

Commodore's Corner



**Ken Knapp
Commodore**

As of this writing, all visions are on Fleet 204's annual **Labor Day Outing**. Bring family and friends to Chedmardo Campground on the beach front and enjoy the long weekend casually sailing or simply hanging out. A mysterious orange buoy may appear on the water for those wanting to find their way to A-Mark and hone their rounding skills in preparation for the September North American Championships. There's little time for formal training so be spontaneous with time on the water!



**Bill Jeffers
Vice-Commodore**

Fleet Racing in August has been less than spectacular with light winds or no wind at all on Thursdays. September generally provides for consistent winds, but less day light. Let's make the most of what's left this season and strive for race time before some of us head out to Navarre Nationals. Keep the season alive and anticipate wind, waves and an extended warm autumn season.

The **next Fleet meeting** is pushed out to **September 18th** to accommodate the returning North American sailors. We'll be sure to have a fun filled debriefing with all the details from Navarre Florida.

Best Regards,

*Commodore Ken,
Fleet 204*



Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2018

Submitted by **Fluff White, Secretary**

Welcome – The meeting started at 8:07 pm. **Commodore Knapp** welcomed everyone to the meeting. All officers were there, except our Commodore of Vice, **Billy Jeffers**, who called in to reassure us that he was alive (and possibly drinking, but probably not kicking). Only 18 fleet members were in attendance. No new guests – it was the same old people, but we're glad they made it. **Don Bacik** was in the crowd and finally got his Madcatter thank you.

Secretary – Fluff says [of the minutes] “Read ‘em and weep. They’re in the newsletter.” There were no amendments or changes. **Pat Caster** wanted to know who wrote the rules for Mexican published in the last newsletter. **Fluff** couldn't remember who sent it to her. **Pat** asked whose handwriting it was - but no one fessed up.

Treasurer – Dr. Whalen says to pay your Bills. Especially all the good looking Bills. He says that we are a financially sound organization. Hooper's Harbor regatta made money, and we're donating the excess to the 3-Mile Bay Fire Department.



Division updates – No report. **Adam Atherton**, our Division Chair is in Europe (maybe Norway? or perhaps prison? **Sharon** thinks that it's Copenhagen)

North American Women's Rep - Robbin talked to Pat Porter at the Women's event. Navarre is a qualifier for the Worlds, and there are 10 spots that will be earned there for the semi-finals there. He's going to try to get permission to get the top few national finishers. If you want your spot, you should contact him and tell him that you want it. She's going to propose that there's no Women's North Americans next year, but a Women's Worlds instead. November 1-16 for this event - 4 days of Masters, 4 days of Grand Masters, Women, and Youth, HobieWorlds.com



*[Who knows what **Billy J.** was doing at this point – based on the sounds from the phone, perhaps he was making popcorn]*

Getting to the regatta site was a little white-knuckled, but the Women's North American Championships were great. Conditions were pleasant, but challenging. Chris Bradshaw and Nancy Kornblum won the Women's, **Robbin Mocarski and Erika Longo** got 3rd, largely due to their downwind prowess.

Safety Message – Mimi Apple gave us a succinct report on mid-summer reminders. She said



that you should watch the weather, and be aware of potential pop-up storms. Also check your boats for any wear. [**Bruce and Young** had the shroud fail last weekend, and de-masted. Check your ring dings. Fortunately, it was on Oneida, instead of another lake. So, these things will happen. It would have been a little easier to get home if they had taken the sail down, even though it was still in the water.] If you're traveling, check the pressure on your tires so that you won't break down. **Outing tips:** Fire jumping isn't fun (*this was a controversial statement*), and neither is poison ivy. If you've fallen and you can't get up, call for help.

Training Coordinator Update - Robbin filled in for **Herb** and **Tom**. She talked about a crew training thing - bring a skipper, get a skipper - but everyone felt that it was a little bit close to the NACs to do that. **Mimi** had wanted to do a Wave thing, but again, the proximity to the NACs probably precluded that. She decided to do something on the sly with the wave people.

Race Committee schedule isn't being filled up. **Herb** suggested that next year (April, when we're betting on the ice out, do it and have a chalk talk or add it to a Madcatter committee), we fill it up by random assignment that is changeable if people are busy. That way, all of the Thursdays would be full. If any other training things happen, then it will be on Facebook or the Forum. He's thinking of bringing a mark to the Outing [ooooohhh! Isn't there a "no racing" rule?!]. If one shows up, we may round it.

Past Regattas

- **Hooper's Harbor - Rob** and **Darcie** won it. They won't disclose anything. **Tom** decided that there should be a perpetual trophy for it, and brought one from home. It's a Joni Carter print (Smokin'). He presented it to Rob and Darcie at the meeting. It was their first "First Place" together. (awwww!) **Sue** proposed that we secure more chase boats for the event, if possible - especially ones that are appropriate for our type of event. **Rob** proposed that we get a committee or two to help **Ken** in organizing it so that it would grow. It's a great spot, and we want to make the event even better. We appreciate the locals there, who were very gracious to us. Wind came up, and the wind came down. The very high wind caused some of us to evaluate the risk involved - especially since it was a very shallow area. We need someone to be beach captain, to make sure of the power line and who was on the beach. [It was quiet for a while on the phone. We checked, and Bill Jeffers was not dead].
- **Barnegat Breezer - Billy Jeffers** went. He reported that he sailed with **Rory**. It was blowing roughly 20, and hooting near the end. Huge 14 fleet - but only a few finished because of the breeze. The 16 fleet was small (only 8) but the field was dense. **Mark Modderman** left his hull plugs out, and drained it on the water (he flipped the boat over on its side), which was a little amazing. **Billy** was proud of **Rory** who survived her first heavy air ever. Their high finish was a second. **Richie** and **Carol** won the event.
- **Sandy Hook** - 3 boats going to Jersey. Good wind predicted at the event.

[**Don** was leaving meeting – he tried to sneak out. **Rob** motioned for adjournment, but nobody bit. We're glad that **Don** was here anyhow. The meeting continued.]

Future Regattas

- **CMOR** - Go there! Sail! A lot of us will be there. (August 25, 26)
- **Start thinking Worlds!** They're going to be in Florida before too long!
- **Hobie 16 North American Championships** in Navarre FL [near Pensacola]. The last time we went, we were all in near-by hotels. The debriefs after racing were very good. We'll try for a similar situation - though a number of people are staying in the RV park (including the urban assault vehicle!). (See HCA website) Nov 2019. LOTS of 204 peeps planning to go. Let's all go and enjoy FLA!

NACs - Sharon doing fleet t-shirts. Custom logo will give her samples by Thursday. She'll be placing an order next week. It will say "Sail it like you stole it." She's doing a second run, in case not enough people want it. Rico asked how much it was. Sharon said that she didn't know. Rico said that he wanted one. You need to get in touch with her if you want one.

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



Social Committee Updates

Outing – see checklist below for volunteers!- **Herb** offered to help **Rob** with the beer conundrum – cans or a keg? In the end, **Rob** said that he'd figure it out. We supported **Rob** in saying that he has the ability to make the executive decision. **Bill Whalen** pointed out that we should bring the drinking cup that we got at Madcatter. **Mimi** reminded us to bring our own plates and utensils, so that we can be more environmentally sound. **Darcy** is exchanging the cost of the butter for leftover beer. **Check in is at the little store (barn) rather than the house - and get a receipt.** **Bruce** might have some wood - but he's not sure [*sounds like a personal problem*]. **Johnny** has the clam cooker.

Outing 2018 PLAN	Qty	Who	Notes
Blue Bowls	2	Herb	
Kegs & Cans	??	Rob	
Clams	580	Sharon	
Salt Potatoes	50 lb	Sharon	Comes in 50 lb bag
Corn	10 dz	Billy	Perfect amount
Butter	8 lb	Darcy	
Onion	10 lb??	Bob Longo	
Green Peppers	10 lb??	Bob Longo	
Garlic	Bulk??	Bob Longo	
Mushrooms	4 lb?	Bob Longo	
Propane/Grills		Pat Bisesi	
Wood	1.5 truckloads	Herb?	
Soda/Water		Adam	
Ice		Rob	
Left Overs?			
Guest Fees			
Park Fee/Car			
Misc – ie more ice			

New Business -

- Need Nominations for Officers. **Dave Witmer** was put up for Commie, as was **Adam** (if **Bruce** was Div Chair). **Dave Witmer** said that he would consider Vice with **Adam**. So, **Bruce** would consider Div Chair, if **Adam** took Commie. [What time is it in Copenhagen?!] **Fluffy** witnessed this deal in Hoopers. BUT the Sept meeting is when elections are held – **so be there and cast your vote!**
- We can't have a meeting at our usual time in September - because our meeting would be basically during NACs. It was therefore resolved that the **next meeting will be 9/18 because of NACs**
- **Bruce** wants to recognize that **Adam Atherton** and **Bill Whalen** passed their ASA certification. **Bill Whalen** missed the question "what is a jib" but otherwise, they did ok. **Bill Jeffers** will be joining them for the next level.
- If anyone didn't get a t-shirt from Madcatter, let **Bill Whalen** know



Fluff motioned to adjourn, and it was accepted at 9:25
 The next meeting of the Fleet will be **Tuesday Sept. 18th, 7:30pm at Borio's.**

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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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 **Sept. 18th**
at **7:30 pm** at
Borio's Restaurant
Lakeshore Road
Cicero, NY