

Commodore's Corner



Therese Straigis
Commodore

Hello, Sailors!

What a great Madcatter!

I want to thank everyone who volunteered countless hours to make our regatta once again AMAZING!! We were fortunate to have great company, food, and of course, WIND!! Saturday sailing was a great way to start the sailing season!



Vice-Commodore Herb James

Now that the sailing season is underway and muscle memory is kicking in, sail with us every Thursday at 6:00pm. There is no better way to practice for than time on the water.

See you all either on the water, or at the meeting at Borios!

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2014 Division 16 Schedule

June 14	Fleet 204's Come Sail With Us Day (Rain date 6-15)
June 15 - 20	Hobie 17 North Americans, LaSalle MI
June 28 - 29	Oswego YC Hobie Cat Regatta
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

Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2014

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

Commodore Therese Straigis called the Fleet membership meeting on Tuesday June 12th to order at 7:30pm at Borio's Restaurant, Cicero, NY. She welcomed everyone including new faces; there were about 38 members and guests present, in my book a record number.



Commodore Straigis then asked for the Secretary's report. **Co-Secretary Bruce Krupke** reported the minutes were printed in the newsletter for everyone to read. He asked if there were any changes. Not hearing any, **Commodore Straigis** asked for a motion to pass the minutes as written, which was given, seconded, and the motion carried.



Treasurer's Report: Commodore Straigis then asked for the Treasurer's report. **Treasurer Dr. Bill Whalen** first reported on the final accounting for Madcatter 38. He said if you are owed money for expenses from Madacatter, or have a bill to be paid, please get it to him by the end of the month, otherwise it might not get paid! He said the finances for Madcatter are in the black and look good. He noted sponsorship dollars came in very well during the final two weeks leading up to Madcatter. He said it also appears everyone with a budget for Madcatter did a good job staying in line. Bill next reported the two checking accounts the Fleet has are in good shape as well. He noted the balances and said they are really good for this time of year.

Dues are due!! Bill reported if you have not paid your dues by now you will no longer be a card toting, official member of the Fleet. He wants membership to increase and not lose anyone. So please, please get your dues check to him. Make them out to **Hobie Cat Fleet 204** and mail to him at the following address: **8254 Honeysuckle Dr., Liverpool, NY 13090**. He also reminded everyone that if you have a change in your contact info (address, phone, email etc.) to please include a note in with your payment. Commodore Straigis asked if there were any more comments for the Treasurer's report, not hearing any she asked for a motion to accept the report, there was a second, vote carried.



Division 16 Report: **Adam Atherton**, Division chairman, gave a brief report. He said he can confirm that there will be an event at Pymatuning Yacht Club in Ohio. This is located just across from the PA border and about a 4 hour drive. The regatta will be on July 12/13. It is a nice site, like going to summer camp. More info will be on our website racing tab. Adam noted the Division held a meeting during Madhatter. There was a proposal to change the way Divisions score and move up B Fleeters. This issue will be discussed with the Division Fleets. He said with less C Fleet members these days, there are more B-Fleeters competing for A Fleet spots.



Past Sailing Events:



- **SU Sailing Club Day.** There was a really good attendance with 10 SU sailing club students participating. It was held on Saturday May 3 at Therre's marina. The weather cooperated and wind steady out of the South West. Fleet member **Val Whiel** helped organize the event at the University. Many of the students had never been on a Hobie before and



really enjoyed the day. **Commodore Straigis** thanked the many volunteers from the Fleet who helped out as skippers, beach captains, and chase boats. She concluded with this is a great way to help introduce our sport and boats to future sailors.

- Next **Madhatter Day practice** was discussed. There were about 15 boats participating. We got in 6 races, with good wind, a bit shifty, but lots of great sailing. Commodore Straigis again thanked **Pat Caster, Fluffy White, and Darcie Jerry** for running the committee boat and practice duties and for everyone for participating.
- She next thanked **Sean Smith (Jackson!)** for hosting the Madhatter party, which was held at his house, he had chairs and furniture. Snacks were brought by everyone; the party went well

past midnight. There were some really great hats; **Bridget Quatrone** won the best hat



award. Thank you again from all Fleet members to Sean for hosting the party. We are all very happy to see **Jackson** all grown up hosting, toasting and celebrating at his own place! It was determined **Sean Smith** won his own party!

Future Regattas Report:

Commodore Straigis strongly encouraged all Fleet members to review the summer racing schedule on our website. Click the racing tab and try to get out to as many regattas, not only in our own Division 16 region but in others as well. We need to start planning and talking up who is going to which regatta and consider double stacking to save on costs. Commodore Straigis asked for a count of boats attending the future regattas. Many hands went up for a lot of regattas.

- **Div 16 Chairman Adam Atherton** noted the **Oswego Yacht Club** will be hosting a Hobie regatta in June. This will be their first year and we need to support this event. It will be two days, **June 21/22**. The cost will be minimal. The NOR will be up soon. There will be no

camping but there is a nice Best Western in town that has a nice bar on the water we can utilize. Plan to participate in this regatta! If you would like to help sponsor this event contact Adam ASAP.

- Next, **Commodore Straigis** asked for Committee reports for the 38th Madcatter. **Rico Quatrone** noted there are 46 pre- registered. He said when the final counts are in, there could be close to 60 boats participating, this is a real good participation. All Committee chairpersons gave their reports. Everything is ready to go; all seems to be taken care of. **Bob Longo** noted there will be sponsor stickers available for people to put on their boats. He also noted there will be 2 special stickers made to remember two individuals no longer with us: One for the inventor of the Hobie boats, **Hobie Alter**, and the other for Fleet member and good friend **Bob Burns** from Buffalo. He said the commemorative stickers should be placed on the stern of the boat where only the most prestigious and important information is to go on a boat. **Mimi Appel** noted she has set up a Newbie mentor program for Madcatter. Thank you for all the mentors who signed up to help newbies. Marks were discussed, we might not have enough, cautiously optimistic. F18s need long A to help avoid collisions. We could need extra marks from other Fleets. **Bridget** will ask them to bring some. Maybe we should buy an extra one? **Adam Atherton** said the race program booklet is good to go and has all the necessary info. **Bruce Krupke** said sponsors have come in well again this year to help financially support Madcatter. We should raise close to last year's record amounts helping to keep the event in the black. He wanted to thank all sponsors for their generous donations of time, money, products and or services. Please review them on our website homepage (or here!). He thanked everyone for their help and support. Registration is being chaired by **Sharon James**. There was a suggestion to make sure we get email addresses from all registrants to use for future notifications. **Sue Korzeniewski** reminded everyone our GEP will be **John Hooper** who was the race officer that ran Worlds in Australia who will be our guest. The GEP starts at 11am on Friday morning under the tent. **Herb James** reminded everyone the Saturday dinner will be a PIG Roast, Hawaiian Luau; we need desserts and everyone to wear their favorite Hawaiian shirts to the party. It was suggested we consider having some propane heaters at the event. **Bruce Krupke** said he can rent them from the same company supplying the tent.



New Business:

- There will be a regatta at **Caseville**, on Lake Huron, about a 9 hour drive, on the weekend of July 12.
- **Commodore Straigis** then thanked all the Fleet members, volunteers and friends for making Madcatter 38 preparations a great success.
- We need help writing a post/summary article for Madcatter. Volunteers were nominated.

- **Donna Wilson** is concerned about being able to print the newsletter in the future. It is a big job. The person must manage our membership list and database, need to email blast out the newsletter and physically manage mailing the newsletter out by US mail. Her printer is broken; there was a suggestion to purchase one for her. If any is interested in taking over this job please see either our Commodore or **Editor Fluffy White**. There was a suggestion to find out how many paper newsletters go out. Does the newsletter need to go out each month? Do we need to mail printed copies? Answers will be sought and discussed at the next meeting.
- **Gary Repko** noted he will help set up a South Bay Fire Dept. Hobie righting practice soon. It was suggested to wait until the water is a little warmer.
- **Bruce Krupke** passed around a signup sheet for volunteers for the **Come Sail With Us Day** on Saturday June 14th 11am to 4pm. We'll need skippers, cooks, beach captains and chase boater.



He'll contact you soon and watch the Forum for more info. Get the word out; invite those that have shown an interest. He noted we might need a Therre's Marina cleanup day. He asked to have those that keep their trailers at Therre's to move them before the 14th. **Tom Korzeniewski** has offered to allow you to store them on his Buckley Rd. Car wash

property if it is convenient for you. This will help make room for Come Sail With us Day and for everyday use. It was discussed we might get a storage trailer for those that use Therre's for sails and gear. See Bob Longo and Bruce Krupke for suggestions.

Fleet races start after Madcatter at 6pm sharp, we need committee boat volunteers, sign up on the Forum or contact Rico to be put on a list.

Next month our meeting will start at 8pm. Next meeting of the Fleet will be on June 10th. There was a motion by Rob Jerry to adjourn, seconded, carried.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 2014 Boater Safety Class Schedule

June 7 & 8	Flotilla 2-2 508 Taughannock Blvd Ithaca 607-273-7175 wrobinfc22@htva.net
June 14	Gander Mountain, Cicero 315-307-1521 www.flotilla21.org
June 28	Van Buren Town Hall 315-307-1521 www.flotilla21.org
July 12	Gander Mountain, Cicero 315-307-1521 www.flotilla21.org
July 19 & 20	Flotilla 2-2 508 Taughannock Blvd Ithaca 607-273-7175 wrobinfc22@htva.net
July 27	Harborfest, Oswego 315-307-1521 www.flotilla21.org

From the Archives...



1992 Outing sail on a H21. *Thought the 21 meant the number of feet to the length of the boat, not the number of people on the boat!*



Membership Information Form

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Last Name	Home Phone
Address	Home e-mail
Address	
City, State, Zip (Country)	
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Name	Name
Phone	Phone
e-mail	e-mail

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- 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

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Address Service Requested

Next meeting is **June 10th**
at **8:00 pm** at
Borio's Restaurant
Lakeshore Road
Cicero, NY