

Commodore's Corner



Dave Witmer, Commodore Fleet 204

OK. OK! So Oneida Lake can't take a little joke. Last meeting, we put a little wager on when the lake would ice over. It was a mere eight days later that the snowmobiles were shooting across the ice. Now, the forecast is for high temps with single digit numbers, and some of them have a negative sign in front of them. It will be a cold spurt here for a while. The ice will be thick enough for anything that gets thrown onto it. It's just unfortunate that a H16 would just seem out of place sliding across the solid water.

REMINDER to all : The February Meeting will be on Tuesday the 5th. We have plans to discuss for the Boat Show and Madcatter. Please plan on attending. Cold, dark winter nights pass much easier when you are with fleet members and inside Borio's.



Tom Korzeniewski, Vice-Commodore Fleet 204

If you haven't signed up to help at the Boat Show, please do it now. We are usually important support for Boatworks with setup prior to the show. We are also import support for the take down. But even more than that, we have a chance to meet many perspective members as they cruise the show. Our Fleet 204 booth, part of Boatworks' space, is where we can talk to people interested in sailing. We answer their questions and invite them to join us for our Social Meeting, Come Sail With Us Day, or just come to a Newbie Tuesday. Any way you look at it, it is a fun way to meet people who might join the fleet.

There has been some discussion of when we will have the Social Meeting. The idea is that March is not a good time. Too far away from sailing weather. Too much to discuss for MC43. So, I am proposing the idea of having the June Fleet Meeting on Tues, the 11th, as usual, and have that be the Social Meeting. Then, Sat. the 22nd could be CSWUD. This is not uniquely my idea, but I am putting it out there for your thoughts and your input at our meeting, Feb. 5th.

World's update . . . just a few more competitors in each division. **Youth grants** are available for interested youth. Talk to **Herb J.**

Stay warm.
Think of Oneida Lake as water, not ice
See you on the 5th, at Borio's

Commodore David



Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2019

Submitted by **Fluff White, Secretary**

Welcome – The meeting started at 7:51 pm, a bit late. **Commodore Dave** and **Fluff** were the only two officers in attendance. **Commodore Dave** welcomed the 14 members who showed up to our meeting at Borios, as well as **Mark Amico** and **Bill Jeffers**, who joined by phone.

Secretary – **Fluff** says that the minutes were printed in last month's newsletter, which she and **Adam** distributed via email and print. Through his mouth was full, **Bruce Krupke** moved to accept the minutes. The minutes were accepted without prejudice, with no abstentions or oppositions.

Treasurer – **Bill Whalen** called in from Disney and said that our money was pretty much the same, except for the payment to Boat Works on the fleet boat for winterizing and other care. Dues are due. Make the Checks out to Hobie Cat Fleet 204 and mail them to **Bill Whalen** at 8254 Honeysuckle Dr., Liverpool, NY 13090 by January 31, 2019. Dues are \$50 and include you, your spouse and immediate family. Your dues helps to pay for Fleet expenses (like upcoming powerboat repairs) and gains you entry to all Fleet outings and events.



Division updates – **Adam Atherton**, our division chair, was not in the room when his report came up. We thought that perhaps he was in Disney, too, but no - he just arrived a little late. He said that you should check out the regattas that are coming up and that he's going to have the winter Division meeting soon.

North American Women's Rep - **Robbin** was at the meeting. She reported that the 2019 the Wave NACs will be in Clear Lake, Iowa June 10-12. For those of you unfamiliar with Iowa, it is the land of the amazingly high corn stalks and the tater tots casseroles. This event will likely conflict with the Alter Cup qualifiers, which will be on Hobie 14s prior to the regular Spray Beach regatta. Guess who's going? We hope that there will be many fleet members! Also, our fleet has lots of people going to the Worlds! We have roughly 22 people coming from Fleet 204 (11 skippers). Let's get some youth! Feb 1, the open division will be available for sign up. At least, we think that's the date. It was on Facebook, so it must be true.



Safety Message – Mimi was missing from the meeting. We miss her and hope that she is safe – and we will try to be safe in her absence!

Training Coordinator Update – **Rob Jerry** was here to report, but there was no chalk talk this month. **Rob** is looking for a volunteer to run one for next month. **Adam** will be in charge of the next one. Time and date to be determined.



Old Business -

- **Madcatter 43 - Dave** passed around last year's NOR, and a revision for this year. It had a catchy slogan - Come sail with me for Madcatter 43. Prices are a little different for this year - in that the event is now an all inclusive. Free camping in the corral (hook ups extra), dinner, event fee, t-shirts, beer truck, etc. If people register before May 1, they receive a \$10 discount (or avoid a late fee, depending on how you look at it. There could be an additional fee for registering on site). The NOR has to match what regatta network can do in terms of whether it's a penalty for late registration or a discount for early registration. Early = 150, Late =175. Payment must accompany registration. **Billy J.** pointed out that the youth still need to pay for dinner, even though they don't pay for registration. Social fees need to cover the meal as well. **Herb and Sharon** will be doing the Madcatter dinner - and probably using the Bull and Bear again. **Billy J.** pointed out that we need a little more communication (signage? Facebook? Email? Regatta network?) as to what people need to do to make the Parks happy for next year. Website needs to be updated to Madcatter 43. We're hoping that **Don Bacik** will be able to be our committee boat, though it is dependent upon his boat's fuel pump situation. **Ken Knapp** is handling parks and permits this year. Madcatter committee sign up was reviewed, and additional volunteers signed up.



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New Business

- **Boat Show - Feb 11-17.** The show is the 14th -17th. Mark your calendar! Feb 11 set up, The show starts on Thursday the 14th. Times for Thursday and Friday are 1-9, Saturday is 10-9, and Sunday is 10-5. **Lynn** has a Google Doc signup document for working during the Boat Show. **Rob** said that Boat Works would like help setting up and tearing down, and staffing the booth with fleet members, regardless of their sex, race, color, or creed. It's an important opportunity for the fleet to get new members. This year's show is in the new building at the fairgrounds. We're not sure how this will work, but we're hoping to get this information soon. The next meeting will be moved up to Feb 5, so that we can get information to everyone at that time.



- We had a first snowmobile on the lake pool (rather than an ice off the lake pool) because the lake is too late in freezing. Photographic evidence to **Dave Witmer** is required.



Social Committee Update

- The Camping world party happened. It was great because SU won. Thanks **Adam and Rosie!** **Rob and Darcy** said that they were not the last ones out the door, though this is a matter of some dispute.
- Open house at **Fluff and Pat's** on 1 Feb at 4. She will double check her address when printed. [Editor's Note: 224 Ridgecrest Rd. in Syracuse seems to be correct]
- **Super Bowl party** will be at **Rob and Darcy's** (6219 Diffin Road in Cicero) unless we break into **Herb's** place...Kick off is at 6:30 on February 3.
- **Madhatter party** at **Robbin and Bob's** (4920 Red Pine Road in Manlius) on May 11.

Future Regattas

We have four winter regattas in Florida this year!

- **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
- **WaterRats** – June 15-16
- **Hooper's Harbor**- July 27-28
- **Oswego** – August 17-18
- **Cats at Rats** – August 24
- **H16 North American Championships** BC - Sept 16-20
- **Ben Hur** – September 21
- **CMOR** – September 27-28
- **2019 Worlds!** They're going to be in Ft. Myers/Sanibel Is. FLORIDA, Nov 1-16
 - Masters (Nov 2-5):
 - Grand Masters (Nov 6-8):
 - Great Grand Masters (Nov 6-8):
 - Women's (Nov 6-8):
 - Youth (Nov 6-8)



At 8:56, **Rob** motioned for adjournment and **Fluff** seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Fleet will be Tuesday February 5 at Borio's.
THIS IS EARLIER THAN NORMAL!!

Membership Information Form

Address Information	
Last Name	Home Phone
Address	Home e-mail
Address	
City, State, Zip (Country)	
His	Hers
Name	Name
Phone	Phone
e-mail	e-mail

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**, 224 Ridgecrest Rd., 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.
Bridgeport, NY 13030

Address Service Requested

Next meeting is **Feb. 5th**
at **7:30 pm** at
Borio's Restaurant
Lakeshore Road
Cicero, NY