

Commodore's Corner



Dave Witmer, Commodore Fleet 204



Tom Korzeniewski, Vice-Commodore Fleet 204

September is the month for change. Children are going to school for another year. Labor Day has come and gone. Another Outing is in the books with stories to tell for next year. The change from summer to fall is not visible, yet, but some of us are packing up the boat for the winter. Others, especially this year, are looking for as many days as possible to keep sailing. They're spending extra time on the water, training for the upcoming World Championship in Florida in November.

Our Newbie Tuesday program has concluded for the season. If you participated in any part of it during this year, thank you. This is our program to promote sailing and Hobie sailing in particular. It is an excellent way to meet new people and possibly have them decided to join the fleet. My thanks go out to **Bob** and **Bruce** for their coordination of the program.

Since last meeting, we have had several regattas that our members have attended. Oswego was one of them. It was a great time for those that made it. Saturday weather was poor, one race before called off by an incoming storm. Sunday was different. Lots of wind, shifty, and great set of 4 races, or was that 5. It was a well run event thanks to **Tom** and **Sue Korz** our PROs.



This month's meeting will be a chance for members to step up and take their turn as leaders for our Fleet. Officers will be nominated and actual voting will be at our October meeting. There have been many different individuals who have stepped up in the past; there are others who could take on a leadership role for the first time. If you haven't been an officer, (or not recently) , consider the opportunity and get involved.

Sail on,

Commodore David



New Master of the Printer Wanted!

Duties: Store the printer. Print a few monthly newsletters and mail them out (currently on hold) and print the Madcatter booklet

The Fleet provides supplies (printer, paper, postage and ink).

Can you help?

Contact: **Dave Witmer** davidwitmer@earthlink.net or **Bill Whalen** Bill204204@yahoo.com

Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2019

Submitted by **Theresa White, Secretary**

At 8:14 p.m. at **Borio's Restaurant**, **Commodore Dave Witmer** welcomed the 24 attendees, including 3/4 officers. There were guests and newbies among us, fresh from Newbie Tuesday sailing: **Kyle Roberts** (proud new H16 owner), **Andrew** (who sailed with **Bruce Krupke** and **Bill Whalen**), **Michelle** (who went for her first sail tonight with **Bruce**), **Stoya** (who went for his first sail tonight - and he's alive thanks to **Bob**) and **Ryan** (not really that new newbie, but we're still glad to see ya). Thank you all for coming to our meeting.

Secretary Report – Fluffy reported that last month's minutes were sent by newsletter. We explained to the newbies that when you become a member, the newsletter will come to your email inbox. **Pat Caster** and **Sharon James** (two of the three birthday triplets) moved to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter. All present said "aayyy!"

Treasurer Report – Bill Whalen says that he has lots of money. Since his mortgage payment, he still has enough to pay for the Outing (the joke that never gets old). **Katie** moved to accept the report and **Ken Knapp** seconded it. All present said "aayyy!" again. You'd think we were pirates or something. Anyhow, even though we have money in the account, you should still pay your dues, if you haven't already. The dues are only \$50 per family. **Membership is important; please make your check out to Hobie Cat Fleet 204, and mail it to the attention of Bill Whalen, Treasurer, 8254 Honeysuckle Dr., Liverpool, NY 13090.**

Division Updates-

- **Ken Knapp** was nominated for Division Chair and didn't say "no" fast enough. He was elected at Hooper's Harbor. Thank you for serving, **Ken!** He reported that he's learning the ropes, and getting to know what's happening. He reminded everyone that Oswego and Canandaigua regattas are coming up.
- **Robbin MocarSKI-Longo – HCA Woman's Rep** – Robbin says go sailing, Ladies!



Old Business –

- **Newbie Tuesdays** – All summer long! This opportunity for people to sail is still going on; a total of 8 boats and 12 new people sailed tonight. Thanks to all those who showed up. Newbie Tuesday will continue until August 28.
- We made the donation to **Lakeside Baptist** that was agreed on last meeting. We are grateful that they let us use the parking lot.
- **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 –

- **Andrew** attended our meeting. He works for the **NY State Sherriff's Association Camp** for at-risk children 8 to 12 years old. Roughly 200 kids learned to sail there this summer. Their biggest program is their sailing program. They have 9 ancient H16s, 5 H14s, and a couple of older boats from before 1983 or older. While we helped them get the boats together in the spring, in many cases, they're down pontoons and parts. They're looking for parts and the donation of any boats they can get. They have a list of parts that they need. We're looking to help them again in the future.
- **Adam** had been holding on to the fleet printer, but Bill Whalen now has it. We need someone to house it. The printer really is only used for the booklet at Madcatter and a very few newsletters. Should we eliminate those newsletters? We are also currently debating whether to have a printed booklet or just go 100% online or some compromise between those 2 choices. Sharon proposed that we might get rid of the booklet. Both **Katie** and **Bruce** said that it wouldn't damage sponsorship. Rob suggested that we table this and talk about it with the sponsorship committee in more detail because our sponsorship is based on ad sizes that are based on the booklet. It would save us money and time if we didn't need to print the booklet. We decided to table it for a little while, but it will come up at a future meeting. We kept talking but then tabled the motion for real.
- **Next meeting, nominations, then at the October meeting, elections.**

Past Regatta Updates / Reports –

- **Hooper's Harbor.** **Dave Witmer** said it was a great event on Saturday, and it got better on Sunday with **Mike and Hondo's** spectacular pitch pole in the harbor. The race committee couldn't anchor, as a result, and they cancelled Sunday's racing. Seven boats still sailed (plus two waves) on Sunday. **Hondo** asked about how we could compensate for the difficulty with committee boats next year. **Pat Caster** cautioned that we need to be careful about overextending the fleet resources. We agreed to discuss the situation more over the winter. **Darcy** asked about getting reimbursed for the frame for the perpetual trophy for Hooper's, which the Fleet agreed to do. **Ken** also has lots of receipts for **Bill**. **Ken** also said that people there were asking for a fee for the party barn for next year. That could render the venue too expensive. We should ponder that for the next 12 months.

**Future Regattas and Important Dates**

- **Outing** - Next meeting is after the outing. So, we're planning it tonight. **Herb** arranged with Chedmardo and we have the site. (Thank you!) They're dropping off wood for us, too. **Herb** did the blue bowls, too. **Hondo** would appreciate the quantities, but she will fill in for **Adam** for soda and water. **Rob's** bringing the beer and ice. **Sharon** will try to get us clams - about 500 - and potatoes. **Billy Jeffers** for corn. Bob Longo is bringing onions, peppers, mushroom, garlic, and butter. **Pat B and Pat C** are bringing grills and propane. Bring your paper products.



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!



- **Oswego** – August 17-18
- **Cats at Rats** – August 24-25
- **Saratoga** – August 24 – 8 am to 5 pm
- **CMOR** – September 7-8
- **H16/H20 North American Championships BC** - Sept 16-20
- **Ben Hur** – September 21-22
- **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)

Safety Report - Mimi wasn't here, but we discussed the tragic accident that killed **Sandra**



Tartaglino in the New England 100 race last weekend. She was a great sailor. We miss her and are devastated at her loss. We're also somewhat concerned, because we don't know exactly how such a horrible thing could happen. It is also a reminder that although our sport is generally very safe, we need to prioritize safety at all times. **Bob Longo** said that he was ordering her initials for our boats as a memorial for Oswego.



Rob moved to adjourn (shocking!) and **Robbin** seconded the motion. Commodore Witmer adjourned at 9:12.

Next Meeting is September 10th, 2019 at 8:00 p.m., at Borio's



Membership Information Form

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

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at **8:00 pm** at
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Lakeshore Road
Cicero, NY