

Commodore's Corner



Bob Longo,
Commodore

So... endPOINT or STARTpoint ?

I looked around and it was gone. Another year, another Madcatter, another Outing, another Fleet Race and Regatta Season, another Newbie Tuesday summer and soon another North Americans.

The cycle continnnnnnnues without a glitchhhhh.

Look back and be proud of 2015-16 Fleet 204 accomplishments and milestones. As masts are dropped for the last time this season in upstate NY, look south and west to warm regattas in crystal blue waters. Bid good luck to our four 204 Teams

heading to Mexico for some fun and stiff competition from far and wide.

And let's start thinking about how to make it all a little better next year!

STARTpoint or endPOINT ?

Thanks for it all from soon to be former Commodore! And good luck to **Ken** as he guides us through this next bit of chop!

See you at at Borio's for the meeting!

Bob, Commodore, Fleet204



Ken Knapp
Vice-Commodore



Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes September 13, 2016

Submitted by **Bruce Krupke**

The meeting called to order at 8pm at Borio's Restaurant downstairs room by Commodore **Bob Longo** and welcomed about 20 members to the meeting. He welcomed a special guest to the meeting, his Dad, **Robert Sr.**! Also in the meeting was **Tim Knapp**, after his touring the US and summer job at Philmont Boy Scout Camp in New Mexico. Commodore Longo then asked for the Secretary's report.!

Secretary's Report: 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 posted by the **Atherton Family**. There was a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them, seconded, carried.



Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer **Dr. Bill Whalen** has a black eye; he didn't duck when the boom decided to introduce herself to him personally at **CMOR**. He reported our finances are in really good condition. There are some Labor Day Outing expenses that will have to be paid. The expenses were up a little for the three day weekend. If you didn't pay Chedmardo campsite for the Outing, because there wasn't anyone there to collect the money please send it to 144 Partrick Drive, Pulaski, NY 13142. The cost is \$8/night per adult.
 - If you have a receipt for reimbursement, please turn it in to Treasurer Whalen ASAP. There was a motion to accept the report, seconded, carried.



ELECTIONS report: **VC Ken Knapp** is looking for **VC commodore** to take over his position, along with a **new Secretary**. 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. As of this point, **Ken Knapp** has agreed to step up to be Commodore and **Dr. Bill Whalen** has agreed to stay on as Treasurer. Commodore **Bob Longo** and Secretary **Bruce Krupke** said they will be stepping down so their posts are open. **Nominations** were suggested from the Fleet for the following officer posts:
Vice Commodore: **Tim Donigan, Marie Donigan, Rob Jerry, Darcie Jerry**
Secretary: **Robin Longo, Amanda Pitkin, Mike Siao, Darcie Jerry, Valerie Wiehl**

Safety is No Accident Talk: **Mimi Appel**, our Safety Officer, gave a message called **Righting a 16**. Hobies flip. It happens. You should know how to get it back up, practice it, and have a good righting line. As general set of guidelines:

- 1.) Yell to each other "Are you ok? Keep one hand on the boat!"
- 2.) Protect from turtling. In other words, keep the pointy end on the lake! If you are stuck on the top hull, don't hang on the boat; jump off *away from the sail side*. Board the lower hull, and get to the back to keep the bows up. **ALWAYS STAY WITH THE BOAT.**
- 3.) Un-cleat main and jib sheets and travelers. They will hold water, making righting difficult.
4. Be sure to tie your righting line to your dolphin striker before leaving the beach, but if it isn't, do so before you try to right the boat. Then, throw the line over the top hull before you pull. It can be tricky, but you need to do it for proper leverage. It can be tricky to get it between the tramp crossbar and hull.
- 5.) Very Important, use crew weight to point the mast into the wind by pivoting it. With the



line in hands, walk to bow and let it “cartwheel” around until the sail is positioned for the wind and waves to help you bring the boat up. The mast doesn’t need to be directly into the wind, but close to it.

- 6.) Standing in center of the hulls very close to each other, both skipper and crew should lean back, and use their weight to PULL hard together. This will be the hardest part of righting.
- 7.) As boat mast starts to come up, grab lower dolphin striker or jump on lower hull to keep it from flipping back over the other direction.
- 8.) Quickly check for broken parts and get back to sailing. If, during a regatta, you ask for chase boat committee assistance and they actually touch any part of your boat, you will be scored did not finish (DNF).

It is strongly encouraged you try practicing the righting at some point when not in a regatta. Note if your mast is in the mud (turtled), you have a new set of problems. In Oneida Lake, you need to cork screw the mast out. A future report will cover the situation of righting a boat when you are alone. Thank you **Mimi** for all this good advice.

National and Division 16 Reports:

Adam Atherton, our Division Rep reported he will be working on getting regattas set up for 2017. He inquired has there been any news about where the Mid Winter’s East Regatta will be held in 2017?



Past Regatta Report:

- **Our annual Fleet 204 Outing** was held on Labor Day weekend on Lake Ontario at Chedardo Campsites in Pulaski, NY. There was a very good attendance. The weather, food, sailing and fun were all great!
- **Canandiagua: Herb James** and **Marie Donigan** took first place in the H16 class. 2nd place was **Tom Korzeniewski** and



Karen Grisko; Third place was taken by **Bill Jeffers** and **Haley Bucklin**. There were 6 races on Saturday and 3 on Sunday due to strong and awesome wind conditions. Fleet members **Chris** and **Amanda** were rookies to CMOR; unfortunately during a race they broke a jib halyard. **Bill Byrne** attended the regatta for a first time and took 1st in the Wave category! There were discussions about dinner options; does it support the regatta or just the YC? Should we just have the dinner at their bar, to save the YC money? Herb James will look into this. There was a discussion about having a start just for the Hobies. What is best for the regatta? Should we have one mass start? There are many variables and Div. 16 Chair **Adam Atherton** should have a discussion with the YC to work out. From our viewpoint, do we want the regatta to be a points regatta or not? **Dr. Whalen** thanked everyone who came to his recue! No party winner, it was an early night. No belly shots on the bar, no music past 10pm, no bullet shots were allowed at the bar. We presented the CYC with our Fleet 204 burgee! They had a new Race PRO who did a good job.

Future Regattas:

- **2017 Wildwood NJ Regatta** report was given by **Robin Longo**. There will be camping on the beach. The regatta will be in August. The Lesabre Hotel was a good site for lodging. Maybe we should find a new base hotel to stay at. We need a volunteer to find one.

- This weekend coming up is **Rehoboth, NJ**, and also **Roton Point in CT** which is reported to be in a hotsy totsy area of CT. The competition will not be as good in CT as in Rehoboth, NJ. It was reported the diner at Roton is very good. Some Fleet members are considering going to the events.
- **16 Hobie Nationals will be held in Mexico in October.** It looks like 5 teams from the Fleet are going. It was suggested to submit your boat insurance in advance to the organizing committee. You can get insurance through HCA as well. Be sure to supply your hull numbers from the transom, not your sail number. We wish all the teams a lot of luck and fast saving, there should be some good reports.

Social Report: 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 for more news. Also, we need a Christmas Party location; if you are interested, contact the Commodore.



Old Business:

- **The new Fleet Burgees** are for sail, \$30 each, contact **Bill Whalen.** Sport one in your bedroom, living room, the office, your car back window etc. Let's see pictures of where you show your Fleet pride!
- **Commodore Longo** brought up the topic regarding **Newbie Tuesdays** and having drills on a night each week during the summer. There was a suggestion about if you want to do a Newbie Tuesday you have to join the Fleet. Or what about having the first Tuesday of the month be a newbie night. Every other Tuesday was suggested as well. The discussion was tabled for future meetings.



New Business:

- Thank you to **Pat Caster** for using his motor boat for Fleet racing!
- **The Fleet committee boat search committee** is looking for a new boat, but hasn't found anything promising yet. Many of the boats they have looked at aren't just right, either too small or not the right price. They will continue looking and we appreciate the effort. We are looking for a center console, if you see one somewhere let Rob Jerry or the Commodore know ASAP. It is possible we can find one in another region, everyone, please keep your eyes and ears open.
- Some members are looking for winter boat storage, both indoors and outdoors, if you have suggestions, post on the Forum.

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

Membership Information Form

Address Information	
Last Name	Home Phone
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City, State, Zip (Country)	
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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 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 **Oct. 11th**
at **7:30 pm** at
Borio's Restaurant
Lakeshore Road
Cicero, NY