

Commodore's Corner



Therese Straigis  
Commodore

The 2014 sailing season is officially over, ending with the North American Championships at Lewes, Delaware. It is time to start putting the Hobies away and to reflect on the accomplishments of the summer. This sailing season, I skippered my first Madcatter, won my first fleet race bullet, survived nuclear 40 knot winds in CMOR, and raced in my first North American Championship. But the most memorable moments were sailing with veterans. Specifically, the time Tom Korz was my crew and he pushed me physically, mentally, and emotionally. I do not think I have ever completed so many tasks at the same time! A few



Vice-Commodore Herb James

times I thought that I grew another arm, but it was Tom pulling in the main sheet as he ordered me out on the wire. It was a whirlwind of many small adjustments that gained boat lengths in seconds. My eyes have been opened to the many details that make a Hobie fly! It was amazing see all moving pieces and thrilling to be part of it. But most importantly, it was a humbling experience and better allowed me to appreciate what it takes to be a contender. I learned that there is so much more to learn. Sometimes it is frustrating to meet your goals, but this experience reminded me that it is so exciting to have those moments where the Hobie feels just right. Thank you to all the veterans for your patience, tips, tuning, and a fun time sailing!

See you at Borio's!

Commodore Hondo

**From:** Scott Waterbury [mailto:waterburyscott@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2014 9:09 AM  
**To:** Rmlongo  
**Cc:** Bruce Krupke; Therese Straigis  
**Subject:** Re: Boy Scout Troop interested in Sailing



Bob, Bruce Therese,  
 Thank you so much for all your help on Tuesday. I think it went off with a great bang. Lots of the boys had fun. It is always amazing when you get an  
 1) a 11-year old to come up to you out of his own accord and thank you for putting on a great activity  
 and  
 2) a 17-year old boy to say with a smile "Yea, this was actually a lot of fun".



Monuments of accolades to you guys, as this is something that is sometimes impossible! :-)

I will pass a long a sign-up sheet around church tomorrow and provide you with contact information for those who may want to pursue more into the sport.

Here are some pictures from the day.  
 Once again, Thank you so much for all that you guys do:-)

BSA Troop 175

### Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes September 9, 2014

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

The meeting called to order at 8pm at Borio's Restaurant downstairs room by **Commodore Therese Straigis**. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 40 members in attendance! She welcomed new members **Tim Raughly**, **Jordan Brinkley** and some guy named **Jim Perkins**!

Commodore Straigis then introduced the newest topic addition to our meetings, the timely and always helpful



**SAFETY MESSAGE.** Our safety coordinator, **Mimi Appel** could not make the meeting to deliver the first message herself. The message was to file a **FLOAT PLAN** when you go out by yourself. A copy of a paper version of the concept was passed around. Although filling out this paper might not be practical for a number of reasons, such as where you could put it at Therre's or Caster's and someone would actually see it or basic laziness, it was noted actually filing a plan is hard to do. Although the concept could be modified to at least tell someone/another sailor

before you go out. Let them know when you are expected to return, and then maybe send a text message when you get back on shore to let them know you have returned safely. Another suggestion was to maybe have a wipe board available to use to let people know where you are. The idea was welcomed and gave everyone some good safety reminders. Remember, fellow Fleet members, as Mimi says "safety is no accident".

**Secretary 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:**

Treasurer **Dr. Bill Whalen** reported our finances are in really good condition. There are some Labor Day Outing expenses that will have to be paid. **There was a motion to accept the report, seconded, carried.**

**Division 16 Report:** **Adam Atherton** Division chairman reported that the Hobie 16 North American Championships will be in Pensacola, FL in 2015 and then in Mexico in 2016. He said planning for 2015 regattas will begin in December. If anyone has suggestions for a new regatta locations let him know. There was also a suggestion to recognize Division points winners for 2014. There will be an annual general meeting of all officers and Division chairs at the nationals in Dewey Beach, DE later this month. He also reported Oswego Yacht Club will host a point's regatta again in 2015, no date was set. This information was well received.



#### **Past Regatta Report:**

- **Commodore Straigis** reported on the **Pro Am** Fleet 204 event held in August. Many newer members sailed with others with more experience and learned a lot. It was helpful to practice and remember things you might forget. Starts are something she could use help on and working with an older pro member is great. There were about 7 boats participating. Set up of boats is important. There were many other good information and guidance provided as well. It was agreed this event should happen every year.
- **Spray Beach NJ** regatta was held in early August. **Diane Bisesi** reported it was a great event, real good wind. The accommodations provided were really good as was the food. There was entertainment on Saturday night along with really friendly volunteers and helpers. There were ideas exchanged about ideas from this regatta to think about and use for our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary Madcatter in 2016. **Trey James** sailed with his Mom, Sharon. She was freaked out at times, but it worked out well in the end.

- **Rehoboth Regatta** in Delaware was held last weekend.



There were 5 Fleet teams present. Congratulations to **Derek McKenzie** who took first place in the Wave Class. **Bob Longo** said it was an awesome event. On Sat., it blew in the high teens and it was hot, 90 degrees. It was a Hobie day! Sunday was overcast, but still had good wind. They got in 7 races for the regatta. **Billy Jeffers** and **Diane Bisesi** took 5<sup>th</sup> place; The **Korzeniewskis** took 6<sup>th</sup> place; **Bob Longo** and **Marie Donigan** took 11<sup>th</sup> place and **Tim and Julia Donigan** took 12<sup>th</sup> place. It was a well-run race and nice location, we all should go there next year.

- Our annual **Fleet 204 Outing** was

held on Labor Day weekend on Lake Ontario. We eat, sail, drink, eat, sail, sleep, eat, drink, sail.... A great family event where Fleet members really get to know each other. Thumper, Toast-Master Newbie Ken Knapp was officially named, along with his wife Lynn was **Bambi**. They really liked the outing and had a great time. They'll be back next year. Hooray! **Dr. Herb James** recognized Lynn and Ken as most valuable newbie at the Outing for their pulled pork and Moonshine.

#### Future Regatta Report:

- **CMOR** (Canandaigua Multihull Open Regatta) is this weekend; most of the Fleet will be there. It will be great practice for the Nationals later in the Month. **Dr. Herb James** reported he has retrieved from Kevin Wilson the highly coveted and sorely missed official Wilson Bushwhacker recipe; they will be served in Canandaigua. The message: Be prepared and afraid. Fathers and Mothers, keep your children home on Saturday night. ☺
- **Hobie 16 North American Championships** will be held in Lewes, Delaware for 5 days starting Monday September 22. There will be about 10 Fleet team boats attending. T-shirts have been made for those attending and who ordered them. It was reported ESPN will be present with drones to take pictures. They'll outfit 3 boats a day with cameras and microphones. This should be interesting! It was reported radios will be allowed on the water and for starts. This is a change from previous rules and has been posted. Rob Jerry is looking for a newer H16 boat to charter for a team from out of town for the event. There will be a women's meeting during nationals, so attend if you can. There is an effort to continue a Women's national championship, possibly in Puerto Rico. It was suggested Fleet 204 congregate together on the beach as a team. A Fleet banner will be brought to the event. It was suggested each team boat should talk to each other on the water after each race to find out what worked well, what the conditions were like, currents etc. It was agreed to meet up with the boat that finished the best after each race. There also might be a Fleet 204 party on Thursday at the Nationals.



Good Luck Fleet 204 in Lewes, Delaware!

#### Social Report:

- The **Halloween Party** will be hosted by **Joanne Perkins** this year. Again, be afraid! (*Editor's note: Party Notice of Race later in this newsletter!*) November 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday will be the party.
- **Christmas party** will be hosted by? If you want to step up let us know at the next meeting.



## New Other Business:

- **Nominations for Fleet Officers** were solicited. **Commodore Straigis** suggested a 2 year commitment. The Commodore and Vice will be voted on in October. Commodore Straigis said she would serve another year, and the Vice will prep for the 40<sup>th</sup> Regatta, also now known as the 100 boat regatta. **There was a motion to accept this new format for elections. There was a second, vote carried!**
  - **Dr. Bill Whalen** reported we need to decide/commit if we want the tent or go back to Arrowhead Lodge. We had heaters and worked well. The tent is convenient; we don't have to move the beer trailer. **Adam Atherton** reported we use a beer truck which is locked and not meant to move unlike a beer trailer that could be hooked up to as in years past. It was noted it was hard to serve food warm using a tent. Arrowhead lodge might be too small for a really big regatta attendance. There was a reminder that we have to drive to Arrowhead and back to the beach. This doesn't mix at all with alcohol. Also, if we go to the Lodge, do we still need a tent and have the expense? The purchase of a tent was discussed, but we would we have to set it up and store it, that is not convenient. **For Madcatter 39 it was agreed to have our tent.** We'll decide if we want the Lodge for 2016 a year from now since we have the option.
- **Adam Atherton** reported that the building of our **storage tube "cat house" unit at Therre's** is progressing and will be done before the snow flies. He'll be looking for help to build it, so watch the Forum for when and where. All the supplies have been purchased and everyone has paid their share for their tube. The materials are at his house, much to the dismay of his wife **Rose**.
- **Bob Longo** reported that some Fleet skippers assisted Boy Scout Troop 175 and Fleet member **Scott Waterbury** (Scout Master) for a sail in August during a newbie Tuesday. About 16 scouts, parents, and leaders attended. They were able to get on H16s and waves. The scouts and leaders were treated to a nice sail on the water and to an introduction to what sailing is all about. The conditions were light, but perfect for the event. They allowed us to show off our Hobie Cats and our Fleet. Many who attended said they would like to learn more in the future. **Commodore Straigis** thanked Fleet members who volunteered. (*Editor's Note: See story earlier in the newsletter*).

There was no other business and **there was a motion to adjourn, seconded carried.**





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# FLOAT PLAN

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this plan before you go boating and leave it with a reliable person who can be depended upon to notify the Coast Guard, or other rescue organization, should you not return or check-in as planned. If you have a change of plans after leaving, be sure to notify the person holding your Float Plan. For additional copies of this plan, visit: [www.floatplancentral.org](http://www.floatplancentral.org)



www.uscgboating.org

**Do NOT file this plan with the U.S. Coast Guard**

## VESSEL

### IDENTIFICATION:

Name & Hailing Port \_\_\_\_\_  
 Document / Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_ HIN \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year & Make \_\_\_\_\_  
 Length \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_ Draft \_\_\_\_\_ Hull Mat. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Color \_\_\_\_\_  
 Prominent Features \_\_\_\_\_

### COMMUNICATION:

Radio Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_  
 DSC MMSI No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Radio-1: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Ch / Freq Monitored \_\_\_\_\_  
 Radio-2: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Ch / Freq Monitored \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell / Satellite No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### PROPULSION:

Primary-- Type \_\_\_\_\_ No. Eng. \_\_\_\_\_ Fuel Capacity \_\_\_\_\_  
 Auxiliary--Type \_\_\_\_\_ No. Eng. \_\_\_\_\_ Fuel Capacity \_\_\_\_\_

### NAVIGATION: (Check all on board)

Maps  Charts  Compass  GPS / DGPS  
 Radar  Sounder  \_\_\_\_\_

## SAFETY & SURVIVAL

### VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS:

Electric S-O-S Light  
 Orange Flag  
 Orange Smoke  
 Red Flares

### AUDIBLE DISTRESS SIGNALS:

Bell  
 Horn / Siren  
 Whistle

### OTHER GEAR:

Drogue / Sea Anchor  Life raft / Dinghy  
 EPIRB  Personal Locator Beacon  
 Fire Extinguisher  Signal Mirror  
 Flashlight / Searchlight  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Food & Water for \_\_\_\_\_ days  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Foul Weather Gear  \_\_\_\_\_

### PFDs: (Do not count Type IV devices)

\_\_\_\_\_ Quantity On Board

### GROUND TACKLE:

Anchor: Line Length \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSONS ONBOARD

### OPERATOR:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vehicle (Year, Make & Model) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trailer will be parked at: \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Notes (Special medical condition, can't swim, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Has experience:  with this Vessel  with Area  
 Home phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vehicle License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trailer License No. \_\_\_\_\_

### PASSENGERS / CREW:

	Name & Address	Age	Gender	Notes (Special medical condition, can't swim, etc.)
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Notes (Special medical condition, can't swim, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Attach "Supplemental Passenger List" if additional passengers or crew on board.

## ITINERARY

	DATE	TIME	LOCATION / WAYPOINT	MODE OF TRAVEL	REASON FOR STOP	CHECK-IN TIME
Depart						
Arrive						
Depart						
Arrive						
Depart						

Attach "Supplemental Itinerary" if there are additional locations or waypoints.

Contact 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a genuine concern for the safety or welfare of any persons on board the Vessel described above, who have not returned or checked-in in a reasonable amount of time, then follow the step-by-step instructions on the Boating Emergency Guide™ included with this float plan, or on the Internet at:

[www.floatplancentral.org/help/BoatingEmergencyGuide.htm](http://www.floatplancentral.org/help/BoatingEmergencyGuide.htm)

# BOO Again!

## Halloween Party

### At the Perkins'

Saturday, November 1st, 2014

8:00pm til 8:00am?

Be there and be *SCARED!!!*

PS Share the Scare: Bring a friend.

PSS Don't Drink and Fly: Bring sleeping bags and plan to stay.

PPSS Costumes Required or one will be provided at my discretion, of which I have none.

When lost or confused, phone a fiend - **656-2840, or 263-7320, or 382-7320**

## Directions to the party

### GPS

Use **7591 Bridgeport Kirkville Road, Kirkville**

It should get you close enough.

### From the North:

Take 481 South to Kirkville Road East exit 5E

### From the South:

Take 481 North to Kirkville Road East exit 5E

### From the West:

Take the Thruway East to Exit 34A

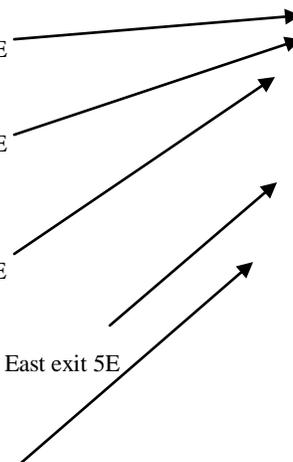
Take 481 South to Kirkville Road East exit 5E

Or

Take 690 East to 481 North to Kirkville Road East exit 5E

### From the East:

Take the Thruway West to Exit 34A



Take 481 South to Kirkville Road East exit 5E

### From 481 - Kirkville Road East exit 5E

Go East on Kirkville Road to end - stop sign (about 5 miles)

Turn left on to Kirkville Road North

Go about .3 mile, cross over creek. (on curve)

Second driveway on left after creek. (if go over Thruway, gone to far)

Go down driveway, keeping right after garage.

House and pole barn are further back in the woods.

Park anywhere, but beware of *Monsters!*

### Membership Information Form

<b>Address Information</b>	
Last Name	Home Phone
Address	Home e-mail
Address	
City, State, Zip (Country)	
<b>His</b>	<b>Hers</b>
Name	Name
Phone	Phone
e-mail	e-mail

**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 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.

### Contacts

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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**

Donna & Kevin Wilson  
8442 Transit Lane  
Baldwinsville, NY 13027

**Address Service Requested**

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Next meeting is **Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>**  
at **7:30 pm** at  
**Borio's Restaurant**  
**Lakeshore Road**  
**Cicero, NY**