

Commodore's Corner



Bob Longo,
Commodore

Support Madcatter 40!

Hope to see you next meeting at Borios!
Commodore Bob



Div 16 - Upstate Ny, Ontario

Div 16

H-14

- 1 BORG, DANIEL (56.12 / 1)
- 2 LIEBEL, NICOLAS (47.64 / 1)
- 3 MCNEILL, AMY (30.68 / 1)

Div 16

H-16

- 1 LIEBEL, NICOLAS & Liebel, Laurence (297.16 / 5)
- 2 KORZENIEWSKI, THOMAS & Wassenaar, Elaine (295.97 / 6)
- 3 JEFFERS, WILLIAM & Jeffers, Sandra (260.25 / 10)
- 4 BORG, DANIEL & Giovani, Liana (258.05 / 5)
- 5 KORZENIEWSKI, SUSAN & Holmes, Glen (257.8 / 5)

Div 16

H-17

- 1 UFTON, CHRIS (25 / 1)

Div 16

Tiger

- 1 Jerry, Rob & Duran, Dave (50.51 / 1)
- 2 Anderson, John & Mackenzie, Derek (25.76 / 1)

Div 16

Wave

- 1 LONGO, ERICKA (29.39 / 2)
- 2 SMITH, CHARLES & Smith, Fiona (26.78 / 1)



Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes

Oct. 13, 2015

Submitted by **Bruce Krupke**

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Therese Straigis at 8:00pm at Borio's Restaurant on Tuesday, October 15. There were about 25 Fleet members in attendance. She welcomed everyone to the meeting.



Secretary's Report: Bruce Krupke reported he provided the minutes from our September Fleet meeting and were emailed to **Dr. Theresa White** and were printed in the newsletter. . There weren't any changes or additions to the minutes. There was a motion to accept the minutes, seconded and carried.



Treasurer's Report: 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 were a little lower 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, seconded and vote passed.



Safety is No Accident Talk: Mimi Appel reported the survey results from the last meeting. She outlined the results which were very informative. Thank you Mimi for a great job in providing this information, See the results later in this newsletter.



Division 16 Report: Adam Atherton, our Division 16 Chair, reported that he attended an AGM 3 hour meeting was held at the nationals. Adam discussed issues important to our Fleet with the rest which included our efforts to increase membership. He noted that one other division out of Washington state reported they recruited wave sailors from other groups who sail other classes. He learned that other Fleets have an open Facebook site and that ours is by invite only. He suggested we open our site up to anyone who wants to join. There was a question about who set it up originally. Did **Trey James** create it?

Whoever did create it, please contact **Bob Longo**. There was a discussion about the pros and cons of opening it up. We could change the name of the Madcatter 40 FB page to the Fleet page after the event. We need to add key words to it to attract a bigger universe of those who are searching around

Adam noted Hotline publisher **Matt Bounds** is burned out in writing the Hobie Hotline. He needs help. If you have journalism skills or would like to help out, either contact him directly or let our Commodore know.

2017 August, Wildwood opening an aquatic center on the beach and want to do a mini mega regatta event for all classes except the H16. This is curious, but more info will follow.

Other topics discussed: They are considering a **2018 a mega event** at Ft. Walton Beach. Is there going to be an international website?



If you think that's big, you should see the size of the fishin' pole!!

National Report: Bridget Quatrone was not available to attend the meeting. Although it was reported by Fred Wedig and Greg Menear from Florida are trying to secure the date and location for the Hobie Midwinters East (MWE) at Davis Island, near St Petersburg FL in March. It is now being considered, so stay tuned. Start your planning now to make the 3 day regatta trip!



Training Coordinator Report: Herb James reported that **Tom and Sue Korz** hosted a post national debriefing meeting. There was a lot of strategy discussed. The biggest topic was those attended, our Fleet races need to be a bit longer for us to learn better boat speed. We'll consider some adjustment to our Fleet racing to make them longer. Other topics discussed was boat set up techniques and currents on the course.

Past Regatta Report:

- **CMOR (Canandaigua)** There was lots of wind and the temps were similar. A lot of Fleet members participated, the wind cooperated. Paul Sulock attended this year as a newbie!
- **Hobie 16 NACs** were held in Pensacola FL. It was generally agreed by those that attended you should have been there. The wind was opposite of CMOR. The area is home to the Airforce's Blue Angels who practiced overhead each day. There was a lot of ocean wild life including dolphins, it was a great site, very warm, lots of current and jelly fish. Congratulations to all Fleet members who participated. The top three finishers for our Fleet were **Tom Korz/Karen Grisko** 13th place; **Bill and Sandy Jeffers** 14th and **Sue Korz and Glen Holmes** 18th place. You can find results for all the regattas on our website



Future Regattas

- **Tom Korz** reported he flew to Tucson and then drove 40 miles south across the Mexico border to Puerto Penasco Regatta. He sailed with Elaine Wassenaar and took 1st Place 16A fleet, congratulations. He noted it was as much a recon mission for him as participating in the regatta. He went as the guest of Division 2 who will be the Host and sponsor of the 2016 NAs. Tom attended a regatta there last weekend. He noted travel across Mexico was not a problem, if you use common sense and follow basics you will be fine. There was sniffing at the border. But who smuggles drugs into Mexico, DUH! There were 7 races in two days. There are 5 star hotels in the area to stay in. The logistics to get there are going to be a bit more tough than normal, because of distance. From the U.S. border it is about 40 miles to the regatta site. The organizers would like to have northeast U.S. participation, but it will depend on how we can get boats shipped there? There is talk of someone organizing a container or big trailer to use to transport boats.
- **Winter Florida sailing/regattas** were discussed. There are potentially 3 regattas in Florida to participate in 2016! 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 and want to share a trailer, put a posting on the Forum page or talk it up at the next meeting. These events are a lot of fun and a great way to keep your sailing skills over the winter.
 - **Tradewinds January 16-18th** in the Florida Keys, which is a non Hobie points on President's weekend. If you are going, **Herb James** is interested in renting a house, contact him if you would like to get a room.

- **Port Charlotte Harbor Regatta** in, Punta Gorda, FL., on February, 5-7th, is a Hobie Points regatta, located about 120 miles south of Tampa on the gulf coast.
- **The Hobie Mid Winters East Regatta** is rumored to be in the St. Petersburg FL area in early March. It has not been confirmed.

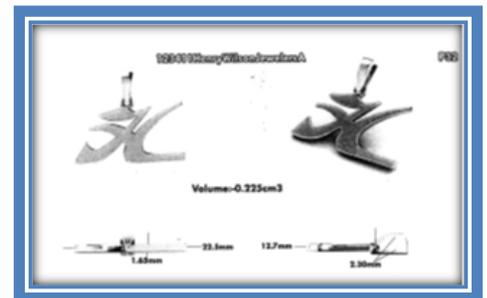
Social Report

- **Halloween party** will be “ghosted” by **Borio’s** Restaurant on Friday October 30th. All Fleet members are invited to attend, with a guest(s). Watch the Forum for more info. The party will start at 8pm at Borio’s with Brass Inc. as the entertainment.
- The **Christmas party** will be held at the **Korzeniewski’s** house. It will be on **December 12th**. 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**.
- **New Year’s party**: If you would like to host one please let us know one of the next Fleet meetings.
- 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.



New, Old, and Other Business

- **Madcatter 40th Preparation Discussion**:
 - Next year’s Madcatter will be May 20, 21 and 22, 2016.
 - A 3 person Committee will be created to oversee all committee assignments. Those who volunteered are **Sharon James, Therese Straigis, Bob Longo and Sue Korz**. They will oversee all the individual committees and assist in running the Madcatter 40.
 - **Commodore Straigis** discussed committee spots which still need to be filled. She then asked would we like a **Fleet burgee** and form a committee and have it ready for MC40. There was good general interest to resurrect the topic from last year. A committee was formed to handle the project. The committee will be **Rob, Tom and Adam**. Rob will be the Chair.
 - Entertainment: The local band **Grupo Pagan** is interested in playing for Madcatter. They will rent the equipment and the cost for the band will be \$1,500.00. It was generally agreed to find a way to pay for the band. This expenditure will be discussed when the budget for MC40 is prepared. We need to have all committees submit expense requests by the December meeting to allow a full budget to be created.
 - Trophy Committee: **Mimi Appel** reported she is going to create H charms, gold silver and bronze. They are getting quotes from 8 jewelry companies. She hopes to have a vendor chosen soon. We’ll need to get out the word about placing orders in advance of MC40. **Sam Anderson and Dave Witmer** are assisting in creating trophies for the regatta.



- **Tee Shirts: Fluffy White and Patrick Caster** reported a mockup of a logo for MC40 is ready. It was suggested the T-shirt not use sponsor logos, instead block print letters, to make it a better collector item and more attractive. It was suggested to consider having only 2 or 3 bigger money sponsors, possibly put on the sleeves. Pat will report back at the next meeting.
- **Rob Jerry** reported there will be a big demand for charter boats for MC40. At this point it looks like we'll need 15 boats in good condition. Other boat classes other than the H16 can be considered, including 14 and Waves. Ten years or newer models are in demand. A typical charge for someone to use a charter boat would be \$100/day. The newer boat would be \$250/300/day. It all depends on the condition and expectation of the sailor. If you want to charter a Hobie for MC40 contact **Rob Jerry** or Commodore **Bob Longo**.
- We need to create a list of host housing for out of town racers. We would like to provide the option for those who truly need it. We'll have the Days Inn in Brewerton, and the Comfort Suites as a sponsor and will provide a good rate.
- A Fleet Burgee committee was established. **Rob Jerry, Tom Korz and Adam Atherton** will work on the burgee. They will present ideas at the next meeting. It is intended to be unveiled at MC40. If you would like your idea considered, please contact one of the committee members by the next meeting.
- The topic of a Vintage Fleet during Madcatter was discussed. It will be called the Vintage Fleet Rally and the committee will determine the exact type of events which they will take part in. If you have input, contact **Sam Anderson or Tom Korz**.

Fleet Officer Elections: Next **Commodore Straigis** called for Fleet Officer Elections which were moved from July to October. The Nomination Committee provided the following report and slate of officers for the term of one year.

Bob Longo Commodore; Ken Knapp Vice Commodore; Secretary: Bruce Krupke; Treasurer: Dr. Bill Whalen.

There was a motion to nominate the full slate of names presented for officers, there was a second and **Commodore Straigis** asked if there were any other nominations from the floor to be considered, there were none. She asked for the vote. It carried with a big **Arr!**



Commodore Straigis congratulated the new Fleet Officers and wished them the best in their term. She thanked Fleet members for their support as Commodore. The Fleet then congratulated Commodore Straigis for her 2 year term with a standing ovation. ***Thank you, Therese, very much from the entire Fleet for your exceptional guidance and leadership.***

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 new Commodore.

Chalk Talk: None discussed this meeting. If you have a topic, please let our Commodore or Training Coordinator **Herb James** know before the next meeting.

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

The next Fleet meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 10th at 7:30pm**. Please be on time to allow a good chalk talk afterwards!

FLEET 204 SAFETY SURVEY Summer 2015
18 responses

1.) How long have you been sailing?

Average = 24.9 years

2.) How experienced of a sailor are you?

4 Beginners, 4 Intermediate, 10 Old Salts

3.) How much does safety effect your decision to sail on any given day?

7 somewhat, 11 very much

4.) Do you use a weather app on a smart phone?

13 Yes , 5 No

5.) What weather app do you like the best?

6 Windfinder, 5 WeatherBug, 5 WeatherUnderground, 4 The Weather Channel

2 iSurf, 1 WindPredict, 1 Accuweather

6.) Do you always carry or wear ---

	Yes	No
Life jacket	18	0
Whistle	7	11
Knife	6	12
Paddle	2	16
Smart Phone	3	15

7.) Have you ever been in open water during a storm?

15 YES, 3 NO

8.) Please briefly explain the circumstances of your storm experience.

4 said squall

3 said thunder & lighting

2 said CMOR 2014

1said 3 storms

1said more than once

1said Madcatter- you know which one - "the gates of hell opened"

9.) What was the best thing you did to keep you and your crew safe during this experience?

Wave life jacket (bad move)

6 said, "sail straight to shore"

3 said, "stay calm and ride it out" 2 said, "steer into wind"

2 said, "Heave too"

1said, "stay with other boats"

10.) In hindsight, is there anything that you would have done differently?

"Learned to tack in high winds"

"Knew it was coming, should have stayed closer to shore"

"Scouted a place to go to shore if needed"

"Don't underestimate the speed of a storm"

"Don't wait for Race Committee to call race"



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

204 Play
The Atherton Family
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Bridgeport, NY 13030

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