

## Commodore's Corner



**Ken Knapp**  
Commodore

It's true that September breezes will soon be upon us as the fleet racing on Thursday, August 17th showed clearly with steady wind and double trapping. The warm air and water was deceitful as the old commodore and crew were caught off guard with no spray jackets, lots of spray over the bow, and a cold case of the chills. The more seasoned sailors knew best and dressed for the conditions and or toughed it out; nonetheless, another great learning experience on the water – always be prepared.



**Bill Jeffers**  
Vice-Commodore

Speaking of preparations, the Labor Day Outing is rapidly approaching and we need to be prepared for all weather conditions, possible flooding, more food and drink than necessary, big bonfires, and gruel. The major players for the preparations are based on the default from last year. Long-term members knew what needed to be done and they stepped up to the task. At the last fleet meeting it was agreed to take on the previous year's roles. If you are in doubt of your assigned role, reference the spreadsheet on the forum and web page.

Be sure to join us for one of our most memorable times of year at the Chedmardo outing. Take note that on arrival, there is a new check-in shed just beyond the home on the right where we traditionally checked in. Once on-site, plan to help with shore clean-up a little bit. Bring your gloves and environmentally friendly waste bags and plan to assist with grounds clean up. With all the flooding in the area, there are lots of debris and we would like to show our good stewardship in sprucing up the place. Hope to see you all there to share stories and talk up the remaining sailing season. So bring a boat and camp with us awhile. You'll enjoy it, and if you're not careful we may even come up with a nick name for ya!

I hope that I'll also see you at the meeting!

Best Regards,

*Thumper (Ken)*

Commodore, Fleet 204



## Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes

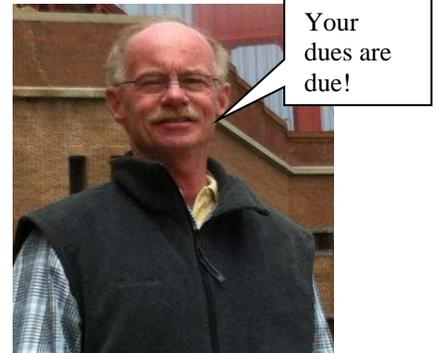
### Fleet meeting held on August 9, 2017

Submitted by Theresa White, filling in for **Valerie Wiehl, Secretary**

The meeting was called to order by **Commodore Ken Knapp** at 8:19 pm at Borio's Restaurant. There were about **22** Fleet members in attendance. Ken welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially newbies **Jordan and Maxwell**.

Commodore Knapp asked for the secretary's report, which was not in the last newsletter. Secretary **Valerie Wiehl** was not present, but we hope that she will send us the minutes from the last meeting. In the meantime, we suspect that you can basically guess what happened at that meeting!

Next **Vice Commodore Ken Knapp** asked for the Treasurer's report. Treasurer **Bill Whalen** was off "Waving" (sailing a Wave at the Mini-Mega in New Jersey) and could not attend the meeting. He sent a report saying that the accounts were "about the same as last month". If you have anything outstanding, get your bills to Bill. Also, just a reminder, **so DUES ARE DUE!!** You must be a paid fleet member (or paid guest) to attend the outing! 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 2017 July's newsletter, please include the changes with your dues.



**Division 16 Report, Adam Atherton, Chair.** Adam says that you should attend regattas. Sail early, sail often! He also said that the events for next year are becoming more clear. There will be a fall Division meeting at CMOR in Canadaigua to discuss the events and other division matters. All are welcome!

**Women's Report, Robbin Mocariski, NAHCA Women's Rep.** Robbin reported that she volunteered to serve in this position for another 3 years, bringing her full tenure to 5 years. She also said that the Women's Continal Championships were a real success (see report below), and promised to try to bring dancing to the next event.

**Safety Talk, Mimi Appel, Safety is no Accident Report.** Mimi was also off "Waving" (sailing in New Jersey), so Adam stepped in for her. He reported a tragic event that unfolded in Texas, where three boy scouts were sailing a catamaran on a small lake. There were powerlines across the lake that were hit by the sailboat's mast. All three boys were killed. The message is "always look up." Be safe have fun.

**Fleet Training Report, Herb James, Coordinator.** We're done! All of the Continental Championships have happened for this year! So, go out there and just have fun!



**Past Regattas:**

- **Hooper's Harbor.** The good news is that we can come back next year (despite what the residents say!). Since there was a bit of grumble about running across lawns, we'll put up cones, so as to protect lawns, and also try to drive the speedlimit in the future (though **Rob** says that would be impossible.) The idea of involving the residents in the race more was put forward. One suggestion was that we would have them select a boat number by random selection prior to the event. If their boat won, they'd get a prize (like a lottery). Thomas Stanley (not Korz!), who owns/runs Hooper's Harbor, requested that if the regatta made any profit, it should be given to a charity. Accordingly, we donated money for a paver brick to be made for the Hospice of Jefferson County (one of their fundraisers). The paver has a sailboat on it, to commemorate the event.



- **Women's H-16 North American Championship.** **Robbin Mocarski** reported that was a fabulous event! Twelve very competitive teams with a wide range of experience (Lynn Myers said that there was about a 100 years of combined experience on her boat!) levels came together in Sandy Hook, NJ for 3 days of double-trapped sailing (except for some of us, but we won't talk about that!). **Sue Korzeniewski and Marie Donigan** took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in this event, by only a point. **Rakel Holmes and Sharon James** took 5<sup>th</sup>, **Robbin and Fluff** took 9<sup>th</sup>, and **Julia Donigan and Erica Longo** took 11<sup>th</sup>. Nice sailing, all!



- **Hobie 14 North American Championship.** **Herb** reported on this event, which took place at the same time as the Women's NACs. He said that the breeze was good. There were hot showers, toilets, places to plug-in, cheap camping and a sea breeze. Dan Borg won it, followed by Mark Modderman. **Herb** wound up in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, though he did take a bullet (which was rewarded by the requisite shot from Tequilla Sheila!). **Billy Jeffers** took 4<sup>th</sup>, **Mark Amico** took 9<sup>th</sup> and **Dave Wittmer** took 21<sup>st</sup>. **204! 204! 204!**



**Future Regattas:**

The Division 16 Schedule is posted online, both on our website and on our Facebook Page. Check it out!!!

- **Saratoga Lake Sailing Club Summer Regatta** – August 19. Plenty of space, and they're looking for a cat presence. Three boats makes a class, and will be scored separately. There is camping there.
- **Grindstone, near Clayton. Tom Korz** reported that this is also looking to have us attend. It is also August 19.
- **CMOR at Canandaigua Yacht Club** – Sept 9 – 10. Sue Bennet's nephew, Brennan's running it this year. There's a \$20 dinner, and a fun race on the Friday night that will be followed by a rib dinner.
- **Don't forget the Division 11 and Division 12 events! See Fleet204.com for more details**

**Social Committee Report:**

The traditional **Fleet Outing** will be held as usual all Labor Day weekend on Lake Ontario at Chedmardo Campgrounds, located just south of Selkirk State Park on Rt. 3 near Pulaski or what is also called Port Ontario. The James family have arranged for us to again visit Chedmardo and the blue bowls are all set. The list of committees for the Outing is below. If you did something last year, do it again! If you have some, bring it and let Commodore Knapp know! Bring your own cup for beer, like a mug etc. We try to be sustainable!



Steamer	1	John Anderson
Beer, cooler & Ice	1	Rob Jerry
Grills	2	Pat Bisesi
Mushrooms	4 lbs	
Garlic	3 lbs	
Onion	10 lbs	
Corn	10 dozen	Billy
Salt Potatoes	50 lbs	Sharon
Butter	12 lbs	Darcy
Clams	580	Sharon
Propane		Pat Bisesi
Ice		Rob
non-alcoholic beverages	TBD	Adam
Beer Cups	TBD	
Blue Bowls/Porta Johns	2	Herb
Firewood	A lot (1.5 truckloads)	Pat, Pat, and Herb

If you are new to the Fleet, this is an event for Fleet members and family. This is in part what your dues help to pay for! We camp, sail, eat, sleep, celebrate the end of summer sailing and enjoying everyone's company. It is held for three nights, starting Friday through Labor Day Monday, no matter the weather. You don't need to sign up; just show up, pay the camping fee at the entrance office, enjoy and relax. It is a great time. Hope you can make it. Bring food to eat and share - usually a main course such as meat, salads, seafood etc. We provide clams, sweet corn, beer and beverages on Saturday night. **Just as a note for the old-timers, though, don't go to the house to pay for camping this year – go to the "store" instead.** Also, because the water level has been high, we will probably need to do clean-up both before and after the event.



#### New and Old Business:

- **Film on Oneida Lake.** Long-time fleet member and chase boat star, **John Harman**, reported that the Daeher Brothers (who own Micky's Bait Shop) were making a very high quality promotional video about Oneida Lake. He asked whether we wanted to be involved, keeping in mind that we might only have a minute or so in the finished film. The idea was enthusiastically endorsed, and all said that they would do would they could to support the enterprise.
- **Nomination for New Officers.** A call was made for officers for the coming year. **Fluff** self-nominated for the glamorous job of secretary. **Bill Whalen** was nominated to continue as treasurer (for life!), and **Mike Siau** was nominated as Commodore. We seem to be lacking in nominations for Vice (which frankly is not like 204!). Elections will be made at the September meeting.

A motion for adjournment was put forward by **Fluff** (sorry **Rob!**) and seconded by **Sharon**. **The meeting was adjourned by Commodore Knapp at 9:15.**

#### Old Fleet 204 Regatta T-Shirts! \$5 each.

Looking for painting shirts or stylish apparel at a low price? Buy an old Fleet 204 t-shirt! **Yong** is modelling one that is plentiful! Let **Bill Whalen** (Treasurer) know you want one and he'll bring it to the next meeting....



### 10 Phrases You Never Knew Came From Sailing

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When you stop to think about it... sailing is pretty amazing. From a historical perspective, through its role in travel, trade and war, it was the absolute hinge of western civilization for hundreds of years. Through that time, sailors' slang and terminology became rooted in the English lexicon and still exists profoundly to this day. Here's a list of 10 everyday phrases that you may not have realized were born in the days when sailing made the world go round... wait... is that a nautical phrase?

1. **"A clean bill of health"** According to dictionary.com this phrase derives from the days when the crew of ocean going ships might be a little less than hygienic, so they needed to present a certificate, carried by a ship, attesting to the presence or absence of infectious diseases among the ship's crew and at the port from which it has come.
2. **"Feeling Blue"** How often do you hear people talking about feeling blue or have the blues? An entire genre of music comes from this phrase. Who knew that came from the world of sailing? See-the-sea.org explains the popular phrase comes from a custom that was practiced when a ship lost its captain during a voyage. The ship would fly blue flags and have a blue band painted along her hull when she returned to port.
3. **"Pipe down"** Parents have been screaming "pipe down" to their kids forever, but where does that actually come from? Apparently, Pipe Down was the last signal from the Bosun's pipe each day, which meant lights-out, quiet down, time to go to bed.
4. **"Over a barrel"** We all know when someone has you "over a barrel" things aren't going well. This saying is used all the time these days to indicate being severely compromised, but it began in the most literal way. Sailor crew would sometimes be punished for their misgivings and that involved being tied over a cannon barrel and whipped. It's no wonder that one stuck around. Yikes.
5. **"Toe the line"** Perhaps you've been at work and your boss has scowled at you and said, "toe the line, or you're gone". If this has happened to you, we are sorry, that sounds like a horrible work environment. But, if you were wondering about the origins of his demand, it's an old naval expression that refers to a ship's crew who would be called to gather and form a line with their toes all touching a given seam (or line) of the deck planking.
6. **"By and Large"** Folks say this one all the time to refer to the big picture. "By and large, ASA is the most awesome organization in existence"...something like that. This term got started on a sailboat with the word "by" meaning into the wind and "large" meaning off the wind. So sailors would say: "By and large this ship handles quite nicely."
7. **"Loose cannon"** Everyone has known a few people who are loose cannons – unpredictable and dangerous on some level. Not surprisingly the term comes from when a ship's cannon would come loose from its lashing. The big dangerous thing would be sliding all over the place making for some uncomfortable time on deck trying to get that bad boy back in its spot.
8. **"A square meal"** People often talk about getting three "square meals" a day...what the hell is a square meal? It's actually quite simple – the wooden plates back in the days of tall ships were square.
9. **"Hand over fist"** These days this phrase usually refers to making a bunch of money, although it can refer to anything happening fast and in abundance. It comes from a more literal origin – sailors would be tugging at lines as fast as they could, hand over fist, to trim sheets and raise sails.
10. **"Son of a gun"** It's amazing that this phrase has lasted so long. Back in the day, as you might imagine, sailors were often less than virtuous and every once in a while a "lady friend" of a crewman might give birth to a child on the ship. A good spot for this sort of thing was between the guns on the gun deck. Now let's say this little rascal isn't claimed by any of the aforementioned sleazy sailors, this little grommet would sometimes be called a "son of a gun".

**Membership Information Form**

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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**  
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Next meeting is **Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>**  
at **8:00 pm** at  
**Borio's Restaurant**  
**Lakeshore Road**  
**Cicero, NY**