

Commodore's Corner



Ken Knapp
Commodore

Many thanks to Diane and Pat Bisesi for hosting a wonderful Christmas Party! The friends, family, food and drinks were all spectacular. It's always nice to recognize Fleet 204's accomplishments with the passing of age-old hardware awards. In the spirit of Christmas, the transferring of awards is always a heartwarming re-gifting understanding.



Bill Jeffers
Vice-Commodore

Since the December Fleet meeting, a Hobie 14 North American championships (NAC) committee has been formed and continues defining how to host the event alongside Madcatter 42. There will be details to present at the January 9th Fleet meeting. Plan to attend the Fleet Meeting to keep up attendance as some may already be on the way to Bluster on the Bay. The Fleet needs a Notice of Race completed prior to February 1st to meet the Hotline deadline. I'll need your help, so plan on attending the January Fleet Meeting! Who knows? You might find the question for the Madcatter Regatta 42 answer.



At the time of this writing Christmas and the New Year are upon us. Hopefully, a host or hostess with the mostest will post on the forum to gather us all in for some New Year cheer!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Best Regards,
Ken
Commodore, Fleet 204

Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes

Fleet meeting held on December 12, 2017

Submitted by **Theresa White, Secretary**

Well, it's summer somewhere.

We started at 8 p.m., so a little bit late. **Vice Commodore Bill Jeffers** and **Division 16 Chair Adam Atherton** were MIA. The other officers were present, along with 11 other fleet members. **Rob Jerry** started the meeting with a motion to adjourn, but **Commodore Ken Knapp** declared Rob out of order - and the meeting continued anyhow.

In honor of the oncoming holidays, we had seasonal background music to accompany the meeting.

Secretary's report – Fluff says that there were minutes. They were in the newsletter. Maybe they were on the website, too – we're not sure. People seemed ok with them as written.

Treasurer Report – Bill Whalen reports that we have money. Not much has changed in terms of the amount in our checking account (though it's a little lower because we have a party coming up)- but dues are due as of January 1.

Division 16 update - Adam sent a message to say that the schedule's all set. It will be released this week. We're not sure where they are being let loose from, or what format they're in, but we hope that they'll be on the website soon.



Women's Rep - Robbin Mocarski reported that we have set the Women's North American Championship for 2018. It will be in conjunction with the youth event (August 1,2,3). We are also thinking of a "get a woman on the tiller" or a "pro-am" as either a 1 day or 2-day event locally out of Therre's. This should be July 7 and/or 8. Details to follow. We don't know how this event could be reflected in the scoring (National or Divisional). We decided to table the discussion until our scorekeeper was present.

Safety Message - Mimi had a safety thing - but didn't start with talking about it. She thought that she'd be shhhed by **Tom**, but started talking about the Hotline instead. He didn't, and eventually she came to the point that there was a feature in this edition of the Hotline on the 2015 Dauphin Island race from a few years ago, where several sailors died. Our safety meeting from time discussed it at the time, but the article goes into much more detail than we did at the time. Essentially a hellacious storm came through. There were a series of miscommunications and a number of sailors were on the water when the storm kicked up. We discussed the best thing to do in a storm situation; stay with the boat if at all possible. **Mimi** suggests that you read the article and watch the online video about the event. Overall story:

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/racing-storm-story-mobile-bay-sailing-disaster-180963686/>

Hobie sailors: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IINluPhUel>

Your dues are due in January!!



Training Coordinator Update - Tom/Herb - A bit of *laisse faire* has allowed this portion of our meeting to slip, rather than lack of interest. **Rob** proposed that next meeting, we have a chalk at 6:30 before the meeting. Then he figured out that he'll be in Florida, so he cancelled his proposal. Then **Tom** suggested that we re-institute a once-a-month chalk talk, as we did last year. The first one will be **Jan 25**, which is a **Thursday (fleet race night)**, at **7:00 at Rob's** house. We'll start a thread for topics on the Forum.



Madcatter 42 - It's coming. According to Facebook, we've committed to the H14 NACs to be held in conjunction with our event. However, we did not put in a bid and the Division chairs did not vote to give us the event. So, nothing is official as yet. Rob proposed that a sub-committee be set up to discuss to bid for the H14s but to hold it later in the fall. It's the 50th anniversary of Hobie Cat, and we could then do it right. **Rob, Ken, and Adam** will be on the committee to investigate. It will meet a couple of times prior to the next fleet meeting and report back. **Dave Wittmer** says that a combined event would put him on the fence, with one foot on the 14s and one on the 16s. Assignment lists with budgets from last year's Madcatter were distributed. Anything that you want to sign up to do, let **Ken** know.



Future Regattas
Send dates to **Lynn Knapp** for web page - note useable formats, like .PDF

Winter regattas are coming up - go there! We've got Bluster on the Bay, St. Pete, and Port Charlotte. Mid winters are at

Davis Island after that. They are great chances to get out of the winter weather! **Bruce Krupke** and **Adam Atherton** are going to all three of the Florida regattas: **Bluster on the Bay** (Jan 13, 14, 15), **Port Charlotte** (Feb 2, 3,4), and **Davis Island**. (Mar 2, 3, 4). Why not you too?



Social Committee Updates



Christmas party! It will happen. [Editor's Note: It did, and it was fabulous!] There was a difference of opinion on **Diane's** cooking - some said "Cook, Diane, Cook!" And others said "set her free!" Diane herself would not commit to only one dish - but she did say that **Bridget**

and **Billy** were going to do the thing. Whatever that means. Just show up!



Old Business
- Film is still going, as far as we know.

New Business
Tom has been approached by

Clayton Yacht Club Grindstone Island has reached out to us to make H16s a part of their regatta. He will coordinate with **Adam** about getting this on the schedule for late August at some point. It's a beautiful sailing area, the St. Lawrence. River.



Motion to Adjourn courtesy of **Rob** and **Lynn** at 8:51!

Looking for a Sailing Instructor!

The new Family and Family and Camp Director at the Auburn YMCA and Camp Y-Owasco is looking to hire a sailing counselor for Camp Y-Owasco this coming summer. I am looking for someone who can teach sailing, and has some experience in rigging our boats.

Contact:

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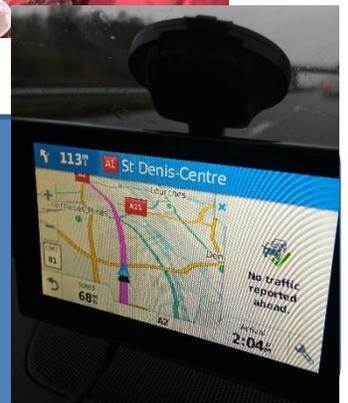
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From Bob Longo:
Guess our arrival time in Paris!?!
And the login password at hotel 20422
Hmmm





Membership Information Form

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

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

Address Service Requested

Next meeting is **Jan. 9th**
at **7:30 pm** at
Borio's Restaurant
Lakeshore Road
Cicero, NY