

## Commodore's Corner



**Ken Knapp**  
Commodore

Since the January meeting, Fleet 204 has been granted permission to host the Hobie 14 North American Championships (NAC) as a celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hobie Company (and the H-14 itself). We will continue making plans to run the event during the days prior to Madcatter 42. Many thanks to **Rob Jerry** the NAC 14 Chairperson who has been steering the committee to the A mark by proposing a budget and providing Notice of Race details. The NOR will be completed prior to this writing in order to meet the *Hobie Hotline* deadline for publication of February 1st. Please plan to attend the **February**



**Bill Jeffers**  
Vice-Commodore

6<sup>th</sup> meeting (Note: Special date this month! The first Tuesday of the month) to talk more about the event. **That meeting is one week earlier than normal to help accommodate the Boat Show set up.** There's still plenty of work to do regarding NAC 14 and Madcatter committee assignments, and the Fleet needs your help! Be sure to attend the February Fleet Meeting and volunteer to support the many important aspects of organizing and delivering two back-to-back Hobie Regattas.

The upcoming **Boat Show** and Fleet 204 also needs our support setting up and manning the Hobie booth for recruiting potential new sailors. Find the Boat Show google docs signup sheet posted on Fleet 204's Facebook page. If you do not see us at the next meeting, be sure to come out to the Fairgrounds. Help us set up sails and sign up to new guests that we'd like to welcome to the Hobie family.

For those of you off to the races at **Port Charlotte**, the best of luck with the racing, and weather. I wish you fair winds and warm air!

Best Regards,  
*Ken*  
Commodore,  
Fleet 204



## Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes

Fleet meeting held on January 9, 2018

Submitted by **Theresa White, Secretary**

Meeting called to order at 7:49 pm

*Dilly Dilly!*

All officers except **Bill Whalen** in attendance (Bill says pay your dues!). We were pleased to welcome our guest, **Mr. Mark Amico** (who says “Dilly Dilly”), and he made a baker’s dozen of attendees at the meeting.

**Motion to approve the minutes from last meeting, seconded, and approved.** All of the newsletter are now available on line (except for August meeting which may have been a secret meeting; we’re not sure, and no one is talking about it).

**Treasurer** – According to **Commodore Ken Knapp**, our finances are about the same. We aren’t 100% sure, as Treasurer **Bill Whalen** is in FL. He’s at the Bluster on the Bay, which is next week and there will be a lot of boats. Bill says to pay your dues; Ken offered to take our money in Bill’s absence.



**Adam Atherton** (Division 16 Chair) was driving to FL, so there was no Division 16 information at this meeting either. Adam made it to the regatta site just as the meeting started! Very exciting, but still no report from him other than to say “come on down and go sailing!”

**Mimi Appel** wasn’t here either (possibly taking an Uber somewhere), so we just had to say that “Safety is no Accident” and move along. Except that we didn’t. We talked more about the Dauphin Island accident, and **Bruce Krupke** knew someone who was there and had given a talk on the accident. He volunteered to have that speaker come and talk to us about it at some point in the future.

Neither **Herb James** or **Tom Korzeniewski** were in attendance to talk about training, but we did confirm our “Fleet Racing” night (Thursday Jan 25 at 7) to talk about training and have a chalk talk.

### Future Regattas

2018 Division 16 Regattas Schedule is made. First up are the regattas down south.

- Jan 13-15 - **Bluster on the Bay** (the BOB regatta) will have both regular and foiling catamarans on the same race course. Should be fun!
- Feb 2-4 - Port Charlotte
- Mar 2-4 - Davis Island
- May 16 - 20 - Madcatter (5 days worth! Oh, dear. - are our livers ready?!)



**Madcatter 42 - Rob Jerry** was our exploratory chair person for the nature of our event. What's proposed is a celebration of the 50th birthday party for Hobie Cat and the Hobie 14 by having a 3-day event prior to our regularly scheduled event. So, Hobie 14 NACs, the Stanley Cup, and then Madcatter. **The Tentative Schedule:**



- Tuesday – H14 arrivals and registration (meet at Borios or other restaurant)
- Wednesday – H 14 registration, racing, and welcome party
- Thursday – H 14 racing, Fleet 204 sail over, and Banquet at Borios
- Friday – Final day of H14 racing, Stanley's cup distance race, Madcatter registration, Hobie 14 Awards, and Madcatter welcome party
- Saturday – Madcatter registration, racing, dinner, and rum squall
- Sunday – Madcatter racing, lunch, awards

So, the upshot is that we will need LOTS of volunteers and the logistics will be a little challenging, but we think that we can do it. **Rob** and the committee put together a schedule of events and a budget. We agreed to raise the cost of Madcatter only to \$100 double-handed/\$80 single-handed - and the entire event (14s + Madcatter) to \$225. Just doing the 14s would cost \$175. We think that there should be a \$50 late fee for people who don't pre-register, and that all registration fees should include the park fee. The H-14 sailors would be able to switch to another boat (say, an H-16) for Madcatter. The small number of people in attendance thought that we should pursue this plan of action and those who weren't there mostly agreed. So, we made a motion and approved the idea.



*Dilly Dilly!*

**Bruce** asked for help with the sponsorship committee, and **Pat Caster** agreed to help him. We also approved *La Liga* (Puerto Rican relief efforts) as our official event charity.

*Dilly Dilly!*

**Social Committee - Super Bowl Party?** Feb 5. We don't know where. Those at Port Charlotte may have a remote party. **Bruce** is looking forward to watching it with **Nick** and **Laurence Libel** again this year.



### Old Business

- We're still interested in making the video with the Deaer Brothers (who own Micky's Bait Shop), but that will probably be waiting until Spring.
- Clayton Yacht Club Grindstone Island would like for H16s to be a part of their regatta. **Tom Korz** will provide more information.

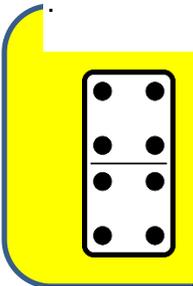
**New Business**

- **Boat Show is Feb 15 - 18.** We'll move the Feb meeting up to Feb. 6, so as to allow time to participate in Boat Show set up. Set up will Mon (late) - Wed of that same week. **Ken** will be asking **Hondo** if we can get the google doc that she set up before, so that we can fill in the volunteer sheet as much as possible prior to the next meeting. **Bob** and **Bruce** will again be setting up the fleet booth - we're hoping to set up a charity relationship with the Puerto Rico Assistance charity *La Liga* and to advertise at the Boat Show. Get ahold of **Bruce** with any new ideas for the booth.
- **Joshua Scott** - Family & Camp Y Owasco Director - needs sailing instructor. See later on in the newsletter.
- **Bruce and Patti** joined the Sailing and Power Squadron. They have taken courses in seamanship, and there are lots of other courses that are good. The Power Squadron is also apparently doing a float in the St. Patrick's Day parade



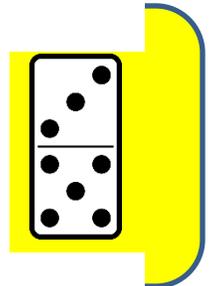
**Rob** moved for adjournment, **Bruce** seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:44.

*Dilly Dilly!*



**Oh, Domino!**

**Robbin Mocarski** says that there will be a domino tournament at her house (4920 Red Pine Road in Manlius) on **Saturday, Feb 10**. It will be a Muggins tournament and start at **6 pm**.



**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:

**Joshua Scott - Family & Camp Y-Owasco Director**

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**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.  
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**Address Service Requested**

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Next meeting is **Feb 6<sup>th</sup>**  
at **7:30 pm** at  
**Borio's Restaurant**  
**Lakeshore Road**  
**Cicero, NY**