

## Commodore's Corner



**Therese Straigis  
Commodore**



**Vice-Commodore Herb James**

October has come and gone.

Launches are empty and gear is stowed away in the basement. That is the reality for many of the sailors in Upstate New York. But let's not forget the diehard sailors and addicts traveling across the nation to sail in treacherous winds and navigate through gigantic waves. Why do we make the long journey to compete from sea to shining sea? Is it for the trophy? The adventure? The people? The love of sailing? Or the escape from six months of winter? I would assume it is for all of the above, because that is why I would sail year long.

Through the Forum and Facebook page, the Fleet 204 sailors preparing for lake effect snow could check the daily reports and photographs of our Fleet 204 sailors in the foreign land of Texas. We were not all there, but we were waiting to chant "204! 204! 204!" to the computer as we viewed the final results of the North American Championships. We all longed to have the winning ticket to the raffle for the Hobie sails raising support for our fellow sailor, Bob Burns. I had already designed my all green main sail with one blue panel and a blue jib if I had the winning ticket. But the fearless 204 Commodore did not win sails and the 1st place 2013 North American Championship trophy did not come to Syracuse. But in the same 204 fashion, like the saying "go big or go home," we accomplished beyond the imaginable. Fleet 204 will be able to contribute over \$7000 to the Burns' family! This would not be possible without the support from the winner of the custom sails, Christopher Wessels, auctioning his ticket to and donating the proceeds to our cause. It's like Christmas

came early or Halloween's trick or treat bag exploded!

Fleet 204 was awarded the CMOR's sportsmanship trophy representing our true colors: our generosity to support and assist all sailors. As Commodore, this is the best kind of trophy to win.

Roger out,

**Commodore  
Hondo**



## Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2013

Respectfully submitted by **Bruce W. Krupke, Secretary**

The meeting was called to order by Commodore **Therese Straigis** at 7:30pm at Borio's Restaurant. There were about 24 Fleet members in attendance. There were new members in attendance; we welcomed the Knapp family (Lynn, Ken, Elisa and Timm) from Syracuse. They just purchased a used Hobie 16 from NJ. They will keep their boat at Therre's marina. They have joined the Fleet! Commodore Straigis welcomed them and everyone to the meeting!



**Secretary's Report.** Secretary **Bruce Krupke** reported the September minutes were put into the Fleet newsletter by Editor **Theresa White** and Publisher **Donna Wilson**. There weren't any changes or additions to the minutes. There was a motion to accept the minutes, 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 strong balances. All bills from the Outing have been paid. The total expenses for the Labor Day weekend outing was \$1,256, 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, seconded and 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 other trying to fill out the 2014 regatta schedule and is continuing discussions with Fleets in Buffalo, Oswego, and Owasco.

### Past Regattas Report:

- **Shore Acres in NJ:** No one from our Fleet attended.
- **CMOR (Canandaigua): Herb and Sharon James** took first place in the H16 division. Everyone had a good time; they put on a great event. There was one race on Saturday and three on Sunday. It was Sharon's birthday and celebrated by all. There was discussion regarding scoring. The weather was a bit colder than usual with showers. It was very windy on Sat. clocking at about 20 mph plus. The last two races on Sunday were mass starts, meaning all boats together. The Sharks from the yacht club are good competition. There was good discussion regarding having a large mass group start and who likes it or not. It depends on how the course is set. We should bring our Hobie Flag H for the Bar next year.
- **Rock Hall, MD:** No one attended. It conflicted with Canandaigua!
- **Division 11 Rehoboth Delaware Regatta:** **Don Podejko** attended his first official regatta crewing for **Robin Longo**. He reported there were 8 races, four each day with lighter winds on Sat. and better/more wind on Sunday. He said everyone including himself had a very





good time. He said he camped out but noted finding a good spot for a tent is hard. **Bill Jeffers** took 6th; **Rob & Darcie Jerry** were 8th; **Bill Whalen** and **Bruce Krupke** came in 11th; **Bob and Gabe Longo** were 13<sup>th</sup>; **Robin Longo** and **Don Podejko** took 14th. The full results can be found on our racing webpage. **Bob Longo** reported he had a wheel bearing go on the way down. He wanted to thank the **Jerrys** and **Libels** (Nick and Lawrence, from Canada) for their help on the highway. **Rob Jerry** noted he was the rescuer not the rescued on this trip for once! Many noted this is a good lesson to be noted for future regatta trips; maybe have a few extra spare part in inventory just in case. It's also a good idea to communicate with others traveling to the same regatta to have an idea who is ahead or behind you to render assistance if necessary.

#### Future Regattas Report:

- **Hobie Cat 16 and 18 North American Championships, Oct. 20-25 in Galveston, TX.**

**Sharon James** will be ordering T-shirts for the racers and other Fleet members who would like to place an order tonight. Cost is \$10 and they will be Navy color. There will not be any reprints and should be available at the next meeting. Those participating include 5 Fleet 204 teams: **Sharon & Herb James ; Darcie & Rob Jerry; Rico Quatrone & Danielle Carr; Dominic Simonetti & Marie Donnigan; Tom and Sue Korzeniewski**. They will have trailer loading, Sat. 2pm. Good luck to all Fleet 204 sailors! 204, 204, 204!



- **Winter Florida sailing/regattas** were discussed. There are two regattas in Florida already



scheduled for the winter. **Tradewinds in mid January in Islamorada, Florida Keys**, non Hobie points; and **Port Charlotte Harbor Regatta, Punta Gorda, FL.**, in early February, 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. The other regatta held east of the Mississippi somewhere

during colder months, called **Mid-Winter's East**, (MWE) a Hobie regatta, with points, has not been scheduled yet. Bruce Krupke reported through communications with the Yacht club in Port Charlotte they are willing to host the regatta. They have three weekends identified they have offered to hold the regatta; early Feb.; early April, late April. **Bridget Quatrone** is working on trying to solidify the location for MWE and dates. There was general support for an April MWE regatta.

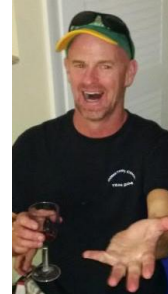


- **Rob Jerry** reported another regatta **Dec. 14/15th Christmas Ball** regatta in **Puerto Rico** is a possibility for some to consider.

**Social Committee Report:**

- **Halloween party** will be *Ghosted* by **Don and Danielle Podejko!** The date will be Nov. 2 at their house. It will be very scary, fun and a great time. All Fleet members are invited to attend, with a guest.

- **Tom Korzeniewski** reported there will be a **polar plunge**, at Oneida Shores County park for Special Olympics Dec. 8th. He encouraged Fleet members to participate and help out. There was discussion should we bring a sailboat for publicity? Maybe have a Wave on the water for promo efforts? This will be discussed at the next meeting. Tom is looking for 10 participants. Talk to him if you are interested.



- Next the **fundraising efforts** for Division 16 and Fleet member **Bob Burns** from Buffalo were discussed. We have created and sold 86 raffle tickets for a set of custom H16 or 18 sails to be drawn at the closing dinner/party in Galveston. **Karen Grisko** has sold even more tickets in Buffalo and at Rehoboth. Our goal is to sell 100 tickets and raise \$2,500.00 or more if possible through this effort. If you would like to buy a ticket, see our website for more information. Tickets were sold at



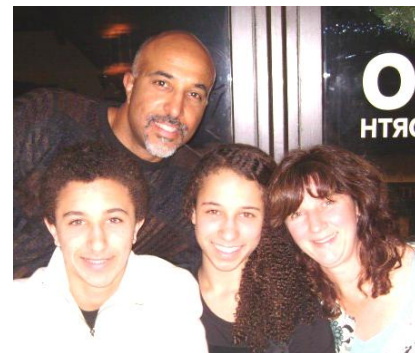
Canandaigua and we raised \$600 there, thank you! Also **Therese Straigis'** company donated \$1000 to Bob as part of a program they have internally, thank you very much! **Danielle Podejko** made 250 chocolate stick treats and sold them at the meeting to help raise money for Bob Burns as well. They tasted great with our beer at the bar afterwards. Thank you, Danielle for your help and hard work! Commodore Straigis said everyone is doing a great job with this fundraiser and help and it is all very much appreciated and great to see our Fleet members come

together for this important effort.

- The **Christmas party** will be held by the **James family**. They have requested it be a no shoes party as well, new house and all. The dates are yet to be determined but they are looking at Dec. 6/7th. It was agreed this year the party should be for all non-youth Fleet sailing members.

- Also, the annual trophies will be awarded at the **Superbowl party** this year instead of the Christmas party. The Superbowl will be Sunday, Feb. 2, location to be determined.

- **Rico Quatrone** reported the movie Airplane was based on a very bad movie called Zero Hour. **Tom Korzeniewski** will hold a movie watching at his house on November 9th more to be reported on at the next meeting.



- **Mimi Appel** is working on a special skiing rate at Labradore this winter. It looks like Sundays will be the day we will try to ski together. Watch for more info on our Forum!
- If you have a social idea for Fleet members, please bring it up at a meeting. We are always looking for new ideas.

**Old Business:**

- The Fleet used gear and equipment garage sale was discussed. It is a popular idea and a good way to find use for all that stuff we all accumulate over the years. Many felt it is a good idea to make the useable stuff into new or other sailor's hands. Commodore Straigis has a lot of the stuff from her house party in August and wants to find a home for it. Whoever brought stuff please claim it or she will do something with it. It was suggested to have the sale at the Come Sail with Us Day in June. Danielle Carr said she is willing to store it all until next year's Come Sail with Us Day. Thank you!

**New Business:**

- Rob wants to make a proposal to the rules, to allow synthetic trap wires. He explained they are less expensive and a bit lighter. He would like a consensus from the Fleet and he noted they are used on F18s. They last a few years. One pro, you can reuse handles and other parts with them. We took a straw poll vote and it was unanimous in favor to allow their use.

**Chalk Talk:**

- There was a discussion to have a blast reach start at one of our races, similar to America's Cup start. There was general agreement to consider this option for one of our next year's Fleet race.
- Let's have a highlights and or debrief of the North American races at our November Fleet meeting.
- Another topic for future chalk talk in the long, cold, dark winter Fleet meeting night is to discuss how a PRO can set a good square start line, what to do if it is windy.



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

The next Fleet meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12th at 7:30pm. Please be on time to allow a good chalk talk afterwards!

**New Fleet Members Info**

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**THANK YOU!**

Fleet 204 sincerely thanks all involved in this for the help provided. Thank you for helping the family of fellow sailor Bob Burns, a long time Hobie Cat sailor and Division 16 / Fleet 119 & Fleet 204 member who is battling leukemia. Bob, his wife Danielle and young son Aiden live in Western New York State. Here is a short report of how people helped:



As publicized, Hobie Cat Fleet 204 held a raffle to raise money to help Bob with the expenses of testing bone marrow donors and other costs associated with his care. We at Fleet 204, with the help of Rob and Darcie Jerry of Boatworks-Ltd and the good people at The

Hobie Cat Company, got together and decided to hold a sail raffle... .. not just any raffle however, but one for a custom set of sails, for either a Hobie 16 or 18. We sold tickets, (250 tickets at \$25.00 each) . The raffle drawing was held at the awards ceremony of the Hobie 16 / 18 North American Championships, Galveston, TX, October 19 - 25, 2013.



So what happened when we drew a ticket? The Winner of a choice of either a Hobie 16 or Hobie 18 custom set of sails was ..... **Chris Wessels**, former HCA Chairman, from Division 9 and Clear Lake Iowa Sailor! Chris WINS! Congratulations Chris!, but ... ..

In the true spirit of the Hobie Way Of Life, Chris offers the CUSTOM SET OF SAILS, a \$2000.00 value, up for auction, to the sailors present (and there were a lot of them!), then donated the proceeds of the spontaneous auction to the Burns family fund.

So the bidding started at \$500.00 and quickly climbed to over \$1000.00. The final winner at over \$1,300.00, was Hobie Cat Sailor **Mike Montague** of California. THANKS MIKE!



Other fund were also raised from the generosity of Fleet 204 Commodore Therese Straigis, who through her company, Mohawk Global Logistics and the Michael J. McSherry Charitable Fund raised \$1000.00.

Now, the final numbers aren't in yet, but thanks to the generosity of the Hobie sailors, friends, families, the Michael McSherry Charitable Fund, the raffle money, the Spontaneous Auction Money, Chriss Wessels, Boatworks LTD, Fleet 204, The Hobie Cat Company, the Canandaigua Yacht Club/CMOR Division 16 Regatta, (the place where this raffle idea was born), more funds from various raffles and fund raising activities ... .. we will report back, but the generosity has raised more than \$7,000.00 to help this wonder family in a time of need.

Thank You

Sincerely;

The Members of Hobie Cat Fleet 204

**Membership Information Form**

<b>Address Information</b>	
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Address	
City, State, Zip (Country)	
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Name	Name
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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 Donna & Kevin Wilson, [the204play@verizon.net](mailto: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**

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Next meeting is **Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>**  
at **7:30 pm** at  
**Borio's Restaurant**  
**Lakeshore Road**  
**Cicero, NY**