

Commodore's Corner



Dave Witmer, Commodore Fleet 204



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Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2019!

This is the year to remember. Why? Because you can make it anything you want it to be. Think of the possibilities. Sailing on sunny, warm days. Sailing on Oneida Lake, on warm, sunny days. There are many ways to enjoy sailing. You can sail solo, with a crew, or with the family. You can sail any day, on Newbie Tuesdays, on Fleet Night, or at a variety of regattas that are scheduled for this year. There has been talk of adding World Wednesday's to the schedule as well. We all enjoy the sport. We all have our way of making the most of sailing. This year we have the chance to take our sailing to a new level. Set a goal, or two, and let this year be the one where you make it your best.

The days are cold and dark for us this time of year. We know that there are brighter times ahead. The boats are stored for the winter and the gear is tucked away for now. These are the times to plan. Look at the calendar and see the opportunities that are offered. Look also to the Boat Show, in February, which will be different this year. It will be in the new Exposition (Expo) Center at the Fairgrounds. The plans are underway for our Madcatter 43 in May of this year. Many members have worked together to put this event together for many years. With every one helping in some manner, we will have another

great regatta this year.

As mentioned before, the Hobie Worlds are being held on Sanibel Island, Florida this November. It may sound a long way off in planning, but it will be here before you know it – and it will be an event to remember. It is the 22nd Worlds to be held in 50 years of Hobie sailing. It is the 5th time that a Worlds has been held in the US. This could be your opportunity of a lifetime! Currently, we have close to 20 sailors from 204 registered for the event. That is a terrific representation of our fleet in a World event. There are still openings in some classes for people to still sign up.

As you think of the days to come, see if you can challenge yourself to achieve a little bit more. Make a plan for yourself that will take you to a better level of success.

This is 2019! Make it the one to remember.

Sail on,
Commodore David



Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes December 11, 2018

Submitted by **Fluff White, Secretary**

Welcome – The meeting started at 7:46 pm – just a little bit late. **Commodore Dave** and **Fluff** were the only two officers in attendance. **Commodore Dave** welcomed the 11 members who showed up to our meeting at Borios during this very busy time of the year. It was chilly out, but we made it to the last meeting of the year. **Katie** is new, but this was her second meeting. Since she's already been to 3 parties, we think that she's not a newbie anymore! We're glad she's joined 204!

Secretary – Fluff says that the minutes were printed in last month's newsletter, which she and **Adam** distributed. **Adam Atherton** motioned to accept the minutes. (We don't know if that's ok with Robert's Rules of Order, since he's involved with the action, but we went with it.) **Bob Longo** seconded and the minutes were accepted without prejudice, with no abstentions or oppositions.

Treasurer – Bill Whalen was not present, but he told Dave that everything was pretty much the same. **Bill** also said that all Fleet members should remember to **pay your dues in January! Dues are now officially 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 power boat repairs) and gains you entry to all Fleet outings and events.



Division updates – Adam Atherton, our division chair, says that the HCA website now has a list of all of our relevant events for the coming sailing season. The big news is that Oswego is on the schedule for 2019. We are coordinating with Division 11, and 12 better for our summer regattas. The Division 16 Winter meeting will come up soon. This is probably Adam's last year as Division chair, so be thinking of whether you'd like to do this important job.



North American Women's Rep - Robbin was not at the meeting. **Bob Longo** said that there is a Women's event on the Div 11 calendar that is in Puerto Rico. It may or may not be real. We'll keep you updated.

Safety Message – Mimi was MIA from the meeting, so in her absence, let's all be safe. Sail safe. Drive safe. Check your lug nuts. Horseshoes are better than Jarts.

Training Coordinator Update – A chalk talk was given after tonight's meeting by **Rob Jerry**. It covered Major Long Distance Racing – travelling to regattas in faraway places. What do you do to get ready? How do you pre-plan?



Old Business -

- Madcatter NOR date? We don't know. Not sure whether it can go into the Hotline, because we're not sure if there will be a Hotline. We did get a web and Facebook page for Madcatter 43, which will be good as it will help people save the date. Nice job with the Facebook announcement, **Darcy** and **Mimi**! That was hard to accomplish! **Dave** and **Ken** met with Gary Lopez of the Onondaga Parks, and they've made arrangements for next year already. The cost is the same as last year, and we are back in the corral with the motor homes. **Adam** will be the beer person again. Madcatter committee sign up sheet was circulated. If you're not going to do your particular job again, let **Dave** know. **Katie** says that she's interested in doing sponsorship for next year's Madcatter. Dave also floated the idea of having a Madhatter clean the Beach event on the Saturday morning before sailing..
- **Fleet Race Committee** sign up still going around. **Dave** will assign people who sail regularly if you don't sign up.

New Business

Boat Show -We're going to be in the new building. Feb 11-17. The show is the 14th -17th. Mark your calendar! Sign ups at the next meeting - and there will be more minutes.

Rose and Adam are up for the Super Bowl party - February 3. Same weekend as the Port Charlotte Regatta.

Rob motioned for adjournment, but was summarily dismissed.

Social Committee Update

- **We need someone to host the Madhatter party!**
- Thanks to **Dave** and **Deborah Witmer** for hosting the Christmas party. If you didn't want



us to be there, you could have just said, rather than giving us the wrong address... In case you missed it, there was a little bit of an address typo error on the Notice of Party (*Editor's note: I didn't do it. It was **Dave**!*). The party was still fun – and we gave out a number of awards.



- First Place Trophy - Fleet Races - **Mike Siau**
- Second Place - Newest Boat

Owner - **Rose and Samantha Atherton**

- Third Place - Best Wave Sailor - **Mimi**
- Joni Carter Painting - Most Active Rookie - **Barry**, who received his award at the meeting.
- Backbone award - **Adam**, for just helping to keep the fleet together.



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
- **H16 North American Championships BC** - Sept 16-20
- **2019 Worlds!** They're going to be in Ft. Myers/Sanibel Is. FLORIDA, Nov 1-16 As of this meeting, the 204 members registered are
 - Masters (Nov 2-5): **Rob, Herb, Kevin, Adam**
 - Grand Masters (Nov 6-8): **Herb, Tom**
 - Great Grand Masters (Nov 6-8): **Bill W, Pat C**
 - Women's (Nov 6-8): **Sue Korz, Robbin M**
 - Youth (Nov 6-8): **NO YOUTs yet!! Where ARE you young people?!?!**

At 8:31, **Rob** motioned for adjournment and Pat C seconded.

The next meeting of the Fleet will be Tuesday January 8 at Borio's.



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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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
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Address Service Requested

Next meeting is **Jan. 8th**
at **7:30 pm** at
Borio's Restaurant
Lakeshore Road
Cicero, NY