

Commodore's Corner



**Ken Knapp
Commodore**

January is get fit month and there were a hardy group of sailors who traveled to Bluster on the Bay to shape-up for the sailing season. I can't wait to hear more about the fun and challenges had sailing in the sunny south.

The Fleet is also working to shape-up for the upcoming Boat Show and Madcatter 41. Therese Straigis posted the Boat show sign up spreadsheet on the forum linked to goggle docs, if you have not signed up please do. The Madcatter 41 sign-up spreadsheet to do list is on our Facebook Fleet page and forum linked to google docs as well. It is hard work getting fit and that is what we do as a Fleet to prepare for the upcoming sailing season. Be sure to do your part when asked to volunteer or simply step up and sign up wherever you see fit.

Volunteering to help set up the Boat Show can keep one physically fit; but more importantly, it demonstrates a commitment to Fleet 204 and the Boat Works for all they do for us. For those who are really passionate about our sport we need additional volunteers to maintain a presence at the Fleet 204 booth ensuring our excitement for sailing becomes contagious. So come on out and show your support at the Boat Show February 16-19th and get the adrenaline flowing – maybe buy a new boat! Remember our next Fleet Meeting is the first Tuesday, February 7th to accommodate the Boat Show set up February 13-15th.

Happy New Year, and see you at at Borio's for the meeting!

Ken, Commodore, Fleet 204



**Bill Jeffers
Vice-Commodore**

Sign up for the Boat Show!

The Boat Show is Feb 16-19, 2017
We need people to help our sponsor Boat Works set up and take down their booth, and we also need people to talk to others about SAILING Hobbies!

The sign-up sheet is online – or, come to the meeting and sign up there!!

Fleet members who work the show should wear something from the Fleet 204 wardrobe selection.



Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes January 10, 2017

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

The meeting was called to order by **Commodore Ken Knapp** at 7:59pm at Borio's Restaurant. There were about 15 Fleet members in attendance (*Editorial note*: which was amazing, because the weather was horrible). 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.

Just a reminder, though – it's **JANUARY, so DUES ARE DUE!!** Please send in your dues to Bill by the end of February or pay at the next Fleet meeting. Please mail your annual Fleet dues check of only \$50 that covers everyone in your family made out to: **Hobie Cat Fleet 204** and **mail it to:** Dr. William Whalen, 8254 Honeysuckle Dr., Liverpool, NY 13090. Remember, support your Fleet and your money will gain you admission to the Labor Day Outing; it is a great deal! If you have had any changes in your mailing address or contact

information that appeared in 2016 July's newsletter, please include the changes with your dues.

Division 16 Report, Adam Atherton, Chair. Nothing to new to report

Womens Report, Robin Mocarski, Women's Rep. Robin was not in attendance. Nothing to Report



Safety Talk, Mimi Appel, Safety is no Accident Report. Mimi says be safe and don't drive to the meeting in bad weather. Mimi was not in attendance.

Fleet Training Report, Herb James, Coordinator. **Rob Jerry** did a chalk talk at 6:30pm on racing rules. If you are ever in a protest, Rob is a good reference while filling out your form. Port Charlotte has a training day Thursday before the regatta. Info is listed online. More chalk talks to come before future meetings.



Bill Whalen
Fleet 204 Treasurer



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.
 - **Ken** made a beautiful spreadsheet that he handed out to members in attendance.
 - Parks representative **Gary Lopez** will be invited to the February fleet meeting.
 - We went through the task list and began to delegate or make suggestions for who may be interested in leading a team or task.
 - Funding available for professional photographer through Chris Wessels.
 - The updated task list will be on google docs.
 - Please do not hesitate if there is something you would like to contribute to Madcatter 41!
- **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 10th
- **Schroon Lake** potentially June 18th and 19th
- **H16 North American Championships** in South Dakota, June 19th
- **Mini-Mega** (all but H16 Opens) August 2nd-11th



Social Committee Report:



• Thank you to the **James** family for the lovely Christmas party! Everyone had a great time.

• We plan to go to the crunch game and looking into using the stage with an additional \$40-\$30 a person in March. The fleet denied the idea for paying the extra money to use the stage, but still want to go to a regular hockey game. The issue will be brought up again in the February meeting.



• The fleet went rock climbing a while back, and some want to go again.

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. Tom has a potential boat for sale, reliable but needs some work (135 Merc).
- **Boat Show**
 - Set up is the 13-15 of Feb. Takedown starts at 4:30 on the 19th. An excel signup spreadsheet will be posted on the forum. Boat show details are on the fleet webpage. Please come and help in the Center of Progress building on the State Fair site. The booth needs to have fleet personnel at all times. **Bob Longo** and **Bruce Krupke** are looking for ideas and help to let them or **Rob** know.
- **Because of the Boat Show, we are moving the February Fleet meeting to the Tuesday before, up one week, it will be held on Tuesday Feb. 7th, starting at 7:30pm at Borio's.**
- 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.
- We are doing a burgee insurance program.



20:59 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

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

Next meeting is **Feb. 7th**
at **7:30 pm** at
Borio's Restaurant
Lakeshore Road
Cicero, NY