

Commodore's Corner



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It's July, and the summer sailing season is on. We just celebrated solstice, which has the most daylight of the year. The day before, we had our fleet night, and what a blast! Great wind, big sun, 10+ boats, and 4 races, it doesn't get much better than that. The first was a one lap, the next three were twice around. Those races were about 20 min.

Besides fleet races, we held our *Come Sail With Us Day*. Again, the weather was perfect. It was warm, sunny and good wind to move our guests across the water. We had about 25 people come and try sailing. This year's group were a bit younger than years past. We are hoping they come back with Newbie Tuesdays or as crew for Thursday races. Thank you to our cooks, skippers, and ground support personnel; it was a great day!

This month's meeting (**July 9**) is our long anticipated **Social Meeting**. We have it scheduled for a better time of the year. We will meet at **Borio's at 7 pm** in the downstairs room. There will be refreshments for all! Plan on attending.

The **4th of July** is on Thursday for this year. It may have passed by the time this newsletter gets out, but the plans are for a fun afternoon of sailing and socializing afterwards. **Fleet races will start at 1 pm that day, instead of 6 because of increase lake power boat traffic**. Rumor has it there will be a special appearance of an out-of-state PRO, and fireworks will be all over the lake that evening.

Don't forget that there are regattas just about every weekend all summer long. Madcatter has been our signature event, but keep Hooper's Harbor, July 27-28, another 204 sponsored event, on your schedule. Hoopers is a less formal, more kicked back and sail regatta. They offer a great venue;

this is the third time we have had a "Hooper's" event. Three weeks after that, Fleet 204 will be back at Oswego for our third time. We missed last year, but the plans are made and we will be sailing on another part of Lake Ontario, August 17-18. Don't forget CMOR in early Sept. (7-8).

The survey that was taken recently showed two big responses. One, people join our fleet to learn to sail better, and two, people join us to meet new friends. Sailing on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or at Regattas will help improve your skills, and as the sailing ends, the socializing with new friends begins. I see it as a win-win for all our members.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our **July 9th Social Meeting that starts at 7:00 pm at Borio's**.

Commodore David



Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2019

Submitted by **Theresa White, Secretary**

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 pm at **Borio's Restaurant**. **Commodore Dave Witmer** and the **Secretary** were the officers present. We hear that our **Treasurer Bill Whalen** and the **Commodore of Vice Tom Korz** were off vacationing again. **Commodore Dave** welcomed the 23 members present (even **Hondo** was in the house!) and audio connected.

Secretary Report – Fluffy reported that last month's minutes were sent by newsletter that was distributed by Editor **Theresa White** and Publisher **Adam Atherton**. There were no changes or additions. **Dave** suggested that pictures of the Commodore hitting a mark shouldn't be in the newsletter, but he was generally over-ruled.



Treasurer Report – Bill W. says that we have money in both checking and savings. We are lucky in that Madcatter managed to cover the repairs of the fleet boat – but dues are still due. 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, we also have burgees for sale (\$30).

Mike Siau moved that we accept both the Treasurer and Secretary's reports. **Herb James** seconded. The motion carried, and both reports were accepted and filed.

Division Updates-

- **Adam** is soon to be **former** HCA Division 16 Rep. We really need someone to take over and represent Division 16 at the AGM (National Level). There was much discussion about this and two people, **Bob Longo** and **Mike Siau**, were nominated. No one accepted the nomination, but both agreed to think about it.
- **Adam** says that Sept 14-19, 2020 will be the H16 NACs next year.
- **Robbin Mocarski-Longo – HCA Woman's Rep** – No report this time.



Old Business –

- **Madcatter 43**- Done, Complete, ready for #44! Receipts to **Bill W.** – and if you didn't get a Sport-Tech t-shirt, contact **Katie Kirk**. **Commodore Dave** thanked everyone for a great event. He asked that if anyone still had Madcatter receipts, get them to **Bill** ASAP. **Katie** and **Bruce** will do the follow up with sponsors to make sure that people get letters, pictures, and t-shirts to them.



- **Come Sail With Us** – Coming up June 22! **Gabe Longo** is graduating that day (*Congrats!*) so **Bob** and **Robbin** won't be there, but **Bruce** and **Patty** have it covered. The event will be held at Therre's, starting at 10 to help set things up. If you're coming, bring a desert or dish to pass; we'll have burgers and dogs. And milk - we know people. Skippers, get your boats rigged ASAP so that we can get people on the water as soon as possible. That day, new members join for \$30. One day special! [Editor's Note: Popeye did a great job of making some pictures from that day into a video – check it out!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9WE84rbH0U&feature=youtu.be>]
- **Newbie Tuesdays** – Start on June 18th - the people are knocking at the door already. We need skippers and people to help with that, too.
- **Fleet Social Meeting** is set for "July 9th" – no Newbie Tuesday that day. Start time **7:00 p.m.** There will be food and drink, **Bob** has agreed to do a little presentation on the fleet.
- **Safety Update** – Review of Madcatter 43. Sailing can be a dangerous sport. A tent caught on fire by accident. **Mimi** wasn't at the meeting, but we carried out the **Check, Call, Care**. It helped to make a bad situation as good as possible. The accident was preventable, though - LED flashlights would be great in the future! If there's another safety tip out of all this, invest in small fire extinguishers. In other safety tips (from Adam), keep the tools on the passenger side of the motor home so that you can get them if you're broken down on the side of the road.
- **Fleet Boat** became disabled during Madcatter. It's been fixed at this point, and now it's good to go.
- **Adam** has the fleet printer. He's been holding it as he is the printer of the booklet. It needs a new home. Let him know if you can take it.
- **YOUTH WANTED!!** We are looking for young sailors who want to compete in the the Hobie Worlds this November. If you are interested contact **Commodore Dave Witmer** and or **Mike Siau** for financial assistance.



New Business –

- **Fleet Survey** – **Bruce** conducted a 10-item survey to try to get a handle on how to grow the fleet. He thanked the 37 people who took it. He shared results from a few of the questions. People said that they first joined fleet 204 to become better sailors – but the main reason that people stayed as a fleet member was to hang with friends. You can find a link to the results here: https://nedairyfoods.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Fleet-204-survey-Data_All_190625.pdf
- **Sheriff's camp** - **Bill Jeffers** is looking for volunteers to help put the boats together for this camp on Keuka Lake. They have older Hobie 16s, and they're looking for help – this



Sat, June 15th They need people starting at 9 am, hopefully with a pair of pliers and a screwdriver. The camp will provide lunch for the volunteers. **Bob and Bruce** put forward a motion to pay for pieces that the boats may need from SBSAK, up to \$100. Thank you very much!

- **July 4th** is a Thursday. We'll move the fleet race to 1 pm first shape. We'll chill and grill and enjoy fireworks afterwards.
- **Herb** was approached by Lakeshore Yacht club. They were wondering if there was anything that they could do to get us to their new facility. We'll discuss this at a later date.

Past Regatta Updates / Reports –

- **Spray Beach Yacht Club** June 8,9 Div. 11 (**Billy** 5th). The first excitement was that **Billy** and **Rory** got to pick up **Diane** on the side of the road. **Adam's** motor home broke down, with some sort of fuel pump problem. Three races on Saturday at 17 knots, and Sunday was a bit more wind (with two races). Great place to stay and sail. Good food and nice people. RV friendly. Pig roast on Saturday – equivalent to the Madcatter in fun.
- **Wave NAC** June 10-12 Lake Clear IA is still going on. There were 19 competitors, and right now **Barry** is in 12th, and **Mimi** is in 15th
- **U.S. Multi Hull Championship** (**Herb** 3rd) Kudos to **Matt Bounds** for winning the event – Nick Libel and Mark Ralph were also outstanding. **Billy** said that he'd never seen so many flipped over Hobie 14s on Saturday. **Herb** said that he was upside down at A mark. **Billy** said that there were so many boat break downs on Saturday that they stopped sailing early. A wave came in with no mast and upside down after they had been on shore for an hour and a half. There were 40 volunteers on the water, though, so there was a great deal of support.



Future Regattas and Important Dates

This is a date corrected list! Check out the Fleet site for all future regatta dates and locations. Plan now to travel to regattas this summer!

- **4th of July is a Fleet Race Night – Fleet Race in the day (STARTING AT 1 PM)**, party, grill, and chill at night.
- **Fleet Social Meeting** - July 9
- **Hooper's Harbor**- July 27-28 (bring a dish to pass – but there's a band!),
- **Oswego** – August 17-18
- **Cats at Rats** – August 24-25
- **H16/H20 North American Championships** BC - Sept 16-20
- **Ben Hur** – September 21-22
- **CMOR** – September 7-8
- **60th Roton Point Multihull Regatta** Sept 13, 14 & 15 (Friday is optional)
- **2019 Worlds!** 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)



Training Coordinator Update – Herb said that if you want to get better, go to regattas. We'll get more serious in July and August.

Social Committee Updates –

- **MadHATTER Party** results – Many thanks to **Bob** and **Robbin** for hosting. No one won the party, but if there was an award for hats, **Lynn** would have won it for her Goofy hat
- **Shore clean-ups** went well at both Therre's and Pappy's. Mowing and general clean-up have made both places look much better.
- **GRAND OPENING** of **South Bay Sail and Kayak** and **43 North Marina**. Great event! We thank **Kevin and Melissa Walma** and **Rob and Darcy Jerry** and wish them the best in their new businesses.
- **July 4th party and Equipment Re-allocation** - Fleet race, then party! Also, bring in your "used" gear and equipment to sell or trade with others!
- **July 12th, party at Rosie and Adam's** – the last hurrah before Florida. We'll miss you guys, but are happy that we'll be able to toast you before you go!

Rob moved to adjourn (what a surprise!), and was second by **Adam**. Commodore **Witmer** ended the meeting at 9:48.

[Next Meeting is the SOCIAL MEETING - July 9th , 2019 - Time – 7:00 p.m., Borio's Downstairs](#)

Want to Grow Fleet 204? We Need YOU!!

Newbie Tuesdays begin on June 18th, we start at 6pm. If you can skipper, please be sure to respond on Mondays on our Fleet Forum page. We'll start a posting on Sundays or earlier for each week's Newbie Tuesday asking for any one who wants to participate to RSVP so we can get a good head count and how many skippers we can use each week! We won't have Newbie Tuesday on July 10th, this is our Fleet's social meeting and instead we'll ask Newbies to join us at Borio's for some good food, drink and sailing talk! The last Newbie Tuesday will be August 27th.

2019 Race Committee Sign - Up

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Who</u> | |
|----------------|------------------|----------|
| June 27 | Bruce and Pattie | |
| ** July 4th ** | 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. | |



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.



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Membership Summary

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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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