

## Commodore's Corner



Dave Witmer, Commodore Fleet 204



Tom Korzeniewski, Vice-Commodore Fleet 204

As of today, our forecast is for temps in the mid 20's, with winds 50-75 mph and blizzard conditions up north. There are waves on Lake Ontario that could reach 28' high. That all sounds like sailing weather to me! No, not really, just kidding. Those are not safe conditions for Hobie sailing. But we'll be on the water soon anyhow. Our sailing schedule shows that we will be at the Oswego Regatta in just under 6 months from now. Our Madcatter is just 3 months from now.

I missed most of the CNY Boatshow, but was able to be there for the last day. I saw the list of volunteers who had been working the show. Thanks to all who came out and supported the fleet. We have a list of about 60 people who signed up to sail with us on a Newbie Tuesday or our Come Sail With Us day in June. Hopefully they will have a great time and join our fleet. The Boatworks display looked really great. The whole show, now in the Expo Center, was a great place to be. The building is so much bigger and brighter. The other building was full of boating dealers, boating support agencies, and for the first time, **43 NORTH MARINA** had a booth as well. I say this because that will be the new location for "Boatworks", soon to be known as **South Bay Sail and Kayak**. We, Fleet 204, have had a long standing relation with Boatworks and look forward to working with the new South Bay Sail and Kayak, which will be located at 43 NORTH MARINA. (formerly known as Trade-A-Yacht, on Oneida Lake, next to I-81 )

If you haven't heard the other news, our "Social Meeting" where we meet and greet potential members, is scheduled for June 11. This month's meeting will enjoy refreshments courtesy of **Boatworks and Steve Laffer**. That alone is a great reason to come out and enjoy some good times with good sailors.

Madcatter plans are coming along well. We are still in need of the following, **Breakfast person (Jackson?), Trophies, Tee Shirt Design, Beach Captain, (Bridget?), First Aid, Givies for registration, and Beer Meister**. If you are interested, or know of a person who can help, let me know.

We have a pool going for *Ice Off The Lake*. There are open dates for you to choose from. Who knows the winning date? Sign up at our March meeting.

Plan on being at our March meeting!

Stay warm.

Think of Oneida Lake as blue, not white

See you on the 12th, at Borio's

**Commodore David.**



## Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes February 5, 2019

Submitted by **Fluff White, Secretary**

**Welcome** – The meeting started at 7:52 pm, our typical little bit late. **Commodore Dave, Bill Whalen,** and **Fluff** were the officers in attendance. **Tom Korz**, the Commodore of Vice, was some place warmer than Syracuse. **Commodore Dave** welcomed the 14 members in the house at our meeting at Borios (including Bob Longo's **Dad and Matt Ruddy**, a newbie), 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. **Pat Caster** moved to accept the minutes, and **Adam** seconded it. The minutes were accepted without prejudice, with no abstentions or oppositions.

**Treasurer – Bill Whalen** surprised us all by showing up at a meeting. Apparently, it's raining in Killington, so no skiing. Finances are about the same. Dues are due - Bill needs money for lift tickets (kidding, of course!). Make the Checks out to Hobie Cat Fleet 204 and mail them to **Bill Whalen** at 8254 Honeysuckle Dr., Liverpool, NY 13090. 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, reported that Division 11 and Division 16 conflicts now exist for this summer, thanks to some date changes, but he's trying to work them out. HCA main page is correct for Division 16; Division 11 Facebook page is correct as well.

**North American Women's Rep - Robbin** was not at the meeting but we hope that women will sail anyhow!



**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** – **Adam** will do a chalk talk at IBU at some point this month. **Rob** will do one after the next meeting.





Old Business -

- **Madcatter 43** - **Dave** says that the NOR is good to go. It had a catchy slogan - Come sail with me for Madcatter 43. **Bruce** is still organizing sponsorship somewhat - sponsorship forms distributed - but he really doesn't want to do this any more. Big applause for the amount of work that he has done over the years. Because of an anticipated \$ reduction, we may reduce the size of the tent as a \$ savings endeavor. Other ideas are to go with a DJ for Saturday night party as another cost reduction measure. We have a couple of hotels that are giving us group rates.

**Madcatter Committees**

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Head</u>
Flyers/NOR	Dave & Rob	Booklet	Adam Atherton
Sponsorship	(by draft) Bruce Krupke	Booklet Cover	Bob Longo
Parks/Permits	Ken Knapp	Public Relations/FB	Darcie & ?
Banners and signs	Bob Longo	Insurance	Bill Walen
<b>Madhatter Race</b>			
		<b>Madhatter Party</b>	Robbin & Bob
<b>Welcome (post &amp; take down signs, boats on-off beach)</b>			
		<b>Registration</b>	Fluff & Bill W.
<b>Stanley's Cup Races</b>		<b>Friday Entertainment</b>	Rob J
<b>Friday Night Party</b>		<b>PRO</b>	
<b>Saturday Breakfast</b>			
		<b>Saturday Dinner</b>	Herb & Sharon (Bull & Bear)
<b>Saturday Entertainment / Music</b>		<b>Saturday Party (Mixers)</b>	Rob & Darcie
<b>Sunday Breakfast</b>			
		<b>Sunday Lunch</b>	
		<b>Sunday Clean-up</b>	EVERYONE
<b>Beach Captain (need 1st Aid Kit)</b>			
<b>Beer Mister</b>		<b>MC</b>	Dave W
<b>Beer Truck &amp; Permits</b>	Adam	<b>Milk/Cheese/Ice Cream</b>	Bruce K
<b>C-Fleet Mentor Program</b>	Bob Longo	<b>On-line Registration</b>	Bill W
<b>Chase Boats</b>	Pat Caster/ Kevin Walma	<b>Photo/Video</b>	
<b>Committee Boat</b>	Don Bacik	<b>Race Committee (flags, volunteers...)</b>	Billy J
<b>First Aid</b>		<b>Raffle</b>	
<b>Givies</b>		<b>Rum</b>	
<b>Theme Artwork</b>		<b>Scoring</b>	Tammy & Billy J.
<b>Jury/Protest</b>		<b>Soda &amp; Water</b>	Adam
<b>Lunches for Chase Boats &amp; Race Committee</b>		<b>Tent or Lodge Reservations/Heaters</b>	Bruce K.
<b>Marks &amp; Tackle</b>	Pat & Pat	<b>Trophies</b>	
		<b>T-Shirts</b>	



- **Boat Show** - Feb 11-17. The show is the 14th -17th. Mark your calendar! Feb 11 set up, The show starts on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup>. Times are 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. Boat Show sign up sheet was also circulated at the meeting. For setting up, 9 am Monday morning (weather dependent) in the new building. The display is simpler set up this year. Basically, put the boats down, put the signs up, off we go. But we're not 100% sure of how things will work, because everything is new this year. Call **Rob** or the store to get information if you need information - we'll get you in somehow if you volunteer.



**New Business**



- 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** was required. **Rasta Jerry** won for January 18 (though how he signed his name for that is unclear). He's going spend his \$15 winnings on a new snake toy after it got destroyed at the Super Bowl party by **Molly**.
- Since Rasta won the Ice ON the Lake, we got an Ice OFF the lake pool started! When will it be?!!

- **Kevin and Melissa Walma** have purchased the old Trade-a-yacht marina. They're renovating it, and it's now called **43 North Marina**. It has to do with the latitude (and attitude). There will be improvements that will allow Hobie launching from the site.



- **Rob** has bought **Steve Laffer** out of Boatworks. The business is moving from the location in East Syracuse to the new 43 North Marina and will be renamed **South Bay Sail and Kayak**.



- March is inopportunately timed for a social meeting - so we can't get people moving onto the water. We'd like to move it to a warmer time and use it more effectively as a recruiting tool - maybe in June or July. **Bob** moved 9 July as the social meeting, and it was seconded by **Fluf**. The motion carried. If we have a social meeting with pizza and beer on a warm summer evening, it could certainly lead to more sailing!
  
- **Membership growth** - We need to add members. **Dave** feels that we need to get more exposure for our fleet. Things like:
  - Sailing on Onondaga lake to raise awareness of our fleet. **Don Basic** will contact people that he knows in the Power squadron to contact Onondaga yacht club members to see who we need to contact to try to make it happen.
  - Another Oneida Shores sail might also be a possibility later in the season to also raise awareness.
  - Another idea is to put a boat in Destiny - **Rob** will look into the possibilities associated.
  - We need to survey to our own fleet members to see what we can do to be more inclusive.
  - **Dave** also thinks that we should have more information on the website (e.g., Grid from Facebook). We're concerned about the website platform that we're using - it seems hard to use - but also we're worried about it's level of search engine optimization. We asked **Billy J** for input, but he couldn't find his mute button. *News around the Fleet* might be another website possible section.
  - Another idea, SRC night or other company - invite on a specific Tuesday night in the summer. **Mark** suggested that we might try to get some schools or other sailors who already sail to also take a Newbie night. **Bob** suggested that prior to the social meeting might be good, so that it might act as a follow up.
  - **Rob** suggested that for every new/used boat sold to those who aren't members, 1/2 price (\$25) fleet membership paid by Boat Works. The fleet generally agreed that it was a good idea.



Newest fleet member **Matt Ruddy** buys a Hobie 16 at the boat show. He has 4 kids that are excited to go out this summer **Colin, Quin, Addie, and Christian** (Ages 6 to 12). They will be keeping their boat at Therre's.

### Social Committee Update

- **Fluff and Pat** had an open house and **Rob and Darcy** had the Super Bowl party. Both parties were fun, according to Bill Whalen, the party expert.
- Next party will be at the boat show. Come and enjoy!
- **Madhatter party** at **Robbin and Bob's** (4920 Red Pine Road in Manlius) on May 11.





**Future Regattas and Important Dates**

- **H14 North American Championships** - March 26-28
- **Mid-Winters East** March 29 - 31
- **Madcatter 43** - May 17-19
- **WaterRats** – June 15-16
- **Come Sail with us Day** is June 22. If new members join that day, we discount to \$30.
- **Newbie Tuesdays** will be **TBA**, but after June 22.
- **4th of July is a Fleet Race Night** - Sailing in the day, fleet race at night. **Pat C.** guarantees the weather.
- **Social Meeting** - July 9
- **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. **There are scholarships for YOUTH – see the website.**
  - 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 9:24, **Rob** motioned for adjournment and **Fluff** seconded. The meeting was adjourned.



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COUNTRIES



**292**  
ATHLETES



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ENTRIES



### Membership Information Form

<b>Address Information</b>	
Last Name	Home Phone
Address	Home e-mail
Address	
City, State, Zip (Country)	
<b>His</b>	<b>Hers</b>
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**

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Next meeting is **Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>**  
at **7:30 pm** at  
**Borio's Restaurant**  
**Lakeshore Road**  
**Cicero, NY**