist in rigging and helping out with any questions new regatta sailors might have.

Thursday night race over: Will have a race over to Oneida Shores County Park beach on Thursday night before Madcatter. 6pm prompt start time.

Fleet racing will start on the Thursday following Madcatter. It will go until Labor Day weekend. Races will start at 6pm sharp. Please be ready and on time.

Please sign up for committee boat duty. There will be a Forum posting. If you are not familiar with how to run the committee boat, you are welcome to get on the boat any week to learn. Be there and ready by 5:30 at Caster's dock where we keep the committee boats.

For both Madcatter and Fleet racing, it was discussed that going out in windy weather conditions is a question you should ask and answer yourself. Determine your skill level and what conditions you can handle. Don't risk the safety of your crew or yourself. There are no heroes in this sport, be safe and learn at your own pace.

New and Old Business:

New Fleet officers for 2013/2014. If you have an interest in becoming a Fleet officer, please see **Commodore Korzeniewski**. Elections will be held at the July meeting. Terms are only one year.

Co-Vice Commodore **Bob Longo** reported the ever popular Newbie Tuesdays will start Tuesday, June 11th, 5:30 to 7:30pm. If you are a new sailor and would like to get on a Hobie, please show up ready to go out on the water for an hour or so. We'll give you a taste of the fun of Hobie sailing. On Tuesdays during the summer, we have to be off the water by 7:30 to make it in time for the scheduled, (2nd Tuesdays of the month) Fleet meetings.



He also reminded everyone we now have two Fleet boats **donated by Herb James** (thank you James family!). One H16, a.k.a. known as the "orange boat", is at Therre's marina. A wave is at Casters. Anyone with experience can take them out at their own risk. If you break something, you are half responsible for the cost of replacing it. Please take care of these boats like they are your own. You need to be checked out by a qualified skipper or Fleet officer before being allowed to take them out.

or old business discussed.

Chalk Talk: None this meeting. If you have a topic you would like to discuss, please let Commodore Korzeniewski know prior to the next Fleet meeting.

There was a motion by **Bridget** was made to adjourn at 8:21 pm. Commodore Korzeniewski thanked everyone for attending.



The next Fleet meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 11th at 8:00pm**; note the time. We hold Fleet meetings in the summer at 8pm, and then switch to 7:30 the remainder of the year.

2013 Division 16 schedule

(including surrounding area)

January	
19-21	Tradewinds Regatta – Key Largo, FL
Feb	
1-3	Charlotte Harbor Regatta – Charlotte Harbor, FL
April	
11-14	Hobie Midwinters East, Ocean Springs Yacht Club, Mississippi
May	
4-5	Gunpowder Regatta, Chase MD (Division 11 Points)
11	The Madhatter, Cicero, NY (official drills and practice race for the Madcatter)
11-12	Lewes Yacht Club, Lewes DE (Division 11 points, NE area championships)
17-19	Madcatter Regatta, Oneida Shores Park, Brewerton, NY (Division 16 points)
June	
1-2	Sandy Hook Catamaran Club, Atlantic Highlands, NJ. (Division 11 points)
8	Come sail with us day. Sailing Open house with Fleet 204, Cicero NY.
10-14	Hobie 17 North American Championships. Lewis and Clark Reservoir, SD.
22-23	Water Rats Catamaran Regatta, Toronto ON. (Division 16 championship)
July	
6-7	Statue of Liberty Race, Sandy Hook, NJ (open)
13-14	Junior Olympics
20-21	Barnegat Breezer, Trixies Landing, Bayville, NJ (Division 11 points)
30-Aug 1	HCA – Youth North American Championship, Huntington Lake, CA
August	
17-18	Spray Beach Yacht Club – LBI, NJ (Division 11 points)
24-25	Etobicoke Yacht Club, Toronto, ON (Division 16 points)
September	
14-15	Shore Acres Yacht Club, Brick NJ (Division 11 points)
21-22	CMOR Canandaigua Yacht Club (Division 16 points)
28-29	Rock Hall Yacht Club, MD (Division 11 points)
October	
5-6	Fall Classic, RBSA – Rehobeth, DE (Division 11 points)
12-13	Heineken High Performance Regatta, American Yacht Club, Rye NY (Open)
21-25	Hobie 16, 18, 20, Tiger North Americans, Porreto Beach, Galveston, TX



Membership Information Form

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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.

204 Play

Donna & Kevin Wilson
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Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Address Service Requested

Next meeting is **June 11th**
at **8:00 pm** at
Borio's Restaurant
Lakeshore Road
Cicero, NY