

## Commodore's Corner



**Ken Knapp**  
Commodore

December has passed as another memorable month for Fleet 204. We gathered to stay warm from the northwest winds as Old Man Winter continues to freeze our sailing playgrounds.

Many thanks go out to the **James** family, for keeping us warm and our spirits high by hosting the annual Christmas party. A very merry time was had by all, and it was nice to hear the 2:04AM tradition was witnessed by a hearty few!

**Herb and Sharon James** were also the true winners of the fleet races this season and did not have to reach far to place the trophy on the mantel in his home.

**Bridget and Rico Quatrone** were recognized as second to none with the Backbone Award for their outstanding commitment to our fleet and multi-divisional support - they truly are a gift to all. A third round of applause goes to



**Bill Jeffers**  
Vice-Commodore

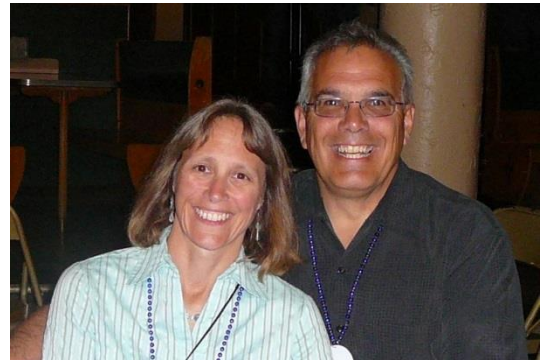
**Bob Longo and Bruce Krupke** for their lasting

commitment to bringing on new sailors! Bob and Bruce are more like first place starts, as they continually blow wind in our sails by promoting Fleet 204, Come Sail with Us Days, and Newbie Tuesday learning sessions.

And hence, our newest newbies of the year are **Amanda and Chris** who were brave and

confident enough to race two Fleet 204 Regatta's in their first season – welcome to Fleet 204, the premier sailing family by the shores of Oneida Lake! Happy New Year, and see you at Borio's for the meeting!

*Ken, Commodore, Fleet 204*



## Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes December 13, 2016

Submitted by **Valerie E. Wiehl, Secretary**

The meeting was called to order by **Commodore Ken Knapp** at 7:36pm at Borio's Restaurant. . There were about 20 Fleet members in attendance. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.



Valerie Wiehl  
Fleet 204 Secretary

Commodore Knapp asked for the secretary's report. Secretary **Valerie Wiehl** 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. Minutes will be added to the forum for future months

Next **Vice Commodore Ken Knapp** asked for the Treasurer's report. Treasurer **Bill Whalen** could not attend the meeting but sent a statement that the accounts were 'about the same'. There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded and carried.



Bill Whalen  
Fleet 204 Treasurer



**Division 16 Report, Adam Atherton, Chair.** We are putting together the division schedule that will be posted online within the next week or two. We are waiting for dates for Saratoga, Schroon Lake, and a few others. **Tom** noted potential for another regatta mid-August on the St. Lawrence. North American Championships will be the weekend of June 19<sup>th</sup>, and the Mini-Mega will take place August 2<sup>nd</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>.

**Womens Report, Robin Mocarski, Women's Rep.** The Women's HCA race is a part of the Mini-Mega! Registration for the mini-mega in Wildwood, NJ in August will include tickets to the park, registration, and other amenities. In other news, **HCNAC is looking for a youth director.**



**Safety Talk, Mimi Appel, Safety is no Accident Report.** Last month, we talked about having an emergency action plan for fleet races, and that is in the works. We talked about 'check, call, care'. We will have a written safety plan by spring. The race committee chair/committee boat will have the safety action plan on the boat with them and will be able to call 911. **Mimi** spoke with Oneida County dispatcher 911, and they noted that you can text or call from a cell phone, just like you can with a landline. Make sure you listen to the dispatchers questions and answer them quickly and clearly.

**Fleet Training Report, Herb James, Coordinator.** A chalk talk was conducted at 6:30pm before the meeting. The discussion was on currents, and received a positive response from everyone in attendance. Herb also would like to look into recording some chalk talk videos in the future.



**Future Regattas:**

**Winter 2016-2017 Regattas:**

- **Tradewinds Regatta** in Islamorada, FL/Keys area – MLK weekend in January.
- **Bluster on the Bay Regatta** - St. Pete Beach, FL – MLK weekend (Jan 13, 14, 15)
- **Port Charlotte Harbor Regatta** – first weekend in February.
- **Mid Winters East** – Mid Winters East- Potentially first weekend in March.

**Summer 2017 Regattas:**

- **Hobie Cat Fleet 204 Madcatter 41** - May 19, 20, 21. We are looking to post the event sheet and sign-up page on the forum, potentially on google drive. **Ken** plans to meet with Gary Lopez from parks and invited him to our social meeting in February.
- **Hooper's Harbor** (mid-July best for them). We are invited back!
- **Toronto, Madcatter, Oswego, Schroon Lake**
- **Saratoga** in August (**Rico Quatrone** scouted it out and participated this year), **Newport, RI** all are likely to be on the schedule.
- **Fleet 295** may have a venue near the Rochester area. Mild interest, but they have not run regattas, racing events.
- **Come sail with us Day** June 10<sup>th</sup>
- **Schroon Lake** potentially June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>
- **H16 North American Championships** in South Dakota, June 19<sup>th</sup>
- **Mini-Mega** (all but H16 Opens) August 2<sup>nd</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

**Social Committee Report:**

- **Christmas Party** will be Friday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at the James' house (6819 Yacht Club Road) at 6:30. The hot tub is available. Bring a gift for the swap. BYOB. Feel free to park at the Yacht Club.
- Looking for hosts for a New Years Party.
- **Bruce** brought up the option of the Fleet attending a Syracuse Crunch hockey game.
- **Tom** suggested a rock climbing day for the fleet.
- **Robbin** is planning another dominos tournament night.
- **Ken** mentioned SailX, an interactive regatta host on your computer using a wide array of boats, and welcomes fleet members to give it a try (SailX.com).



**New and Old Business:**

- Still looking for a fleet boat, have looked at a few. We need to put away the winner, will be shrink wrapped by **Rob** for ~\$150.
- The web page is still being updated and have taken care of some spam issues and are talking about the need for a secure sign-on or an additional security measure. **Lynn** and **Rico** have been working on the Forum together as a team. Progress is being made and will continue to happen.
- **Oneida Lake Association.** **John Harmon** (Fleet 204 member and member of the OLA Board of Directors) came to talk about a professional video to promote activities on the lake. They combat water quality, management and work with the DEC. Memberships are \$5 for a year and currently there are around 2000 members.
- **Boat Show.** The boat show is coming up in February. **Bob Longo** and **Bruce Krupke** are looking for ideas and help to let them or **Rob** know. We propose to move the FEBRUARY meeting to February the 7th due to the boat show.



**20:23 pm: There was a motion to end meeting. Adjourned!**



And if you haven't done so already, please **renew your HCANA membership for 2017** -  
[www.hcanamembers.com](http://www.hcanamembers.com)  
Thanks again for supporting the Hobie Class!  
**Matt Bounds**, HCANA Membership Chair



**Membership Information Form**

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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.

**204 Play**  
**The Atherton Family**  
7888 Marina Dr.  
Bridgeport, NY 13030

**Address Service Requested**

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Next meeting is **Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>**  
at **7:30 pm** at  
**Borio's Restaurant**  
**Lakeshore Road**  
**Cicero, NY**