

## Commodore's Corner



Dave Witmer, Commodore Fleet 204



Tom Korzeniewski, Vice-Commodore Fleet 204

Elections – Done.

Fleet boat pulled and cleaned - check.

Most all boats pulled from the marina – all set.

Beautiful fall colors for all to enjoy - ready.

Just one more thing to do: Go sail in the *Hobie 16 22nd Worlds* at Captiva Island, Florida. I'm not saying that everybody has to go; I'm just saying that as a Fleet, we have 33 people going to participate in the event. If you are not going, I understand, there are always things that get in the way of sailing fun. If you are going, I hope that you have the time of your life.

In case you're wondering, the Worlds are held with several blank years in between. They are held all over the globe in fantastic sailing venues. They have been in the USA several times, but not recently (more than 30 years). We are very fortunate to have them this year in Florida. This is an opportunity that won't come around for quite a few years. With 33 fleet members going, our Fleet has shown that we realize that this is an opportunity not to be missed.

Last meeting, there was discussion on possibly purchasing an electronic sequence-starting device. We had reports from members who attend recent regattas. After fully discussing pros and cons, there was a vote to approve the purchase. The actual purchase will happen in the spring, with time to practice and try it out before Madcatter 44. After the vote, **Herb** led a discussion on the starting sequence,

and use of flags to assure fair starts. "I" flag and "U" flags may be used often at the Worlds, so we want to be ready.

Members in possession of Fleet Trophies should bring them to the November meeting so they can be prepped for this year's recipients. It's soon time to give them away again – at the Christmas party! This year's **Christmas Party** will be held at the **James home** on **Friday, Dec. 20th at 6:00 P.M.**

This month's meeting is **November 19, 7:30** at Borio's. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday rather than the second, because of Worlds. See you all there – or at Worlds!

"Sail it like you stole it!"

*Commodore David*



**Fleet 204 Members  
Matt and Liz Siau got  
married on October 19.  
Many Congratulations!**

## Fleet 204 Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2019

Submitted by **Theresa White, Secretary**

**Commodore Dave Witmer** welcomed all our members, both the regular and irregular to the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Three of the officers (no **Tom Korz**, as he was in a warmer climate) and 16 other attendees were at **Borio's Restaurant**.

**Secretary Report – Dave** said that **Fluffy** made them up, which she protested. He then conceded that it wasn't out of her imagination, but nevertheless, she made them. **Fluff** said that last month's minutes were included in the email sent by newsletter. **Rob** moved that we accept the minutes, and the motion was seconded by **Sharon**. All sailors in attendance said "arrrrrr"!



**Treasurer Report – Bill Whalen** was at the meeting AGAIN this month! (It's like a World record or something.) **Bill** said that we still have money, but you should pay your dues. 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.** **Pat Caster** moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report, and **Bruce Krupke** seconded the motion. There were mostly "Rs" (and one "harrumph", but we're not sure from who), so the motion passed.

### Division Update -

- **Div. 16 Chair, Ken Knapp** says that his name is in bold because he is. **Ken** reported that the Division's finances are safely stored away, so the Division can now purchase things. Next year's schedule isn't set. **Lynn** will be his designated proxy at the next AGM or he will attend by phone.
- **Robbin MocarSKI – HCA Woman's Rep** - The AGM (a meeting, as opposed to a small, British car) is at the *Worlds*. There are 25 women's teams! We're excited to have so many women sailing. Mid-winters and H-14 NACs will be in March, in Ft. Walton. Stay tuned for next year's Women's event.



### Old Business –

- **Fleet printer** – Previously, we decided to offer the printer for sale to the fleet for one month, with offers being taken until then. Bidding is currently open on the website. It will be a good deal for someone, and the closing date is coming up soon – so get your bids in!
- **Fleet World Shirts Order** – **Tom K.** said that today was the last chance to order. He'll get the shirts to us before we leave for Worlds.
- **Purchase of Electronic Race Starter, Regatta Box** - **Rob** reported that he and **Herb** found out that there were 4 or 5 different ones. After reviewing the options, they recommend the I-start. It's the least expensive, and is simpler than the others. It's also self-contained and is recommended by Div 11 (Mark S and Lynn M). **Rob** cautioned that it's not actually starting the race. This device is actually a glorified stop watch with extra horns. So, you still need someone who knows what they're doing to run a race. **Rob**

moved that buy the I-Start, and **Herb** seconded it. The vote was a unanimous round of “RRRRs” (because there was no **Tom** to object!) **Bill Whalen** will order it.

- **Nominations** – there were no new ones, so we proceeded to the Election of Officers. The current officers were asked to continue in their positions for another year. Commodore - **David Witmer**, Vice Commodore - **Tom Korz**, Treasurer - **Bill Whalen**, Secretary - **Theresa White**. We move that the secretary cast one vote for the body by acclamation. We thanked **Dave** (and the rest of the officers) for all their work.
- **Basic Rules Cards** - A while back, we authorized cards that are the rules in brief. They were distributed at the meeting. Keep them until you don't want them, and then return them. (Or put them on your wrist like a quarterback does in football and wear them when you sail. Either way.)

### New Business –

- **Worlds Prep Discussion**. We want to have some parties (small surprise for this fleet!), but



everyone won't there for the whole thing. There will be several parties, but one will definitely be held on the middle night of the Great Grand Masters (that's Nov 7, for those of you who will be there). We're not sure where it will be (as **Dave** might just send us to the wrong room), but it will happen. **Herb** will let us know on the party location. We need to bring folding chairs to the event (for when we're not racing), and we need liability insurance (for when we are). An insurance discussion ensued, and it would seem that Amica and State Farm provide the liability insurance necessary. Allstate might, but it's not clear. IHCA needs to be listed as the payee.

- **Fleet Boat** - The fleet boat was pulled yesterday. **Dave** wanted to schedule a cleanup for the boat on Oct 19<sup>th</sup>. It would seem that **Matt Siau** is getting married that day (though **Bill Whalen** wanted to know why), but we're still cleaning the boat. We will start at 10 am at 43 North Marina. We might have more than one power washer - but we are really worried about crossing the streams. [cue the Ghost Buster's music]
- **Shameless Ad to Sell Boat** - **Commodore Dave** is selling his 2013 Hobie 16. See him for details.

### Past Regatta Updates / Reports –

- **60th Roton Point Multihull Regatta** When asked to report on the event, **Robbin Mocarski** laughed and said that it was ok. The conditions were fun, but very lumpy, in medium wind. It was a nice dinner, but she got food poisoning when she ate a bad clam. **Mike Siau** said that he was not poisoned, but was on a coffee table (he was sailing with **Brennan Blodgett** in the Shark fleet). There were protests a-plenty. **Mike** suggested that a rules seminar would seem to be in order for many in the Shark fleet. **Mike** broke the boat a little (a bolt that was holding the boat together), but he and Brennan managed to do ok. The biggest Get-away fleet ever seen was at this regatta! **Mimi** won the waves, and helped the Get-aways get on the line for the starts. The event is held at a great club with nice showers. They even let us camp in the parking lot.
- **H16/H20 North American Championships** - Only a few East-Coast teams attended, and **Herb and Sharon James** really represented us well! They won 2<sup>nd</sup> place! Nice job! They had fun. At first, **Herb** thought this event was a bad mistake, because the wind tended to be light. When it finally rolled in on days 4 and 5, though, it was pretty good (12-15). Local knowledge was key at this event; **Herb and Sharon** watched the locals to see which side of the course they tended to go toward. It was a good event, but low key because they were the only 204 team there.



- **Sandy Hook - Rob and Darcy Jerry** said that it was basically lake sailing in the ocean. Saturday was light and shifty. Sunday was lumpy and a little more windy. **Wally and Diane** wound up in 6<sup>th</sup> and **Rob and Darcy** finished 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Gulfport - Diane Bisesi and Adam Atherton** and **Tom and Sue Korz** sailed in a friendly little event in FL. The first two races were pretty strong, and it picked up in the third. **Diane and Adam** won the event.
- **Hondo and Mike Siau** made it to Sylvan Beach and back in 4 hours last Sunday. It wasn't a record, but it was pretty phenomenal time! The wind was reasonably strong at first and came from the south-ish. In the course of the journey, they sailed in all kinds of wind, but made it there and back. They are the first ones to make it there this summer.

### Future Regattas and Important Dates

It's coming!

- **2019 Worlds!** Ft. Myers/Sanibel Is. FLORIDA, Nov 1-16. **Fleet 204 is sending 33 people to this factory-supplied boat event!** Why not you, too?! **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** - Safety Coordinator, **Mimi A.** Wasn't in the house tonight. So, our tip to you is that if you're driving, drive safely, and if you're sailing, have fun safely. **Diane** reported that at a recent regatta, there was an incident where a powerboat was coming right at them. The boat saw them at the last minute and changed course, but given our recent loss of **Sandra Tartaglino**, it was pretty scary. **Mike Siau** said that a similar thing happened at Roton point. Avoiding situations like that means that we have to be aware and change our courses if necessary. Safety first!

### Social Updates –

- **Halloween party?** No party this year; We'll all be at Worlds or on our way!
- **Day after Thanksgiving party** – Sure! Happy hour at **Fluff and Pat's** [224 Ridgecrest Rd., Dewitt, NY 13214] - come around after 4 pm to celebrate your Black Friday bargains! Usual fleet party instructions – BYOB and if you want more than light snacks, bring them!
- **Christmas Party!** Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> will be the Christmas party at 6 pm at **Herb and Sharon's home** [6819 Yacht Club Road, Cicero, NY13039]. Bring a dish to pass. Bring it ready to serve, so that we don't spend all night cooking. BYOB.

**Training Coordinator - Herb** said that at *Worlds*, people who sail first (like in the Masters) might share information after their event, so that the information might help other fleet members. **Herb** will arrange a flag discussion tonight after the meeting.

In a sign that some things never change, **Rob Jerry** moved that we adjourn, and the motion was seconded by **Mike Siau**. Commodore Wittmer declared the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

**Next Meeting is November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:30 p.m., at Borio's**

It's the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday because of *Worlds*. It's also Lynn Knapp's birthday!

**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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**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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