

Commodore's Corner



Ken Knapp
Comodore

Via distinctive Fleet 204 fanfare, my inauguration ceremony from Vice Commodore to Commie took place on election night at the October meeting. Other nominees were also needed, though. Our distant fleet participants at the Hobie 16 North American Championships in Puerto Penasco, Mexico were *nearly* nominated and elected to fill all vacant positions. Well...

Actually, there were no seconds on any of those the nominations as we believed that the skippers and crews deserved at least an absentee ballot for voting if they were going to serve! We decided to

go with the home slate, despite serious concerns that our Treasurer would choose to become a bad hombre and run up a bar tab while draining our coffers. [NB – the Treasurer says that there's nothing to see here, nothing to see..]

In all seriousness, congratulations to the 204 sailors and volunteers who participated in what appeared to be a remarkable vacation and sailing experience at the Hobie 16 NAC's!

Back at home the nominees for 204

Officers were – **Valerie Wiehl** for Secretary and **Bill Jeffers** Vice Commodore. They were both elected without any suspense whatsoever. Congratulations to Val and Bill! We look forward to having you on board. We send ashore former board members **Bob Longo** and **Bruce Krupke**, whom we know will carry on as exceptional resources for future advice and support. Thank you, Bob and Bruce, for your dedicated commitment to the 204 family.



Bill Jeffers

Vice-Comodore

Although 204 officers are elected, don't keep us in suspense on Tuesday, November 8. Get out and vote on Election Day! Then, be sure to attend the Fleet Meeting – the meeting's outcome will be historic. There will be a full agenda with a lot of preparations before us to keep the Fleet energized and the social committee active.

See you at at Borio's for the meeting!

Ken, Commodore, Fleet 204



Bill Whalen
Fleet 204 Treasurer



Valerie Wiehl
Fleet 204 Secretary



Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2016

Submitted by **Pattie Krupke**, out-going Sub-Secretary on behalf of **Bruce Krupke**, out-going Secretary

The meeting was called to order by **Vice Commodore Ken Knapp** at 7:55pm at Borio's Restaurant. There were about 15 Fleet members in attendance. Winter meetings going forward will start at 7:30 pm. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.



Vice Commodore Knapp asked for the secretary's report. Sub Secretary **Pattie Krupke** reported the minutes were put into the Fleet newsletter by Editor **Theresa White** and Publisher **Adam Atherton**. There weren't any changes or additions. There was a motion to accept the minutes, seconded and passed. [**Bruce says:** P.S. I would like to thank the Fleet for the opportunity to be your Secretary for a number of years. It has been a pleasure! I would like to thank my wife **Pattie** for sitting in for me when I couldn't be present. I would also like to congratulate my successor **Valerie Wiehl** who I know will do an excellent job!]

Next **Vice Commodore Ken Knapp** asked for the Treasurer's report. Treasurer **Dr. Bill Whalen** is in Mexico but it was noted the checking accounts are about the same as last month in our 2 accounts. There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded and carried.

Division 16 Report, Adam Atherton, Chair: AGM was held on Friday but there was no dial in number to participate. **Pat Porter** was supposed to touch base with **Robbin Mocarski** in Mexico. Not sure what happened, no debriefing as of this date. As stuff comes up it will be posted in the forum. Adam's position is voluntary and he will have the position until he decides not to hold office anymore. Adam feels he will be able to continue for a couple more years. Adam works with Rondo (Division 11) to coordinate events.



Elections: **Ken Knapp** was nominated to be Commodore; **Bill Whalen** nominated for Treasurer, Vice Commodore position; **Bill Jeffers** is willing to accept the position; and for Secretary: **Valerie Wiehl**. Motions made and carried to accept the entire slate as presented and to have one ballot cast for all executive Fleet Officer positions, there was a second to the motion, the vote was unanimous. Thank you and Congratulations to all! We would like to also thank **Bob Longo** for his efforts as Commodore and **Bruce Krupke** as Secretary, thank you men for your hard work in moving our Fleet forward and keeping her steady!



Safety Talk, Mimi Appel, Safety is no Accident Report: **Mimi** is in Mexico, so no safety report. She volunteered to help where needed at the Mexico Nationals.

Past Regattas Report:

- **Rehoboth** – 8 boats, but only the people who are currently in Mexico went, so no first hand results to share.
- **Roton Point:** 4 ½ hours away which was the other regatta that took place that same weekend. Bob Longo reported it was a fantastic venue. Motor homes were welcome there and there were light and fluky winds with a current to contend with. **Bob Longo** attended and reported on the nice location and the good things they had to

offer. They had nice dinners, live band, good parties. It is the oldest multi-hull regatta in the country. They have waves and getaways for club usage. 14 Boats (16s) out of 28 boats total. There were newbies on the race course. Good food and a fun event. Mike LeVeck was the PRO.

- **Sandy Hook** September 18-23 F-18 Nationals (31 boats) 5 days of racing yielded 8 races. Not much wind that week. **Rob Jerry** sailed with **Johnny Anderson**. Robby Daniel won the regatta.
- **Ben Hur** – No 204 representation this year at this event.
- **Hobie 16 North American Championships in Puerto Penasco, Mexico** - four Fleet 204 teams were competing in the Hobie North American Championships is in progress.....not too much in the way of results available at the time of the meeting. **Bob Longo** received a bit of breaking news: 1st-Francisco third **Tom Korz** and **Karen Grisko**; 4th **Dan Borg**, **Herb James** and **Marie Donigan** in 7th. Results will be found on a link on the Forum. The event registered 43 boats, racing through Friday, October 14th.



The statue is El Cemenero; he is riding a big shrimp. This statue is in the town center of Puerto Pensaco. Puerto Pensaco is a big shrimp town.

Future Regattas Reports:

Lake George, NY –Bruce Way invited us to join him and other sailors for a North-South Run, October 22nd. Two boats planning to go depending on weather. **Bruce, Adam, Yong, and Marten** are thinking of attending.

Winter 2016-2017 Regattas:

- The traditional **Tradewinds Regatta** in Islamorada, FL/Keys area – MLK weekend in January.
- **Port Charlotte Harbor Regatta** – first weekend in February.
- **Mid Winters East** – no dates/place as of this date, watch the Forum for updates.
- There is a rumor the St. Petersburg, FL Fleet is looking to schedule a regatta in January as well, stay tuned.

Summer 2017 Regattas:

- **Hobie Cat Fleet 204 Madcatter 41**: No discussion was held.
- **Hooper’s Harbor** (mid-July best for them). We are invited back!
- **Toronto, Madcatter, Oswego, Schroon Lake/June** and **Saratoga** in August (Rico Quatrone scouted it out and participated this year), **Newport, RI** all are likely to be on the schedule.



The Herb Box is a nice restaurant in the water front area in Phoenix. It briefly boasted a real, live, 204 Herb!

- **Fleet 295** may have a venue near the Rochester area. Mild interest, but they have not run regattas, racing events.

Social Committee Report: Halloween party. If no host (**Editor's note: ADAM and ROSE have volunteered! It's Oct 29 – Check the forum or Facebook for details!!**) perhaps meet at Borio's Resturant. A Christmas/New Years party hosts are needed. If you are interested, contact Commodore Knapp.

Fleet Training Report, Herb James, Coordinator: No activity to report since he is in Mexico!

New and Old Business:

New Boat: Tom Stanley would buy just the boat (winner) for \$800 cash. There was a 2007 E-teck motor found for winner for \$3900 by Rob on Craigslist; it would need about \$500 for control box, etc. Many boats are about \$1000-\$1500 over budget. There has not been much discussion due to Rob being away and other 204 members being in Mexico. Needs more discussion at a future meeting. Keep an eye out in your neighborhoods for boats, if you see one which could be a committee boat, contact Rob Jerry.

Come Sail with Us day - Bob Longo reported a possible new idea: Sign people up to join as members during that day. Half off yearly dues for one year to encourage membership. We can talk about this at a future meeting when more members are in attendance.

New Business: None presented.

8:45pm: There was a motion to end meeting. Adjourned!



Can't think of a good Christmas Gift?!

Buy a Vintage Fleet 204 Madcatter T-shirt!

But at \$5 each, there're going fast!

Contact Bill Whalen (622-0823) ASAP to get yours now!!

Table 1

only \$5 each	kids	S	M	L	XL	XXL
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2015 Grey Cat A Tude		12	5	10	13	
2014 Blue Mahalo			3	6	1	
2013 Green	1-S			2		
as of 11.01.2016						

Membership Information Form

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

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 Therre’s Marina and 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 at Therre’s. Take South Bay road to Oneida Lake, turn left, and you’re there – first Caster’s, then Therre’s Marina.

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The Atherton Family
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Next meeting is **Nov. 8th**
at **7:30 pm** at
Borio's Restaurant
Lakeshore Road
Cicero, NY