

Commodore's Corner



**Therese Straigis
Commodore**

I hope everyone had a spooktacular October! Thank you to all of those who stepped up to serve as officers this year. Herb, thank you for being the Vice last year.

I am looking forward to the main 204 social events as we seek warmth in our homes and in the company of our friends. But rest assure

we will have plenty of sailing this season, with winter regattas and chalk talks!

I hope to see you all at the meeting at Borio's!

Commodore Hondo



Fleet 204 Officers 2103 - 2014
Bill Whalen, Herb James, Therese Straigis, Bruce Krupke



MADCATTER 40 Steering Committee

There is a new group that was started at the October Fleet Meeting. Madcatter 40 Steering Committee (if someone has a better name let us know). We will be gathering everyone's ideas that will make Madcatter 40 the landmark event it should be after 40 years of Fleet 204. We are collecting ideas for; trophies, guest speakers, getting more boats out, entertainment, food, special events, logos, givies, advance advertising...

The committee members are Tom Korz, Herb James, Sam Anderson and myself. Our contact info is below. Please let anyone of us know your ideas for MC40 and we will get them in front of the Fleet and incorporate the ones that stick into the 40th event.

Please contact any of us with your ideas:

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Some ideas so far:

- Free entry fee; Use same entry fee as MC1
- Vintage Class
- 100 Boat Regatta
- Using the Lodge for the Saturday Party; NOT using the Lodge for the Saturday Party because it is too small; Mega-Tent for the event.



Be thinking about it and be sure to let anyone of us know your ideas. Thanks in advance for your help!

Bob, Herb, Sam, Tom

Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes October 14, 2014

Respectfully submitted by
Bruce W. Krupke, *Secretary*

The meeting was called to order by Commodore **Therese Straigis** at 8:00pm at **Borio's Restaurant** on Tuesday, October 14. There were about 23 Fleet members in attendance. Commodore Straigis welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially an old, new member, **Mike Siao**. Mike reported that he is back from living in Miami and going to college in California, and that he was married and has a child!

SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT message was put forward by **Mimi Appel**. This meeting, she discussed what to do when the weather changes quickly and the wind picks up well past what a Hobie Cat can handle. This question came from recent experiences Fleet members encountered at the CMOR (Canandaigua Regatta). She started by pointing out that it is very important to know what the weather could be before you go out, and to prepare for the weather. In this case, though, what happened in Canandaigua was not predicted. The wind picked up to over 40 mph gusts for about 25 minutes, which caught most off guard on the water. It was noted that some boats tipped, some blew down the lake, some held their own in the wind, and some were blown to the other side of the lake. When the wind is above what the boat can handle, if you flip intentionally, stay with the boat. Hopefully, you are carrying a phone in a waterproof case. The best situation would be to turn the boat into the wind and to hold it there while waiting for the squall to pass. You should know what tools you carry with you and what spare parts you have, in case something breaks. You should also know where you store the tools, and whether you carry something (line, etc.) you could throw to assist someone else. You probably shouldn't drop your main sail, as that would be hard in very strong wind. The best advice is not to panic, as the wind will likely be over as soon as the front moves through. If not, then head to closest shore as best as possible. It is important to have knowledge of the lake or body of water where you are sailing in case you need to find a port or safe shoreline. Try to keep the boat balanced. Mimi also discussed the 30/30 rule. If you see lightening, count to 30. If you see lightening, seek shelter. If you hear thunder before 30 seconds, you are in trouble because the storm is close; so, get off the water.



Secretary's report. Secretary **Bruce Krupke** reported the September minutes were put into the Fleet newsletter by Editor and publisher **Theresa White**. There weren't any changes or additions to the minutes. There was a motion to accept the minutes, which was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's report. Treasurer **Dr. Bill Whalen** noted the checking accounts are about the same as last month in our 2 accounts with very strong balances. All bills from the Outing have been paid. The total expenses for the Labor Day weekend outing was a little higher than last year. Dr. Whalen noted there was really good attendance at the outing this year. There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, which was **seconded and the vote passed**.

Division 16 Report. Div. 16 Chairman **Adam Atherton** was away on business and was not able to attend the meeting. It was reported he is working on trying to fill out the 2015 regatta schedule and is continuing discussions with Fleets in Buffalo, Oswego, and Owasco. It was reported that he is also working on the storage units for Therre's marina sailors. He has purchased the materials and they are at his house. He will let everyone know when he needs help constructing the unit at Therre's which is planned before the snow flies.

2015 North American Championships: Bridget Quatrone was not available although it was reported next year's Hobie Cat 16 five day regatta will be in Pensacola, FL.

Fleet Officer Elections: Elections were moved from July to October last year. The following slate of officers was nominated for the term of one year. Commodore: **Therese Straigis**; Vice

Commodore: **Bob Longo**; Secretary:

Bruce Krupke; Treasurer: **Dr. Bill**

Whalen. There was a motion to nominate the slate of names presented for officers, there was a second. Commodore Straigis asked if there were any other nominations from the floor to be considered, there were none. There was other discussion, it was noted terms will run October to October, with intent in trying to find officers that will serve two terms in their positions and then move up if possible. There was a call for the vote. **The motion was passed.**



Fleet 204 Officers 2014 - 2015

Bruce Krupke, Therese Straigis, Bob Longo, Bill Whalen

Commodore Straigis thanked **Dr. Herb James** for his year of service as Vice Commodore. She thanked Fleet members for their support and looked forward to carrying out her duties for a second year.

Past Regatta Report:

- **CMOR (Canandaigua)** There was lots of wind and the temps were similar. **Herb and Sharon** took first; **Bill Jeffers and Karen Grisko** took second; **Sue Korz and Kathy Miles** took third. **Rob Jerry and Mike Siao** won the Shark Cup, a first for a Fleet member team! Everyone who participated agreed it is a very good regatta. **Mimi** said a highlight was when she parallel parked her RV - thank you **Adam Atherton** and **Sue Korz**. It was reported **Sue Bennett** did a lot of the work this year and we appreciate her support.

The format of how the race is run could be discussed in the future. **There was a motion** to send her flowers or the club something. There was a second to the motion to send a gift card, **vote carried**, Dr. Whalen will handle the sending of the card.



- **2014 North American Championships.** There were two Fleet 204 teams/members who attended this year's event in Lewes, DE for the first time: **Therese Straigis/Don Podejko** and **Kevin Walma and Tom B.** Therese said she had a great time sailing with friends to compete with, learning tactics and strategies. Tom reported he liked the regatta and it was

fun. Each day's wind and weather were different, but they only got three days racing in because the wind was too strong the other two days. There was a note from the Lewes YC; they are considering hosting another 16 event. **Bill Jeffers/Karen Grisko** finished highest in the Fleet 14th place; **Herb James** and **Diane Bisesi** came in second for the Fleet in 17th place. There was a good fun at parties. There was a stuffing of 17 people in a minivan. **Sue Korz** reported it was the Pan Am Qualifier, and the race will be in Toronto in 2015. Mark Modderman and daughter Grace came in first and will be in the Pan Am regatta.

Future Regattas Report: Winter **Florida sailing**/regattas were discussed. There are 2 regattas in Florida to participate in: **Tradewinds** in mid-January in Islamorada, Florida Keys (a non-Hobie points regatta held on President's weekend) and **Port Charlotte Harbor Regatta**, Punta Gorda, FL held February 6-8th (a Hobie Points regatta, located about 120 miles south of Tampa on the gulf coast). Notice of Races, (NOR's) are posted for each of these regattas on their websites. There is interest in some members attending, if you are interested, put a posting on the Forum page. A **Mid-Winters Regatta** site and location is being discussed; no location has been selected yet.

Social Committee Report:

- **Debriefing of nationals** was held by **Herb and Sharon**. The consensus was all felt they wanted to find a way to prepare and do better, both as teams and as a Fleet, in future nationals. The main reason was the point when conditions are wavy and heavy as a Fleet we don't have the experience in heavy conditions to compete against other sailors from around the continent. We don't, as a Fleet, have a lot of experience in those kinds of conditions. How can we do better, to maximize our training/exercises? Race starts are key. How can we improve our starts? Maybe we need to have a starting box like the America Cup. Another topic was confrontations, and when to muscle in. Finding a transit was tough at times. We need to sail in harder conditions, where there are more waves. Maybe go to the east side of Oneida Lake. Maybe have a long distance race on a Thursday, in more open water. Crew and skipper improvement was discussed. Share more information between each other. More about the formats of how we all can learn to be better sailors will be discussed in future months. If you have ideas, see Herb James.
- **Halloween party** will be *Ghosted* by **Jim and Joann Perkins**. The date will be Nov. 1 at their house in Kirkville. It will be very scary, fun and a great time. All Fleet members are invited to attend, with a guest. Look for the invite and directions on our website. It will start at 8pm.
- For the **Christmas party**, **Kevin and Melissa Walma** will be our hosts. It will be held on **Friday December 19th**. Watch for more info on the website. It will be an 18 and over adult party. It was agreed an amount of \$15 range is good to spend on a gift for the exchange. If you want to receive and participate in the gift exchange, you have to bring wrapped a gift. It was noted all hosts of major parties are entitled to a \$100 reimbursement for expenses; see Bill Whalen for reimbursement.
- **Joann Perkins** suggested having a **New Year's party** in their woods, behind their house, like she and her husband Jim have for the past 2 years. It will be a bonfire event. More will be posted on the website. There are no bathrooms, you have to be a bear and go in the woods.
- If you have a social idea for Fleet members, please bring it up at a meeting. We are always looking for new ideas and activities for the Fleet to do in the non-sailing months.



Old Business:

- Commodore Straigis reported she will convene Fleet officers with Theresa White to discuss how the handling of the **newsletter** will be handled. She will report back in November with a Fleet recommendation after the group has done some more research on costs and duties.
- **Rico Quatrone** thanked Bob Longo for writing an article on our Madcatter regatta in the Hotline.

New Business:

- There was further discussion regarding the need for a Social director. There will be more discussion on Social director next month, if you would like to step up contact the Commodore.
- There was a discussion about the need for a training coordinator. We need someone that will help to develop sailing skills in different kinds of conditions that mirror that of big regattas. **Dr. Herb James was nominated as the director. There was a second to the motion, vote carried.** Herb suggested sailing in different parts of the lake. We might be a bit sheltered where we normally sail for Fleet races. There were other suggestions which will be discussed over the winter and implemented next year.
- A Fleet burgee was discussed. Wikipedia's definition: A **burgee** is a distinguishing flag, regardless of its shape, that is associated with a recreational boating organization. It was noted that our Fleet does not have a Burgee. SU student and Fleet member **Valerie Wiehl** gave a report on options for designs and pricing. She noted the SU sailing team is creating a Burgee. Some options for a burgee were provided by **Rico Quatrone** and viewed as well. The cost per burgee depends on how many are ordered. Prices were from \$15 to \$13 each. There was a motion to create a Fleet Burgee, solicit designs, review and choose one in November. **The motion was seconded, vote carried.** If you have a design for a Fleet Burgee, please bring it to the November meeting to be viewed and added to others to be chosen from.
- **Valerie** also discussed the **SU sailing Team** is looking for donations to help buy boats for future regattas. They need financial help. If you personally or belong to an organization that can help with a donation, let Valerie know. Or you can go to our Fleet's home page on our website to learn more.
- Newly Elected **Vice-Commodore Longo** asked to convene a Madcatter Committee to assist in planning 2015 and 2016/40th anniversary regattas. He would like to get a committee established for each future Madcatter that then reports back to the Fleet. That way, we will be ready for the 40th. He made a request for volunteers. **Sam, Herb, Mimi,** and **Tom Korz** raised their hands. **Bob Longo** will organize the committee and report back.
- A CPR course may be held at our December meeting.
- There was a discussion to create a Fleet shirt for the purpose of having something uniform that we can wear in public, for the boat show or other events where we want to be



represented and look like a team and a group. It would be one that would make us look professional, uniform, and promote sailing and visibility for the Fleet. **Pattie Krupke, Valerie Wiehl and Sharon James** agreed to form a committee and will look into options.

Chalk Talk: None discussed this meeting. If you have a topic, please let our Commodore know before the next meeting. The next Fleet meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 11th at 7:30pm.** Please be on time to allow a good chalk talk afterwards!

There was no other business. There was a motion to adjourn at 9:40pm; **Commodore Straigis** thanked everyone for attending.



November's Safety Tip

By *Mimi Appel*

This month's safety message is that a **PFD's a Sailors Best Friend**
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There are many different types of Personal Floatation Devices available to the recreational boater, here are the sources used for the November safety message.

- U.S. Coast Guard

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg5214/pfdselection.asp>

- The "Think Safe –Choose the Right PFD" life jacket tag download

<http://www.bing.com/search?q=%E2%80%9CThink+Safe+%E2%80%93+Choose+the+Right+PFD%E2%80%9D.&form=MOZSBR&pc=MOZI>



Having just watched the movie Hondo, one fleet member noted that it was mentioned that in Apache, **Hondo** means "bad temper"... Sorry, we thought it meant great Commodore!



Dr. Whalen is retiring (from dentistry – not sailing)! We congratulate him and wish him the best. We also have some pictures of what he will be doing a lot of in the future – R&R!



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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 **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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Address Service Requested

Next meeting is **Nov. 11th**
at **7:30 pm** at
Borio's Restaurant
Lakeshore Road
Cicero, NY