

Commodore's Corner



Dave Witmer, Commodore Fleet 204



Tom Korzeniewski, Vice-Commodore Fleet 204

As you read your November Fleet 204 Newsletter, Halloween is behind us. **Adam** and family will be hosting their **not-Halloween Beer-tasting Halloween fleet party** this weekend (it's **Saturday, Nov 3** at 7), and mid-term elections are coming up. (I'm not getting political, so moving on...)



[*Editor's note: Get out and VOTE!*] Thanksgiving is coming up soon. There is so much to be thankful for: We have a great fleet, comprised of many active members. We have sailed a great summer and plans are being made for upcoming events. There are the winter regattas in Florida, our 43rd Madcatter, and Hobie Worlds. That makes upcoming 2019, a great year for more Hobie sailing!

Looking back, we had a record of number of people come to Newbie Tuesdays. We have shared our passion for sailing with others who never knew how much fun sailing could be. Our

Come Sail With Us was

another success, with more people coming to try sailing as a great way to "relax" and have fun. Thanks to the people who have made these events great successes.

By now, our boats have been winterized and gear has been washed and stowed. Other boats may be kept warm and ready to go south in January. Checking out all the little parts, making sure they are good to go, makes the next sail so much easier. For some, just trading in the boat and purchasing a new one is the only way to go. (Our sponsor, Boatworks likes this philosophy!) If you are taking the boat south, be sure to check the trailer as well. Safe road trips are no accident, or inconvenience.

There is no scheduled Chalk Talk for our November meeting, but that could change. Anyone offering to lead a talk or offer topics for discussion? Last month Sue K. provided more insight and discussion on gate rounding. Thank you Sue.

Looking forward to seeing you at our November meeting.
Commodore **Dave W.**, Fleet 204



Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes October 9, 2018

Submitted by **Fluff White, Secretary**

Welcome – The meeting started at 7:34 pm. **Commodore Witmer** welcomed everyone to the meeting, and said a big “Thank you” to all who voted for him. He said that all of the faces in the room looked familiar to him. **Bill Whalen** said that he basically knew the people by their incisors. All officers were there, with a total of 19 in attendance

Secretary – Fluff says, “It was in the newsletter!” The last newsletter boasted TWO Commie corners. It’s probably a record or something. **Mimi** moved that we accept the minutes without revision, and **Barry** seconded the motion. All were in favor, with no abstentions or oppositions.

Treasurer – Bill Whalen says that we still have money. **Pat Caster** got paid for his wood, so he was happy. **Bill** said that there was a \$50 early-bird special for dues. So, get your dues for 2019 be in soon!

Division updates – Adam Atherton said that he is working on the schedule for next summer (2019). Cross your fingers, but we are hoping that Oswego will come back. The new Saratoga fleet has the form and is moving forward to become official. They are looking to host a regatta this year as well. **Tom** reports that Clayton YC is still considering it, too. Canandaigua and Hooper’s Harbor are working with **Adam** and are being very flexible about their data.

North American Women’s Rep - Robbin said no new news that is specific to Women, but **Matt Bounds** is now the NAHCA race director; **Mark Santorelli** has stepped down.

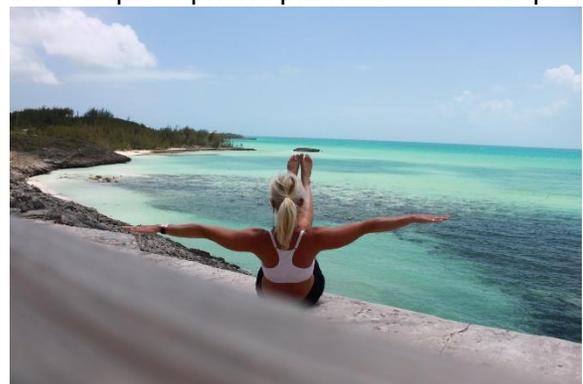
Safety Message – Mimi Apple asked that if you go sailing, especially



this time of year, when most boats are off the lake, please have a sailing float plan. A float plan lets someone else know what you’re doing, so that if you don’t come back, they can alert the authorities. This is especially in the fall or spring, when the weather can really come up quickly. If someone knows that you’re out, they can help you if you get into trouble. Sailing with a buddy (or two!) can help, too. A waterproof phone/phone case can help to maintain contact. Make sure that you have your fleet list in your contacts, so that

anyone who lives on the lake can be contacted in the case of an emergency.

Training Coordinator Update – The WORLDS are coming! Remember, your 2019 fitness workout started last week. A chalk talk on mark rounding will be tonight, given by **Susan Korz**. Thanks, **Sue!**



Past Regattas

- **Rehoboth** – **Rob** reported that, for those of you who went to the NAHCACs in Navarre, it was just like that, but not as hot. **Barry** did well, but his mast fell down (no one was hurt). There were 11 or 12 waves, and he got second. It was a nice regatta. **Bill Byrne** also went, and he wound up in 7th. **Bill Whalen** shamed **Barry** into attending the event, and was not even apologetic about it. Great spot - but the water was shallow. Mud on the clew after the de-masting!



Future Regattas

- **Bluster on the Bay** - Jan 19-21
- **Port Charlotte** Feb 1-3
- **H14 North American Championships** - March 26-28
- **Mid-Winters East** March 29 - 31
- **Madcatter 43** - May 17-19
- **H16 North American Championships BC** - Sept 16-20
- **2019 Worlds!** They're going to be in Ft. Myers/Sanibel Is. FLORIDA, Nov 1-16

Social Committee Updates

- We asked if anyone wanted to host a Halloween Party and only heard crickets. [*Editor's Note:* In response to this call, the **Atherton** family will be hosting a **not-Halloween Beer-tasting Halloween fleet party Saturday, Nov 3** at 7. Address is 7888 Marina Dr., Bridgeport, NY. Dress in costume or come as yourself, but bring beer.],
- **Christmas party** is typically the Commies' house. **Dave** will speak to the Missus.

Old Business –

- Thank you to the boat cleaning crew: **Bob Longo, Barry Keuhl, Herb and Sharon James, Mimi Appel, Adam Atherton**. Took an hour and a half, but it looked great at the end! Thank you to **Herb** for spearheading that! In the after cleaning party at Appleby's, **Mimi** talked the waitress (Liz) into coming to Newbie Tuesdays.
- We're still working about the defibrillator - **Adam** will report next meeting.

New Business -

- **Herb** made a motion that Boat Works should be compensated for care of the fleet boat (seconded by **Pat Caster**). **Rob** said that he needed \$200 for the skeg, and noted that when the lower unit was drained, there was water. He thinks that it needs another \$150 or so for the water pump that may be going at this point. We want to pay for those things, but we think that \$350 (or more, negotiated by **Dave**) also should go out to Boatworks to cover the price of storage and winterizing. **Dave, Rob, and Bill** will negotiate.



- **Madcatter 43.** It's a long way away, but will be here before we know it. In January, the FB page will be updated by **Darcie** to reflect MC43, rather than MC42. The webpage will be updated with a "Save the date". **Commodore Dave** noted that it was never too early to volunteer! **Dave** will be contacting you if you headed a committee last year. **Ken** will help with Parks and Permits, giving that **Kathy** may not be around.
- **Perpetual Trophies.** We don't have a Wave perpetual trophy for the Fleet. **Rob** thought that we should give the class one of the cups that we already have and let them polish it! We just need a new plaque for the wave. Maybe **Mike Siau** could make one up. [Editors note : When **Mimi** brought up the topic she was sure that **Barry** had won the Fleet Wave Class this season. She didn't find out that it wasn't him till half way the discussion.]
- Speaking of trophies, **Pattie Krupke** will be in charge of recovering the newbie trophy from **Chris** and **Amanda**, who moved to Florida – and who we miss a lot!
- **Fleet Race Committees.** Next year, we should assign the fleet race committee at the start of next season (basically, in April). If you can't make your date, trade it! That way, we'll



always have coverage.

- **Increasing involvement.** Membership in the Fleet should not be just be paying your dues. We need people to volunteer for committees, too! How can we help people to feel more a part of the fleet? **Adam** suggested more direct one on one situations, where we ask people directly to help with specific things. More social events? An "Inning" of summer - BBQ with sailing? Maybe move the Social meeting to get them involved - or have a second one as a mixer/happy hour in June after *Come Sail with us Day*? We'll keep considering it for the next couple of meetings.

Rob motioned to adjourn, and **Commodore Dave** declared that it was over at 8:12. But the meeting carried on, with people chatting about all sorts of things that are already described above. **Rob** motioned again at 8:31, and **Dave** declared that it was over for real.

The next meeting of the Fleet will be **Tuesday November 13 at Borio's.**



Eight Bells for **Loralee Smith**, a fleet member from the past who died far too young on October 22 of this year. Rest in Peace.

Membership Information Form

Address Information	
Last Name	Home Phone
Address	Home e-mail
Address	
City, State, Zip (Country)	
His	Hers
Name	Name
Phone	Phone
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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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Next meeting is **Nov. 13th**
at **7:30 pm** at
Borio's Restaurant
Lakeshore Road
Cicero, NY