

Commodore's Corner



Therese Straigis
Commodore

North American Championships which marks the closing of sailing season has passed. Winter is coming. Many of us have pulled boats from their slips, taken tramps off, and are headed for storage. But.....Fall season is here and sailing is NOT over! Some of our Fleet 204 sailors will just keep sailing right through the fall months! And when all the boats are stored,



Bob Longo,
Vice-Commodore

Fleet 204 will have indoor chalk talks, go to the gym to maintain our sailing physiques (Some may choose to hibernate with a thick layer of "winter weight"), or just hang out together in which the conversation inevitably revolves around sailing. Most importantly our fall sailing season will be planning and preparing for our Madcatter 40 regatta. A long dreary snowy season is ahead, but sailing is never over for Fleet 204.

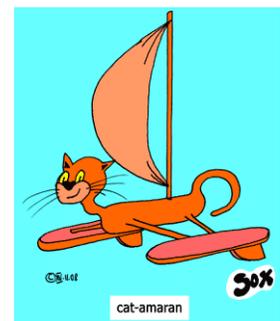
Hope to see you next meeting at Borios!

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2015 Sailing Event Schedule

- 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 Sept. 8, 2015

Submitted by **Bruce Krupke**

The meeting called to order at 8pm at Borio's Restaurant downstairs room by Vice Commodore Bob Longo, Commodore Straigis sent her regrets that she couldn't attend the meeting. Bob welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 20 members in attendance! He welcomed new member Kalon Riehy who gave some background about himself. He sailed sunfishes and now kayaks with Tom Byrne and came to newbie Tuesday. He had a great time, and decided to join a Fleet race but wasn't sure what he was doing but said what the heck. Once on the course, sort of Mimi Appel said follow him and they went far away!.



Secretary's Report: Bruce Krupke reported he provided the minutes from our August Fleet meeting and were emailed to Fluffy White and were printed in the newsletter. There was a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded, carried.

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Bill Whalen reported our finances are in really good condition. There are some Labor Day Outing expenses that will have to be paid. If you have a receipt for reimbursement, please turn it in asap. There was a motion to accept the report, seconded, carried.



Division 16 Report: Adam Atherton, our Division Chair Division chairman, reported that the nationals will be in Pensacola, FL in Sept 21-25, 2015. There will be a general meeting of all divisions during the Nationals. Some topics presented to Adam to discuss were about Newbie Tuesdays; Come Sail with Us Day and our Madcatter 40 regatta in 2016. He is trying to put together an information piece about Madcatter 40 to present to the group to help get participation. It was noted there is a strong possibility the 2016 Mid Winters East regatta will be in Florida! Stay tuned.



Training Coordinator Report: Herb James reported that there will be a North American Continentals (Nationals) debrief meeting after the event. It should be soon so we don't forget what happened. **Rob Jerry** will work with Herb to set up a date/time, so watch the Forum for more information. Everyone is welcome to attend and learn.



Past Regatta Report:

- **Schroon Lake - Bruce and Pattie Krupke** and **Dr. Bill Whalen**, along with Fleet member **Gary Repko** attended the Schroon Lake Sail Around. They reported the event went very well. There was a lot of publicity from the host Schroon Lake Association that included posters, restaurant menu date promotion notice, press clippings and website notices. The public showed up for rides, questions and answers. The wind was good, out of the south about 8mph. The camping, restaurants and bars were all great. The Town is interested in hosting a regatta in June 2016. They will provide a committee boat, chase boats and assist in promoting the event. Bruce reported Sacandaga area sailors are interested in

participating. **Adam Atherton** will follow up with more information as he puts together a 2016 regatta schedule later this year.

Future Regattas

- **CMOR** (Canandaigua Multihull Open Regatta) is this weekend; most of the Fleet will be there. It will be great practice for the Nationals the following week.
- **North American Continentals (Nationals)** will be held 9/14-9/18
- The **BenHur** in Toronto will be held Oct 3 and 4 at Water Rats Club. Some Fleet members may attend, see our racing schedule.



Social Report

- **Outing Report.** Our annual Fleet 204 Outing was held on Labor Day weekend on Lake Ontario. There was a very good attendance. **Adam Atherton** won the Friday night party. Comments

were: We ate a lot, sailed a little, drank, ate more, sailed, slept, ate and drank some more. There was good fun on the water, some celebrated birthdays and



there was a paddleboard contest. It was a great family event where Fleet members really get to know each other. More comments; **Marty Peterson** (a newbie) showed up; Certain bikinis needed safety strings; It was an awesome Outing.

- There was a motion to purchase a collapsible “Event” grill for Outings and events. It should have 6 burners, no lid but we can make one, cost will be about \$395.00. There was a second to the motion. Vote Carried.
- It was discussed to have coffee as a group purchase and make it part of the supply list. Maybe there should be a Fleet coffee pot at the event. There was a question discussed, do we have a supply list for the outing?
- *Notes for the 2016 outing:* We need 4 pounds of Mushrooms, not 10. Some other supplies need to be adjusted. Garlic, we only need 1 pound. Onions and corn supplies were adequate. Salt potatoes were good. 540 clams were enough.
- There were about 30-40 people there, average showing, not huge, not small.
- We need a cleaning supplies list including detergent, towels to help cleaning up everything.
- Is there anyone interested in hosting a **Halloween Party**? It was suggested if not we all go to a place with a Halloween party such as Borio’s, watch the Forum.



- **Christmas Party - Korzeniewski's** will host the Christmas Party this year, no date has been set yet, it is only September.
- New Year's Eve gathering anyone?

New, Old, and Other Business

- **Fleet boats**, Well, the Winner leaks. The Pontoon boat will be returned to **Steve Oad**. Thank you, Steve, for allowing the use of the boat. We should have a Fleet clean up party. A date will be set to clean it next Spring.
- Can we find a weekend in October for a regatta or one day sail on Onondaga Lake? **Tom Korz** will investigate the option.
- **Nomination Committee Report:** The Fleet elections will be at the next Meeting in October, which will start at 7:30pm sharp. Please show up to vote in your officers. Nominations were suggested from the Fleet. We will need a Vice Commodore. Names suggested were **Ken Knapp**, **Bill Byrne**, and **Tom Byrne**. The other positions of Secretary and Treasurer are open as well if you would like to volunteer, although **Bill Whalen** and **Bruce Krupke** have indicated they are willing to serve for one more year if no one is willing to volunteer.



- **Madcatter 40th Preparation Discussion:**
 - Next year's Madcatter will be May 20, 21 and 22, 2016.



- Open committees were discussed. Some are still not assigned. They will continue to be assigned at future meetings. Those who volunteer each year for the same committee should not be shy about giving the responsibility to a newbie and try out another committee assignment.
- Diane Bisesi has created a save the date flyer for Madcatter 40, it was provided to the Commodore. Copies will be made for the Nationals to be passed out. It needs to be included into the Hotline. Who is going to do this? Sept/Dec/March 31st As we get more details the ad should be updated.
- We have a Facebook page called **Madcatter 40** created. Go to it and submit pictures from old Madcatters, people, boats having fun etc., not those showing us freezing to death should be uploaded to the site to help encourage attendance. The older the better, such as **Tom Korz** with hair or Diane pregnant sitting on the beach! (or maybe little **Sarah Bisesi** in 2009, like at right!) Like the page, and indicate you will be participating! Get the word out now to all your friends!



- There was discussion to create a three day Madcatter event, with a Thursday party; Friday on the beach party and a Saturday dinner at Borio's Restaurant. Regatta Network is an option, but it costs \$10/boat. Is PayPal an option to use? We could suggest an option of sending a check in for an early bird deadline with a late charge option. The Madcatter committee will review each of these option and report back.

- Madcatter Regatta Committees Report:

- **Adam Atherton** will do the booklet.
- **Rob**, Friday and Saturday entertainment.
- **Adam**, soda and water.
- **Rob**, Rum.
- Vintage Class Committee, Sam Anderson.
- **James family**, Sat. Dinner.
- Tent motion, passed, Bruce will look into it.
- **Diane**, post card mailing... low cost.
- Hotline. **Bob**, three dates, Sept. 31, Dec. 31 March 31. No cost, full page.
- We need a charter boat committee. Help find boats. Therese will head up the committee. We need help from other Fleets and Divisions. We need housing committee.
- Rob, says **Grupo Pagan** will discuss pricing. It is possible we'll have them for entertainment. Other options are being considered. We may need a stage area.
- It is possible an Alter family member might attend the event, Rob is working on it.



There was no other business; there was a motion to adjourn at 10:15 pm.

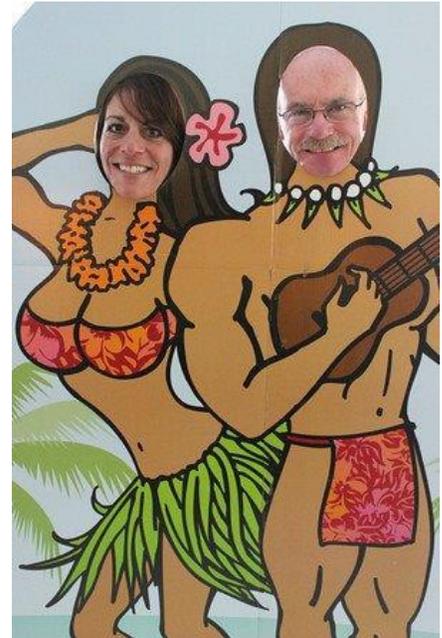


We've been Throwing this Party for 40 years!!!



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Madcatter 40 is coming up this spring. We want to blow it OUT for the 40th! This Fleet Meeting will be looking for volunteers and committee heads. Please see where you can plug yourself in! Contact Bob Longo 256-7061



Division 16 Rankings

H-14

- 1 BORG, DANIEL (56.12 / 1)
- 2 LIEBEL, NICOLAS (47.64 / 1)
- 3 MCNEILL, AMY (30.68 / 1)
- 4 UFTON, CHRIS (5.24 / 1)
- 5 BYRNE, TOM (1 / 1)

H-16

- 1 LIEBEL, NICOLAS & Liebel, Laurence (297.16 / 5)
- 2 KORZENIEWSKI, THOMAS & Grisko, Karen (267.98 / 5)
- 3 JEFFERS, WILLIAM & Jeffers, Sandra (260.25 / 10)
- 4 BORG, DANIEL & Giovani, Liana (258.05 / 5)
- 5 KORZENIEWSKI, SUSAN & Holmes, Glen (257.8 / 5)

H-17

- 1 UFTON, CHRIS

Tiger

- 1 Jerry, Rob & Duran, Dave
- 2 Anderson, John & Mackenzie, Derek

Wave

- 1 LONGO, ERICKA
- 2 SMITH, CHARLES & Smith, Fiona



Membership Information Form

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His	Hers
Name	Name
Phone	Phone
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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.

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The Atherton Family
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Next meeting is **Oct. 13th**
at **7:30 pm** at
Borio's Restaurant
Lakeshore Road
Cicero, NY