

Hey! Were you at the Boat Show?!

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 10 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!



Therese Straigis
Commodore

Commodore's Corner

First and foremost, I would like to thank Boatworks and all the volunteers at the Boatshow!!!! I would also like to thank my officers for stepping in during my last minute absence at the Boatshow. My absence is just a reminder that it is not the commodore that makes Fleet 204 a well waxed sailboat. It is about the

sailors part of our club willing to make this an amazing community. It was through the many networks of the fleet I was introduced to my current boss. Through another fleet

member I now have one coworker who calls me "Commodore Hondo" every time we pass each other in the hallway. Even my father at a model airplane show in Newark, Delaware bumped into a fellow Hobie sailor who had nothing but wonderful praises for Fleet 204. It takes a fleet to raise a group of generous sailors, of which I am honored to be the commodore. We are proud, we are loud, we are **Fleet 204!**



Bob Longo,
Vice-Commodore



2015 Sailing Event Schedule

- Apr 10-12 Mid-Winters EAST**
May 2 - 3 Gunpowder Regatta, (D11) Gunpowder State Park in Chase, MD
May 9 The Madhatter! (official tune up for the *Madcatter*)
May 16 - 17 Madcatter 39
Jun 6 - 7 Sandy Hook - www.fleet250.org
Jun 6 Fleet 204 host a Come Sail with Us day
Jun 13 - 14 Water Rats Catamaran Club, Ontario, Canada (D16)
Jun 20 - 21 Spray Beach YC, LBI , NJ (D11)
Jun 20 - 21 Rock Hall YC, MD (D11)
Jul 4 - 5 Statue of Liberty distance race.-www.fleet250.org - (D11; not a pts. regatta)
Jul 11 - 12 Sam Meyers Memorial Regatta, Pymatuning Sailing Club, OH (Open)
Jul 18 - 19 Barnegat - NOR - www.hobiefleet416.org (D11)
Aug 4 - 8 H18 F18 H20 North American Championships Huntington Beach, CA
Aug 8 - 9 Oswego Hobie Regatta, Oswego Yacht Club, NY (D16) (Proposed)
Aug 21 - 23 H14 NAC Missisauga, ON (Tentative)
Sep 12 - 13 RBSA - Fall Classic Rehoboth, DE (D11)
Sep 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

Feb, 3, 2015

Submitted by **Theresa White**, Newsletter Editor – because our secretaries were off doing cool things!

Meeting started at 7:49 pm at Borio's Restaurant by Commodore **Therese Stragis**. It was attended by 10 hardy members who braved the 15 degree weather to be here. (*Editor's note: 15 now seems like a heat wave! When will warm weather return!?!*) There were no new members in attendance..

Because of the relatively low attendance, **Mimi Appel** again delayed her Safety message on travelling safely until March. Ironically, too many people were travelling to attend meeting!

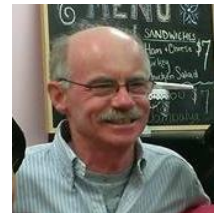


Secretaries Bruce and Pattie Krupke were otherwise detained; Bruce was travelling and Pattie was at basketball game. Newsletter Editor **Fluffy White** reported that the minutes were printed in the January newsletter by the Athertons. There was a motion to

dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded, carried.



Treasurer Dr. Bill Whalen was also travelling. But the money still appears to be in our account. We basically skipped this report.



Division 16 Report: Adam Atherton, our Division Chair, was also travelling. So never mind this report.

Past Regatta Report:

Tradewinds – Open regatta. **Bob & Robin, Pedro & Monica, Darcie & Julio, Bill & Bill, Rob & Mike Siau, Herb & Sharon**. Weather great – The wind was 15ish one day, 7-8ish the next couple – so, it blew then eased. There was very warm water; you needed spray top and pants, but compared to Syracuse, it was wonderful. The Hobie 16s did 14 races in 3 days – 5 on the first, 5 on the second, and 4 on the last. Rob did 12 on the other race course that was for Portsmouths, F18s, Hobie 20s, and F16s. Roughly 50-60 total boats attended the event. The Hobie 16 was the largest class. **Pedro & Monica** won the Carlton Tucker award for the largest class. **Billy and Bill** and **Herb and Sharon** were the two highest Fleet 204 boats. A special appearance was made by **Dick and Anne** – and thanks to them, **Rob** won the ginger beer party. It was great having them there. Special thanks to **Rob Jerry** for taking the long drive to get the boats down there!

Future Regattas

- **Port Charlotte** – **Adam, Bill, and Bruce** are attending, after going to Disney with the Patriots. Hope they're immunized!
- The annual **Hobie Cat Mid Winters East Regatta** for all Hobie boats location and date has been set for **April 10-12 in Ocean Springs, Mississippi**. It is a three day regatta and a very nice location. Plan on attending and start talking up double-stacks!



Social Report

- **Superbowl Party** – a good time was had by all. **Rob** won two quarters, **Fluff** won one, and **Matt Krupke** won one. Many thanks to the **Athertons** for hosting!
- **Chalk Talk** – Feb 19, 6 pm, at **Herb and Sharon's** house. On nutrition and exercise. Bring your drinks, food provided, so call ahead.
- **Dominos tourney** – Friday, Feb 20 at 7 pm at **Bob and Robin's** house. This will be dominos with a twist – time limits, and partner swapping will make it interesting. Half hour or so training will be at the beginning; **Darcie** will be bringing the cards from the Christmas party. (Just kidding!) There will be a killer table, a party gras table, and a play-off with final four at the end.



Fleet Apparel – If you ordered it, **Pattie Krupke** has it.

New Business –

- **Boat Show** Feb 11-15. Same spots as before. Sign-up sheets are available online. Fill in gaps for any times missing. Remember, many hands make light work. Set-up of the Fleet Booth will be done by **Bruce and Bob**. **Adam** to lend monitor.
- **Madcatter 39** – Will be smaller than usual because of various conflicting events. Logistically, plan for fewer people – for dinner, for trophies, or anything else. **Party gras** – Non-competitive attitude or exhibition fleet. Not on the same course as the other racers. Get out, sail, and enjoy it. Watch for this special Madcatter class at Madcatter XXXIX! May need additional chase boats for the party gras fleet. Poster at Boat Show? Maybe a Party Gras Animal...! Reduced cost - \$40, plus park fee. **Bob (channeling Bruce)** says to drink milk and order cheese pizzas. Kathy is again doing Givies. So, if you have 'em, let her know at katmiles204@gmail.com
- How about a 70s theme for the **40th Madcatter**? We could have nametags with the date of their first madcatter – or the age that they were in 1976...We need the t-shirts for that celebration, too.
- **Commodore's Corner**. Special guest writers, coming your way in the future. **Hondo** will be writing it because she didn't want to get fined, just like Marshan... Motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm.



Boat Show Success!

by Bruce Krupke

The 2015 Boat Show at the NY State Fairgrounds was a success for Hobie Cat Fleet 204. We sported a new display table with information for attendees to learn more about participating in our Fleet, Newbie Tuesdays Madcatter Sponsorships and Come Sail With Us Day. Over 50 people signed up at the table to be contacted in the future over the 5 days of the show. Thank you to Boat Works Ltd. For allowing the Fleet space to talk to attendees and hopefully future sailors. Also thank you to



those Fleet members who volunteered to staff the table and talk Hobie sailing with visitors. Owner Steve Laffer, wife Pam, Rob and Darcie Jerry would like to give a big thank you to Fleet members who

assisted in helping to set up and take down the entire Boat Works exhibit, displays, sailboats and watercraft. Overall the show, despite the unusually very cold and snowy weather was a success!

Thank you Fleet 204!

We had another great Boat Show and as usual we could not have done it with out all the fleet members that came out to help set up, support the fleet booth, and breakdown. Thank you all. Fleet 204 is the best fleet in the world!



Hobie 14 North Americans

August 21-23, 2015



Notice of Race

Organizing Authority: Hobie Class Association of North America, hosted by the Mississauga Sailing Club.

Venue: Mississauga Sailing Club, Mississauga, Ontario. Racing on Lake Ontario

Class: This regatta is open to the International Hobie Cat 14

Eligibility: Per IHCA Class Rule 26, all competitors must be members of the Hobie Class Association.

Insurance: Each competitor must show proof of \$100,000 liability coverage

Entries: \$200. All meals provided, including lunch on the water. Register on site.

Measurement: Boats will not be weighed or inspected for class rule compliance at this event. During the competition any boat may be subject to inspection and or protested for non-compliance with the IHCA class rules.

Information: Dan Borg (dan.c.r.borg@gmail.com)
Chris Ufton (cufton@gmail.com)
Nicolas Liebel (nliebel@hotmail.com)



Schedule:

Thursday, August 20th
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM - Check In / Registration at the venue
3:00 PM - Practice Racing

Friday, August 21st
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM - Final Check In / Registration
10:00 AM - Competitors' meeting
11:30 AM - 1st warning signal

Saturday, August 22nd
Racing Continues - first warning TBA

Sunday, August 23rd
Racing Continues - first warning TBA
2:30 PM - No warning signal after this time.

Accommodations:

RVs / Camping on site
<http://www.mississaugasailingclub.com/index.php/club/nearby-accommodation/>

Hampton Inn: <http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhoen=XOKCNHX>

Holiday Inn: <http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/msgca/hotel/detail>



Membership Information Form

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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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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 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 There's boat launch. Take South Bay road to the end, turn left, and you're there.

204 Play
The Atherton Family
7888 Marina Dr.
Bridgeport, NY 13030

Address Service Requested

Next meeting is **March 10th**
at **7:30 pm** at
Borio's Restaurant
Lakeshore Road
Cicero, NY