

Hello Sailor!

Thank you for taking time to stop by our Fleet 204 display at this year's Boat Show at the NY State Fairgrounds. We hope you had a chance to talk to one of our Fleet members about our sailing club and Hobie Cats.

We would like to personally invite you, any additional family members and or friends to our Fleet's annual Social meeting on **Tuesday, March 11 starting at 7:30pm -9:00pm.**

The meeting will be held at **Borio's Restaurant** located just off Lakeshore Rd., Cicero , NY in one of their banquet rooms. Borio's address is: 8891 McDonnells Parkway, Cicero , NY 13039. Phone: 315.699.2249 www.borios.biz

Our Social meeting is designed to provide you with more information about our Fleet, Hobie Cat sailing and help you continue with your interest in getting out on a Hobie Cat this summer. In addition, you'll get an opportunity to meet more of our members, learn more about our future Fleet activities and talk about sailing. We want you to be our guest and enjoy some great pizza, wings, beverages sponsored by Boatworks and Borio's. See you at the meeting!



Commodore's Corner



Therese Straigis
Commodore

It is the dead of winter but there are plenty things to do to prepare for sailing season. The first of our events for the season was very successful at the 2014 Boat Show. Many sailors, fisherman, and people who just love being on the water have signed up for our Come Sail with Us / Hobie Demo Day. As usual, the Boat Show is a great event where Fleet 204 and Boatworks come together to support the each other -

and as it turned out, the SU basketball team. With the only TV with antennae connection to the game on Saturday night, Boatworks hosted an impromptu viewing for all the vendors to watch an SU overcome NC State. Go Orange!

Our next event is the March Social Fleet meeting for new faces and promising newbies. So please come and welcome our guests and have a great time chatting about our amazing sport.

See you at Borios!

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P.S. Thank you to all of those who supported Boatworks and the Fleet at the Boat Show.



Vice-Commodore Herb James

Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2014

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm at Borio's Restaurant downstairs room by **Commodore Therese Straigis**. She opened the meeting by passing around the boat show sign-up sheet. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were approximately 20 members in attendance. An almost new member showed up....he was actually looking for the bass fisherman meeting elsewhere at Borios. Commodore Straigis asked for the Secretary's report.

Co-Secretary Pattie Krupke reported that Secretary Bruce Krupke provided the minutes from our last meeting, held on January 14, 2014 which were emailed to **Fluffy White** and printed in the February newsletter by **Publisher Donna Wilson**. There was a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded, carried. An Amendment was offered with regard to the comment in the January minutes by **Darcie Jerry**; she clarified that during her attendance at the Nationals in Texas, she was happy *not* to have puked.



Treasurer's Report: Treasurer **Dr. Bill Whalen** reported our finances are in really good condition. **Dues are now due**. There was a motion to accept the report, seconded, carried. There is still outstanding money owed to Boat works for the sail purchased by the Fleet that was raffled off to support the Burns family. Payment will be made soon for that sail purchase.



Division 16 Report: **Adam Atherton**, Division chairman reported no new division news to announce. Since Adam was at a 4-H meeting with his daughter Emily, he e-mailed his report to the meeting via Commodore Straigis.

Chalk Talk: Bob Longo said approximately 8-10 people attended the meeting at their home. Topics covered included sailing tips/tidbits. Everyone who attended thought it was well worth showing up and was a productive, good meeting. Date for next Chalk Talk Meeting: Feb. 25th – Chalk talk topic on Big Air sailing at the **James'** Residence at 6:30 pm.

Past Regatta Report:



Tradewinds : Report by attendee **Rob Jerry**. It was a little chilly with temperatures in the 60's. There were 8-9 races over two days. Saturday was windy but shifty. Sunday had winds of 10-12 mph, but the course was too close to the shore so the boats with dagger boards were in jeopardy. Therefore, the course had to be moved. Rob ended up 10th in F-18 class (22 boats). Nine Hobie 16s were present at race. The regatta had two separate courses. Rob would go again. Many waves were in attendance (approx. 16). Sue Bennett was there sailing on a shark.

Hobie Worlds: Everyone is looking forward to a report from the Worlds from **Tom and Sue Korz** who were sailing in the Masters and Grand Masters events in Australia. (*Editor's note:* See later in this newsletter!)



Future Regatta Report:

- **Port Charlotte** – Three Fleet 204 teams will be going, **Bruce**



Krupke and Yong Zhang, Herb and Sharon James and **Bill Jeffers** and **Bill Whalen**. The temperatures are expected to be in the upper 70's and nine Hobie 16 boats are registered to this date.

- The **Mid Winters East Regatta** -- It will be held on April 2-5 in Ocean Springs, MS. **Rob Jerry** has the ability to take many boats – The 6-boat trailer is



available, as well as the triple stack . Ocean Springs hosted this event last year. It's a good venue, much southern hospitality, and great food. Let Rob know if you are interested in going.

- Our website (www.fleet204.com) has been updated, including Division regattas.
- **June 21 – Mayfield Race** which will be held on the great Sacandaga Lake. Information has been posted on the forum. PLEASE note: If you plan to sail, a VHF radio is required and this is an overnight race. Dan Keisel put this on the forum.
- **Ottawa Grand Prix, June 7-8.** The couple and son from Ottawa that showed up at outing and spoke about the race. VooDoo Winds. Lots of types of boats (**Bob Longo** was e-mailed about info). More will be posted on the forum since their website was lacking in specifics.

Social Report

- A big thank you to the **Athertons** for hosting the Super Bowl party. **Bridget Quatrone/Bruce Krupke/Emily Atherton/Fluffy White** each got a quarter of the BOARD proceeds. The game was a bit lack luster and one-sided, but we had great food and a fun time.
- **BOAT SHOW:** We need Fleet support. To date, FB/forum responses have been coming in slowly. No new activity since the last meeting on this. We need help filling in the gaps for coverage by the Fleet to show support for both Boat Works and in generating new blood into our fleet family. Videos: Danielle and Therese have all past booth materials from Bruce. Therese plans to do set-up at 6 pm on Tuesday night. Bruce Krupke will be out of town during set up. Wave and Bravo boats need to be set up. There is a bit more to do boat wise this



year, building of boats more involved. We now have two spots in the building at the Fairgrounds and more room. Set up starts at 8:30 am on Monday. Noon set up time for the second spot on Monday. Boat Works will probably be there until 6 or 7 pm on Tuesday to complete set up. Depending on help, they may be there as late as 9 pm. Darcie will post to the forum to alert if the booth is done early. Check the forum for updates. Also, break down needs much help on Sunday and starts at 4:30 pm that night. Rob wants coverage for all the hours that the show is open. We look much more professional if the booth is continually manned. If the show is slow, Rob and Darcie try to help out, but hands are needed. There will be an emergency stash of Madcatter wear available for those that don't have fleet clothing. Be sure to capture names and jot your name down of the interested people you talked to. There was a suggestion to give away some of our extra Madcatter t-shirts and hats on Come Sail with us Day to participants who signed up at boat show. We plan to highlight **Come sail with us Day: June 14th** (Saturday) with a rain date of June 15th. There are a few left-over Fleet 204 business cards that could be passed out. Bridget gave them to Herb. We have tri-folds and flyers to pass out. Bruce is having a printing company produce some more tri-folds for distribution during the boat show.

Madcatter Planning:

- **County Park fees:** After the last discussion about the increase in fees, the County came back with the following: \$500/day for SAT/SUN; Friday set up of \$175 and \$5 per boat = \$1575. **Commodore Therese** countered with \$1100 flat fee to be locked in for the next three years, encompassing Madcatter 38 through 40. She has not received a response yet to her counter-proposal. The additional fees opened the floor for discussion on how to offset the increases and still have our regatta be the value it has been to the sailors who participate each year. Ideas: Increase camping costs or the park fee per boat? Should fees be stated as more inclusive? We are trying to maintain the Budget to be the same as last year. How does the increase in fees affect our budget?? Sponsorship is what covers our park fees costs. If we have good sponsorship to keep pace with the additional costs, we may be okay. On average we don't make money, but we try to cover all our costs without dipping into our reserves. A discussion of upping the Fees for regatta, social \$15/boat to absorb park fees took place, and eventually **Bridget** made a motion to raise the park fee to \$20 for upcoming regatta. **Herb** seconded. Motion failed. Upon further discussion it was noted that there basically is approximately a 10% increase in costs. Therefore, a fee increase to \$25 (approximately 10%) was motioned by **Danielle Carr** and **Herb** seconded with plans to leave pricing for dinner alone. Motion carries.

Madcatter committees:

- **Sponsorship** – Chair, **Danielle Carr** – To keep pace with costs, we need to increase sponsorship by 10%. Everyone is encouraged to help. The first mailing will be going out by the end of February. She noted that we are the oldest Club organization in the area. We need to communicate with sponsors. There was discussion about the cost of printing boat stickers currently offered to sponsors; Bob does not print them if the sponsor doesn't want one.
- **Don Bacik** has agreed to offer his boat as our committee boat again this year (Thank you Don for your support!!).
- **Bridget** thinks she has a number to contact **Louise** for our medical support team.
- Artwork is in progress for our *Hang loose* theme for both t-shirts and trophies.
- Discussion of pre-registration pros and cons: We will look into pay pal. If improvements can be made to the registration process Rob and Rico will implement. Regatta Network is an expensive alternative since a percentage is paid for ALL registrations, not just those secured as pre-registrations.

- Sponsorship VIP boat – Does anyone know of a VIP boat or should it be scratched? Unless someone comes forward it seems like the VIP boat will be scratched for this year.

New Other Business:

Bid to be the Northeastern Championship Regatta: There are people approaching Bridget about this as there are no current bids in place. For this year do we want to be the Northeastern Championship regatta?? If so, a proposal needs to be submitted to the Board. After discussion, a motion to be the Northeastern Championships was made noting the possibility of declining the host money in favor of having the F-18s and possibly other boats like sharks in our Regatta. Rob thinks that the F-18s are interested in attending this year. A written proposal needs to be submitted soon to be considered to be the NEC. Therese Straigis will be writing the required proposal.

A gracious thank you note for the fund-raising efforts from the **Burns Family** was read by **Bill Whalen**, who noted that he is recovering from his 12-31-13 transplant. Artwork by their son Aidan was sent with note as well.



There was no other business and there was a motion to adjourn, seconded carried. Meeting ended at 9:40 p.m.

Thank you, Fleet 204!



We would like to thank everyone who helped us set up and break down. Again, we could not do it without you and the effort is greatly appreciated. We also had someone at the fleet booth for the entire show and that was awesome.

Thanks again,
Rob, Darcie, and Boatworks

Advertisement from one of our sponsors

Are you ready for the Sailing Season???? Come on out and join us for a sailing specific workout: 5 WEEK program at 4 Seasons Pilates Studio Thursdays 6pm \$100. Class will be 60 minutes including stretching, core, resistance training with TRX and endurance training on Pilates equipment. The workout will focus on our specific movements for racing. Need minimum of 4 people to hold class and maximum 8. Class dates as follows: start March 13th, March 20th, March 27th, April 10th, April 17th. If you need to miss a class we can give you a make-up on another day. Call 374-9113 if interested or check out our website at 4seasonspilates.com

Givies!



Does your company have promotional items that it would like to share with the sailing public? It's a good way to get the word out about your company! **Kathy Miles** needs them for givies for Madcatter! Email her at kmiles@twcny.rr.com or give her a call!

2014 Worlds Australia

By Sue Korzeniewski



The 20 hour plane trip to Sydney was well worth it to be part of the 20th Hobie 16 Worlds in Jervis Bay. The event was incredible. Every detail in organizing an event of that magnitude was executed with perfection. Seeing old friends from around the World was fantastic and we really felt like we were living the Hobie Way of Life!!!!



The location was amazing, except for the fact it blew 25-40 for most of days we were racing. Sixty gorgeous, color-coordinated, brand new Hobie 16 sat waiting for teams from all over the world to race. Tom and I raced in the first division, which was the Masters. Due to the extreme wind conditions, we raced 4 races in 4 days. We made the gold fleet in the 30th and finished as the 2nd US team behind Pat and Kat Porter from California. The race committee set a 25-knot limit to keep the boats on the beach. The theory was good, until the wind exceeded the limit during a race. We had a blast and learned so much. Our first race, we started under a black flag.

The next 3 divisions were Grand Masters, Women and Youths alternating the boats. Each division was set up by colors which made it easy to follow for the spectators. Dan Mangus was the commentator and kept the crowds interested. It was really exciting to hear USA was occasionally in the top ten at mark roundings. Ben Brown and Casey Larson from California made the US proud with some outstanding finishes in the Youth division. Kat Porter at age 15 with Becky Ashburn and Dafna Brown with Alex Larson represented the US in the Women's division. It was very refreshing to see both divisions full. Steve Leo and I were one of 15 US teams in the Grand Masters division. We managed to get 5 races in 3 days and finished 23th out 55 teams.



We would highly recommend attending a Hobie World Championship sometime in your life. The unity of fellow Hobie sailors from across the globe is an experience you will never forget. Tom and I are very excited to improve our skills and practice for the next Worlds!

Membership Information Form

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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 **March 11th**
at **7:30 pm** at
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