

Commodore's Corner



**Ken Knapp
Commodore**

Hello, Fleet 204 Sailors!
Newbie Tuesdays continues to be block busters, with many new boats and newbie sailors at the helm. I believe all the slips are full at this writing. We now have four Hobie Waves now on site at Therre's – and I cannot wait to see a five or six Wave Fleet Race night!

Recent Division Points Regattas at Hooper's Harbor and the Barnegat Breezer seem to have donned Devilish winds and great results with lots of fun in between wind and waves. **Lynn**, my wife and crew, hung up a plaque at Hooper's to remind us that *Happiness Comes in Waves!* Actually, now that I think about it;

not sure if she meant keep sailing in big waves, or was the gesture a congratulatory pitch for our son **Tim** who just bought a Hobie Wave! In any case, the plaque is appropriate.

Be sure to come to the fleet meeting at Borio's for recent regatta debriefings - 8PM August 14th. The Fleet is also rallying up attendance to ensure that nominations for Commodore and other officers begin to take shape. If any of you are interested in being Commodore, or Vice Commodore (or seriously want to avoid being nominated for these positions!) please attend the meeting and/or let a fellow member know, so you will be nominated for office. Buddy up with someone and step in as Commodore and Vice Commodore as the fleet needs to fill both positions. I believe our incumbent Treasurer and Secretary are sitting on for another term and they do make life as Commodore very easy. The esteem of being Commodore is gratifying and I will vouch for that fact – and will also give a guarantee to the next Commodore that I will be a good mentor and backup at any time. **Rise to the occasion and support Fleet 204!** It is an honor and privilege to serve such an enormous group of people who represent one of the largest Hobie fleets in the nation. Take the helm and keep the wind in our sails. Guess I'll set a course and go.

*Commodore Ken,
Fleet 204*



**Bill Jeffers
Vice-Commodore**



Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes July 10, 2018

Submitted by **Fluff White, Secretary**

The Fleet Meeting started at 8:40 p.m. It was warm and windy, and Newbie Tuesday went long, so we were a bit late in getting started. **Commodore Ken** opened the meeting and **Rob Jerry** immediately moved for adjournment. It didn't get much traction, though, so the meeting continued. We had 18 members, including **Cindy, Alex, and Dave**, some of our new members.

{The meeting had a brief interlude while people ordered food and drink. Despite requests from **Bill Jeffers**, who was joining via phone, we couldn't send him a beer via drone. He was looking for a **Billy Beer**, which is apparently a Loganitas (as opposed to the stuff that Billy Carter marketed a few years back.)}

Secretary's report – **Fluffy** reported that the June minutes were in the last newsletter and were put there 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.**



Treasurer's Report - Our checking account is up a bit, and savings is holding their own. We sent out a check to the Baptist Church as a thank you for letting us use their parking lot all summer. **Schroon Lake** lake lost money, but less than it did last year. T-shirts still on the way for **Schroon Lake**. We still need you to pay your dues! 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: **Bill Whalen**, 8254 Honeysuckle Dr., Liverpool, NY 13090. (We do have a discount for those that went to Come Sail with Us Day.) Also make sure that the fleet has your correct contact information; update it when you pay your dues! **There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded and carried.**



Division 16 Chair Adam Atherton said that there is a National meeting at Navarre (NACs). He has two items for the agenda.

- He talked about the need to get Defibrillator machines on a boat at a large national event; he'll pursue that at the meeting. They are pretty fool-proof. Are there good Samaritan laws?

- Many scheduling conflicts resulted in decreased attendance. This brings up whether we need two different divisions.

Adam will discuss these items at NACs this fall. Anything else to bring up, please let **Adam** know.

Robbin Mocarski says that there are 10 teams at the Women's North American Championships at Huntington Beach in August. She has room in her condo, if anyone else wants to go at the last minute. Think about Women's Worlds in 2019 in Florida. If you ever wanted to sail with women from all around the world, this is your chance (**Bill Whalen** was really in favor, but as **Rob** pointed out, we don't have that defibrillator yet.)



Safety Report - Don't hurt yourself by holding onto the line so long. **Adam** talked about the "safety" on harnesses that needs to be removed from old ones. It will not fling you clear otherwise. **Sharon** reported that a Bravo was abandoned near Frenchman's island on Friday. **Mimi, Herb,** and **John** (Newbie sailing with **Mimi**) helped the man who had been sailing on the boat. The gentleman had to be hospitalized, but **Herb** was able to bring the boat back to Therre's marina. Lot of excitement. **Pat Caster** pointed out that if you're a beginner, stay in the baby pool, because someone can see you. Be safe, be smart, let someone know your plan, and sail with a buddy if you can.



Training Coordinator - Neither **Tom** nor **Herb** could be here, but they sent word saying that they would like us to just plain sail in the summer! A **Pro-Am** happened last weekend that was organized by **Robbin Mocarski, our National Women's Rep.** It was lightly attended, but fun and interesting. The people that took part got a lot out of it. We talked about center of resistance and center of effort. There was no crew activity, primarily because the wind came late. We talked about rigging the boat on the beach. Sailing is something that you learn sequentially, so hopefully people went up a little bit. A new sailing rule "No yelling at your spouse" was introduced. The food was delicious: Confetti salad, shrimp salad, fresh fruit. All yummy! We're hoping to set something up for the crews before NACs in September.



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Past Regatta Reports

- **Schroon Lake** was good. **Bruce** was beaten by **Ken** by at least 6 inches, so that's all we really want to say. The winds were light and shifty. Two boats were father/daughter teams on Father's day, which was nice. It was **Steve** and **Deb Whiel's** first regatta. **Rory** skippered her first race -and did well, in spite of her Dad. Two waves attended the event - **Bill** took first, and **Bill** took second. The smart, good looking **Bills**, of course. **Pat Caster** was PRO for the event. The organizers advertised the event like crazy, but it didn't get very many competitors (and none outside of our fleet), primarily because of the type of wind. Also, because of the depth of the lake, the race committee had little ability to rebound to wind changes. All in all, it was not a highly competitive race event, and not an effective recruitment tool because none of the local blood participated. Perhaps we shouldn't continue this event in the future. Maybe Saratoga instead? It could be a rebirth of Fleet 238.
- **Shore Acres** - **Robbin** went, because she wanted to sail the Division Championship. There was a lot of wind there. **Rob** said that it was 6 races that were awesome, but that the competition was a little steep



there. There were too many national champions trying to pass you! It's a bare bones event, but they did a nice job. There was lots of chop in the bay, though, from power boats. There was a guy making a video of the event, so hopefully, we'll get that.

- **Statue Race - Steve Whiel** did the race this year with his daughter **Val**. He finished it 10th out of 25 - well done!
- **Div 7 - Green Bay WI - Mimi** and **Bill Whalen** represented the fleet in the wave competition. From the entire regatta, only 2 people hit a mark but they were both from our fleet. But when the party ended, there were 2 people left, and they were from our fleet, too! It was a fun regatta, despite the stock and international versions of the wave. For \$50 they'll rent you a brand new wave for the weekend. Well worth the trip.

Future Regattas

- **The Division 16 Schedule is up-to-date on the fleet website. Come play!**
- **Hoopers Harbor** - coming in 10 days! **Ken** said that he needs to get together a race handout for the residents with respect to a chalk talk to teach them about the race. **Adam** says that he has it from the Madcatter booklet, and **Mimi** may well have it as well. We should do a Calcutta, so that the locals can watch and root for a particular boat. They can win t-shirts. No frills event. **Bill Whalen** will be registration, and he'll work with **Lynn** on this. **Sharon** will work with **Ken** on the meal. If the wind is good, perhaps we can move the Sunday cutoff time to something later. They're all set with boats. Should be a good event. Plan to attend!



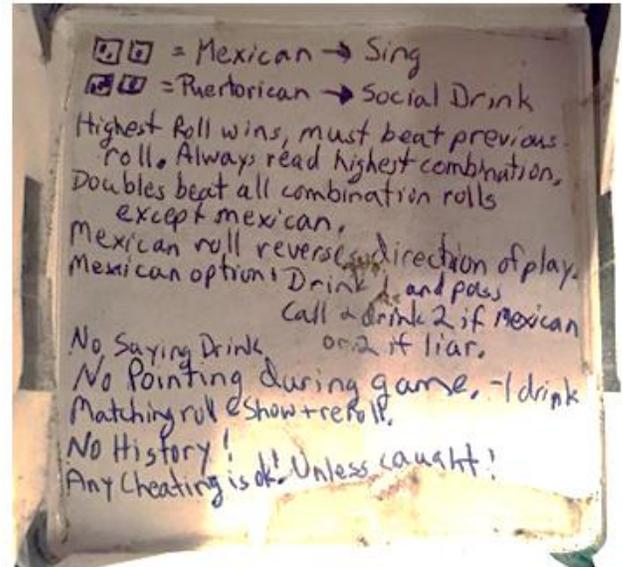
Saturday Night Bullet Shots at 2018 Hooper's Harbor
Congrats to the teams of Robbin & Bill and Rob & Darcy

- **CMOR** - please attend! It's August 25 and 26 this year.
- **Sandy Hook** - It's a great event, but in Div 11. Herb and Sharon are going.
- **Hobie 16 North American Championships** in Navarre FL [near Pensacola]. (See HCA website) Nov 2019. LOTS of 204 peeps planning to go. Why not you, too?! Let's all go and enjoy FLA!
- **WORLDS** are going to be on Captiva Island in Florida in 2019! Don't forget about Grand Masters and Masters competition. Mark your calendars!

- **Don't forget the Division 11 and Division 12 events! See Fleet204.com for more details**

Old Business

- **Newbie Tuesdays** - Best Newbie Tuesday EVER tonight (or at least this year)! We had roughly 20 people, including 3 new boats! Tonight's wind was spectacular (primo!), and we feel sorry for anyone who missed it. **Jim Proietti** had at least 10 people on his boat tonight, so it's fair to say that Newbie Tuesday is a success. Some people (with 2 teens, **Matt** and **Will**) came through from PA with their boat, specifically to sail with us. We hope that they'll come back for Madcatter. We also had people here from Endicott (many smart, good looking **Bills**, like they all are!) who came to sail with us. **Popeye** saved the day for something. At any rate, we have a lot of good movement in the Newbie range. That's why we're one of the biggest fleets in the country. Thanks to everyone who showed up - but we do need more help for the future. Thanks in advance for the rest of the summer.
- **Pay up for lot fees** at Don Thierre's. His address is 250 Chestnut St., N. Syracuse, NY 13212. We're trying to get trailers out of there for more real-estate. We also need to figure out the pavement problem, as there's a big hole in going up the driveway.



**The Outing is Coming!
Are YOU Ready?**

New Business

- **Outing** - normal time, but we need to make certain that we have Chedmardo again [we do!] about the reservation and the blue bowls.
- Start thinking about **nominations for officers**.
- **Marty Borio** was in the house, and we wanted to give him a special presentation from **Mr. Whitmer** made of boat parts as thanks for the sponsorship that Borio's Restaurant has given to us. We appreciate the support!

Rob motioned for adjournment again, but **Bob Longo** stopped us to let us know that the Bravo (from **Mimi** and **Herb's** rescue operation earlier) was already gone from Therre's.

We knew it already.

So, **Rob** and **Sharon** motioned again, and we ended at 9:46.

he next meeting of the Fleet will be **Tuesday August 14th, 8pm at Borio's**.

Be there or be Commodore!!!



**Look who dropped by
on his way to run the
Boiler Maker!
Mike Spondello**

There's Marina is Officially Full!

We can't fit any more Hobie Cats there. We have 39 boats.
Welcome to our new fleet members, and congratulations to the new boat owners!!
Here's wishing you smooth sailing!



Richard Hall, with his new Hobie Wave!



Barry Kuehl, with his new Hobie Wave!



Dan Kringer and his new (to him) Hobie 14!



Tim Knapp with his new (to him) Hobie Wave!

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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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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.

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The Atherton Family
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Next meeting is August 14th
at 8:00 pm at
Borio's Restaurant
Lakeshore Road
Cicero, NY