

Commodore's Corner



Dave Witmer, Commodore Fleet 204

Here we go!!!

May is the best month of the year! Madcatter 43 is happening. Many people working on committees have put in a lot of work to make this year's regatta the kind of regatta that you will remember.

Thursday, May 16th, will be the First Official Fleet Race. We will start in South Bay at the starting line and finish on the beach at Oneida Shores Park. Friday the 17th, sailors and crew will be arriving from all over. Friday afternoon is the Stanley Cup Distance Race, for all who want to participate. Saturday and Sunday (May 18th and 19th) are the two official days of Madcatter 43.



Tom Korzeniewski, Vice-Commodore Fleet 204

Tuesday, May 7th, is our May Fleet meeting. **One week earlier than usual** due to the Madcatter schedule and preparations.

I anticipate a good turn-out for this month's meeting. Most of the details of Madcatter are set, but this is the time for everyone to get answers and check on the small stuff. Please plan on attending.

Shore Clean Up Day is set for Saturday, June 1st. Pick your shore and volunteer some time and energy to get the place looking good for the season.

Other dates down the line, First *Newbie Tuesday*, is June 18th, *Come Sail With Us Day* is June 22nd. Let's get summer started!

See you soon, at our meeting, **May 7th at Borio's, 7:30**
Commodore *David*



Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2019

Submitted by **Theresa White, Secretary**

The Fleet meeting was called to order by **Commodore Dave Witmer** at 7:47 pm at **Borio's Restaurant**. **Dave** welcomed 16 intrepid Fleet members, guests, and those who were audio connected. All officers were present (even **Bill Whalen!**) except **Tom Korz**, the Commodore of Vice, who was probably in a much warmer climate.

Secretary's Report - **Fluffy** thanked **Bruce Krupke** for acting as the *Sit-in Secretary*, then reported that the March minutes were in the newsletter that was distributed by Editor **Theresa White** and Publisher **Adam Atherton**. There weren't any changes or additions. **Rob Jerry** motioned to accept the minutes, which was seconded by **Darcie Jerry** and passed by the membership.

Treasurer Report – **Bill W.** was IN-the-house! He noted that our checking and savings accounts are about the same as in the last month. He also pointed out that dues are due; he needs money for his next trip. (LOL) Don't be shy. Pay today, why wait?! The dues are only \$50 per family. We print all your contact information in the July newsletter; if you haven't paid your dues you won't be listed or able to attend to attend Fleet social functions. **Membership is important**; please **make your check out to Hobie Cat Fleet 204, attention Bill Whalen, Treasurer 8254 Honeysuckle Dr., Liverpool, NY 13090**. Pay early and pay often. Also, please **check your contact information in the July 2018 newsletter** or if you have had any changes let Secretary **Theresa White** know. **Pat Caster** moved to accept the Treasurer's report. His motion was seconded by **Herb James**, and the motion carried.



Division 16 Report, Adam Atherton, Chair: Adam reported all the Division regatta are planned and ready to go, check out the Fleet website (Fleet204.com) and the Class website (hcanahobieclass.com) for all correct dates. In big news, **Adam** is stepping down after Madcatter. He's given the Division many years of excellent service, but now we'll need a new Div 16 Rep. **Could it be you?!** Come to the meeting and volunteer at Madcatter!

Madcatter 43 Report: Madcatter 43 Registration is now open! You register via **Regatta Network**, and there's a link on our webpage. So go ahead! Register! Let us know that you're coming. We'll keep the beer cold for you.

Katie (the Super Newbie!) has been working with **Bruce** on Sponsorship. She has been able to get support from **SOS, Wadsworth** insurance, - but she put in bids to Driver's Village, King & King architects, and Carrier, too. **Byrne brothers** will be sponsoring breakfast food, and we hope that we'll still get some support from **Dunkin'** as well. If you haven't asked anyone to sponsor us yet, please do! Madcatter Sponsorship forms are now on our website under the Madcatter link (and later in this newsletter!). We would like every Fleet member to find at least one sponsor, even a business card. Sponsorships help make our regatta so successful and financially feasible. They need to be confirmed by early May. Send all sponsorship forms to Treasurer **Bill Whalen**. Chase and Race will get a list of people with t-shirt information to **Katie** and sponsors also should be figured in.

Madcatter Committees –

The Sign Up is almost done! Don't get closed out. Put your name down today!

Committee	Head	Committee	Head
Flyers/NOR	Dave & Rob	Booklet	Adam Atherton
Sponsorship	(by draft) Bruce Krupke & Katie Kirk	Booklet Cover	Bob Longo
Parks/Permits	Ken Knapp	Public Relations/FB	Darcie & ?
Banners and signs	Bob Longo	Insurance	Bill Walen
Madhatter Race	Herb James & Tom Korz	Madhatter Party	Robbin & Bob Longo
Welcome (post & take down signs, boats on-off beach)	John Harmon (Fri) & Ken (Sat & Sun)	Registration	Fluff & Bill W.
Stanley's Cup Races	Tom Korz	Friday Entertainment	Rob J
Friday Night Party	Sharon & Jackson	PRO	Irene McNeill
Saturday Breakfast	Sean Smith	Saturday Dinner	Herb & Sharon (Bull & Bear)
Saturday Entertainment / Music	Rob	Saturday Party (Mixers)	Rob & Darcie
Sunday Breakfast	Barry K.	Sunday Lunch	Hots and Hams - cook your own
		Sunday Clean-up	EVERYONE
Beach Captain (need 1st Aid Kit)	Bridget Q	MC	Dave W
Beer Mister		Milk/Cheese/Ice Cream	Bruce K
Beer Truck & Permits	Adam	On-line Registration	Bill W
C-Fleet Mentor Program	Bob Longo	Photo/Video	
Chase Boats	Pat Caster/ Kevin Walma/ Tom Korz	Race Committee (flags, volunteers...)	Billy J
Committee Boat	Don Bacik	Raffle	
First Aid	Tammy can do Friday & Sat, - Katie will do that on Sunday	Rum	Rob & Darcie
Paper Products		Scoring	Tammy & Billy J.
Theme Artwork		Soda & Water	Adam
Jury/Protest		Tent or Lodge Reservations/Heaters	Bruce K.
Lunches for Chase Boats & Race Committee	Pattie Krupke	Trophies	Katie Kirk & Dave Witmer
Marks & Tackle	Pat & Pat	T-Shirts	Katie Kirk

- **Stanley's Cup Guest speaker** = Tom talking about getting ready for Worlds
- **No givies** this year – just cups and t-shirts.
- Need **Beermeister** - Bring your own cup! **Rob** will try to get some more from Hobie. Promote reuse and recycle.
- **Dinner** - we'll need help for **desserts**.

Old Business

- **Membership growth** - We need to add members. **Commodore Witmer** discussed how we can get more membership growth. Should we have a Fleet sail around on Onondaga Lake? Sponsor a display a boat at Destiny, or how about a sail over to Oneida Shores County Park? Tom is working on talking to people at Onondaga lake, but we haven't pursued the rests yet.
- The idea of a **Fleet survey** was discussed. Bruce has completed the design, and it will be sent to you soon. We'll report the findings when completed and calculated.
- **Fleet membership and Guest Events**
 - **Bruce Krupke and Bob Longo** will co-chair the *Come Sail With Us Day* which will be Saturday June 22, 10-4pm.
 - They also noted our Newbie Tuesdays will start on June 18 at 6pm and go through the last Tuesday in August. We'll need Fleet skippers to volunteer to help out. You are invited to bring friends and give them an introduction to Hobie Cat sailing.
- **YOUTH WANTED!!** We are looking for youth sailors for the Hobie Worlds this November. If you are interested contact **Commodore Dave Witmer** and or **Mike Siau** for financial assistance.



New Business

- The annual Ice Off Lake contest (not to be confused with the Ice ON the Lake contest) was held. Officially **Pat Caster** would be the judge but he was in FLA, so Sharon (Queen) James stepped up to call it. April 5 was the date. And this year's winner is **__Rasta Jerry** - who also won the Ice ON the lake pool! This means that Rasta is one lucky dog. It also means that the lake is now open for sailing - so get your boats ready!
- **Equipment Re-allocation on 4th of July** - Bring in your "used" gear and equipment. Let them be good for others! Newbie swap
- **Fleet Race sign up sheet** – this year, as you recall, we decided to have the fleet races organized in advance. We have the list of dates that people signed up for in this newsletter and online. If you can't make it, find someone to take your spot!
- **Join the Oneida Lake association** - The annual meeting is 1 May at Gillette Road Middle school



Social Committee Update

- **Madhatter party at Robbin and Bob's** (4920 Red Pine Road in Manlius) at 7 on May 11. Wear a hat or come naked (and we'd really prefer you to wear a hat!)



Past Regattas

Herb reported that the **H14 NACs** were combined with **Midwinters** at Clearwater sailing. He said that it was an awesome place. A really nice club. For \$500 per year membership, you can check out and sail any of their boats (including some trap-seat accessible boats). Div 8 did a great job – there were 26 H14s competing. It was light air the first day, so the race was on the outside course with big waves. **Herb** got 2 bullets – and was so excited that he couldn't sleep that night. The next day was heavy air, so the race was on the inside course, with shoals - and **Herb's** fortunes were not as good. Third day, not as heavy air, so the outside course was used, with waves - lots of surfing. First place went to Dan Borg, 2nd to Nick Libel, 3rd Matt Bounds, 4th **Herb James**, 5th Mark Ralph. **Billy J, Susan K, and Mark Amico** were also in the mix. **MWE** was the same venue later that week. Day 4 for **Herb** - he was taking vitamin I (ibuprofen) in excess at that point - the weather was light again. **Herb** was on the weather mark. It was obvious that **Tommy** and **Karen** would do well. Next day, weather was similar, with waves - and no racing the last day. **Tom & Karen** won it. **Pappy** observed, though, that across the fleet there, suicide port at A was a very low percentage move.



Future Regattas and Important Dates

Check out the Fleet site for all future regatta dates and locations, plan now to travel to regattas this summer!

- **Gunpowder regatta** May 4,5 Chase MD. Div.11
- **Madhatter racing/training** - on Sat. May 11; we usually start after lunch on Oneida Lake out of our marinas.
- **Madcatter 43** - May 17-19
- **SHORE CLEAN UP** – 1 June. Therre's and Caster's need a little love.
- **Spray Beach** – June 7-9- The Alter Cup will be during this regatta.
- **Wave NACs** June 10-12 Lake Clear IA
- **WaterRats** – June 15-16
- **Come Sail with us Day** is June 22. If new members join that day, they get a special price. We discount to \$30! A real bargain.
- **Newbie Tuesdays** will be June 25 (we said the 18th in the meeting, but it needs to be after Come Sail with Us Day, above)
- **4th of July is a Fleet Race Night** - Sailing in the day, fleet race at night.
- **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)

Chalk talk. Well, it got too late. We'll try again another time.

Safety Talk - Mimi Appel. Safety is no accident! Did you know that your VHF radio can be used as a tracking device? To the best of my knowledge, all marine band radios made in the last 15 years have Digital Selective Calling (DSC). Handheld VHF's have DSC also, according to the author of the article below.



<https://mariovittone.com/2019/03/you-own-it-it-can-save-your-life-and-you-dont-know-how-to-use-it/>

In order to use Digital Selective Calling one must register for a Maritime Mobile Service Identification number. One way to do this is through membership in BoatUS.

<https://www.boatus.com/mmsi>

I choose this route because I also wanted Boat US trailer towing service. \$36.00

<https://www.boatus.com/membership/>

John Harmon also had information on how to get a MMSI number through the Oneida Lake Association

<https://www.boatus.com/membership/>



The registration process is a tad time consuming, but "If your boat has a radio, chances are you have the the ability to – with the push of a few buttons – tell the Coast Guard who you are, the name of your vessel, your exact location, and the nature of the emergency you are having while simultaneously sending a distress message to every other vessel within line of sight." Pretty cool.

Training Coordinator Update – it got too late for this meeting. We'll try again another time.



Next Meeting is a week EARLY - on May 7th , 2019 7:30 pm

Motion to adjourn made by **Fluff**, which was seconded by **Herb**. Commodore **Witmer** declared the meeting closed at 9:14pm

2019 Race Committee Sign - Up

<u>Date</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Wind</u>
May16-Sail to O'Shores		
May 23	Adam A.	
May 30	Billy J.	
June 6	Bob L.	
June 13	Richard H.	
June 20	Mr. W	
June 27	Bruce and Pattie	
** July4th **	Pat C.	Katie K.
July 11	Tom K.	
July 18	Ken and Lynn	
July 25	Herb + Sharon	
August 1	Sue K.	
August 8	Mike S.	
August 15	Kevin W.	
August 22	Rob J.	
August 29	Robbin M.	
	Matthew S.	
	Mimi A.	
	Rico Q.	
	Steve W.	

You are responsible for the date next to your name.

If it turns out that your date won't work for you, you can trade it or find someone, not already signed up, to take your place.

Take the Survey

All Fleet members will be emailed a survey soon. The goal will be to get member input and insight as to what the Fleet does and provides. We'll summarize the results and share them at the June Fleet meeting. We'd like for you also to forward the email survey to your spouse or significant other and for you to ask them to take it as well, so long as they have any participation with the Fleet. We are always trying to help the Fleet grow and be the best it can be for all members. We want to make sure that we are headed in the right direction. Your input on this survey will help accomplish this goal. Thanks for giving us your feedback!



Be a Madcatter Sailing Regatta Sponsor in 2019

43rd Annual Hobie Cat Fleet 204 Madcatter Sailing Regatta Sponsor Form

It all started in 1976 and continues in 2019. From May 17-19 you are invited to support 43 years of Hobie Cat Fleet 204 Madcatter Sailing Regattas. Over 100 top sailors from across the region and nation along with hundreds of spectators will participate in this very competitive sailing regatta at Oneida Shores County Park, Brewerton, NY. Create exposure for your business or service and be part of the excitement and fun as a Sponsor of this great event. As a sponsor you'll have the opportunity to receive a variety of advertising publicity for your support. To be part of this opportunity fill out the information below with payment and mail it back to us by Friday May 3rd with your camera ready advertisement, business card and or business logo.

FULL SPONSOR \$300 INCLUDES
 Full Page 8 1/2" x 11" Race Program Ad,
 1 Boat Hull Sticker, t-shirt logo
 Banner Logo, Sponsor Sign Logo
 2-Spectator Sponsor Invites

MADCATTER 43 MAIN SPONSOR
 \$1,000 - INCLUDES
 Race Program Full Page Ad, 2 Boat Hull Stickers
 Individual Logo Ad Banner
 4 Spectator Passes to All Events
 T-Shirt Logo, 5 Public Announcement Mentions

RACE PROGRAM SPONSORS
 Half Page Advertisement - \$145
 Quarter Page Advertisement - \$75
 Business Card - \$45
 Includes name on sponsor signs

Race Program Ad sizes: Full Pg. Program Ad 8 1/2" x 11", Half Pg. Program Ad 8 1/2" x 5 1/2", Qtr. Pg. Program Ad 4 1/4" x 5"
 (Need help in creating your ad, no problem let us know, we'll help!)

Please Print Clearly:

Business/Company Name _____

Your Name _____ Title _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Please Check the Sponsorship(s) you would like:

_____ Madcatter Main Sponsor _____ Full Page _____ Half Page _____ Quarter Pg. _____ Bus. Card

_____ Yes, I'd like to attend the Friday night and or Saturday night dinner party, contact me with details.

_____ Yes, I have promotional items to add to the racer give bags, contact me to make arrangements for delivery.

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Please make Checks Payable to Hobie Cat Fleet 204 Deadline is Friday May 3

Mail this form and check to: Dr. Bill Whalen, Treasurer, Fleet 204 Sponsor, 8254 Honeysuckle Dr., Liverpool, NY 13090

If you would like to make pay by credit card, please email or call Bruce Krupke to arrange payment, 315-427-1719.

Please include your camera-ready artwork, logo or business card for printing. Provide high resolution digital photography, graphics and logos by e-mail to: bwk@celebrationband.com For more information regarding the race, publicity opportunities or if you want to participate other ways contact: Visit our website for more Information at: www.fleet204.com Thank you very much!





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