

- Dec. 8 . . . Board of Directors Meeting
- Dec. 10 WVSC Christmas Party
- Dec. 21 Winter Begins
- Dec. 25 Christmas

OFFICERS

- COMMODORE**
Ginger Brown re.brown@mac.com 2018
- VICE COMMODORE**
Charlie Volk volkcj@cox.net 2019
- REAR COMMODORE**
Tim Miller timmiller2@cox.net 2017
- TREASURER**
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- SECRETARY**
Ardie Condon ardiec27@gmail.com 2018
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One Board Member Position Open
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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOARD LIAISON ACTIVITIES CENTER
<i>Open</i> ARCHIVIST
Tim Miller David Reynolds BUILDING, GROUNDS, & DRY-STORE
Paul Schye John McCabe CALLING
Ardie Condon Julie Barth CLUB POWERBOAT MAINTENANCE
Blaine Van Dam Gary Mackey/Ed Webb FINANCE
Paul Schye Kathy Malcolm GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
Blaine Van Dam Gene Nold/Randy Malcolm HARBOR
Paul Schye Gene Nold LONG RANGE PLANNING
Charlie Volk/Tim Miller + 3 MEMBERSHIP
Ardie Condon Ardie Condon NEWSLETTER/WEB
Tim Miller Jenn Pasternak PUBLIC RELATIONS
Tim Miller Genee Kubin RACING ACTIVITIES
Blaine Van Dam Rob Brown SAFETY, TRAINING & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
Deann Gadalla Gary Pierce SAILING PROGRAM
Brian Hakala Ernie Condon SECURITY
Brian Hakala Brian Hakala SOCIAL
<i>Open</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>COMMITTEE CHAIR</i> |
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THE WINDWORD

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB

Website: www.wvsailing.com

From the Commodore

Ginger Brown

From James Michener's *Chesapeake*: One of the judges, a gentleman from a Long Island yacht club, said as the big boats slammed into one another, "This isn't racing. This is marine suicide." And when Pusey Paxmore said, with some relief, "We got them off to a good start," the visitor replied, "Start? Good God, they're all disqualified."

As all our boats are being tucked in for their winter hiatus, I reflect on a successful racing season. Skills were honed and friendships deepened. Some days we were racing before a stiff wind and others, hoping the breeze would approach a stiff 7. As is the case, sailing in Kansas, we never really knew what we were going to get, but generally, we always had a good time.

I would like to thank Tim and the Board for their steady leadership for the past year. I'm looking forward to working with the new Board. We've had our first meeting and are making plans for a successful 2017 season. We will be celebrating our 80th Anniversary! The Anniversary Committee is making plans and would love to have input from the membership.

Committees were assigned and are listed in the minutes. If you would like to volunteer for a committee, please contact the appropriate Chair. If there are any projects you would like the Board to examine, please come to a meeting or send us an e-mail.

The Hospitality Committee is busy on plans for the Christmas party. I hope to see many of you there. If not, I hope you all have a wonderful holiday with your families.



GUESS WHO'S TURNING 80 ?

A "Milestone to Celebrate" will occur this Spring with the 80th Birthday of... **Walnut Valley Sailing Club!**

Fun activities could include Special Festivities, an Invitational Regatta, and Recognition of Members of 25 years or longer.

If you have ideas to share, or are willing to be part of the Planning Team, contact Cheryl Wertheimer @ 316-733-2685.

Let's show everyone that things really do get better with age!

Dillons Community Rewards - STEP

There is a simple way to support STEP. By registering your Dillons PLUS card as shown below, purchases at Dillons using your card will provide a contribution to STEP funds. **Please register your PLUS card using NPO number 45766.**

INFO FROM DILLONS: *Community Rewards is designed for non-profits of all sizes, and we think you'll find it much simpler to manage and more rewarding. WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB - YOUTH SAILING will get credit for every purchase* its members make using their registered Plus card. The more they shop with us, the more opportunity your Organization has to earn even bigger rewards. It's that easy!*

**Specific exclusions apply*



MEMBER TIDBIT BY RANDY WHITE



Have you ever been at your boat and needing something specific to a sailboat? Things like halyard/sheet line, sealer, etc.?

Randy White is offering to meet with the El Dorado Ace Hardware store with a list of common items we might need, vs. having to order online when it's not readily available. The sailing club across

town did this with the Goddard hardware store, and it was very convenient for members.

If you are interested & would like to offer suggestions for common items, please email Randy at: iamrandywhite@yahoo.com. Who knows...if would be awesome if we are successful!!!

2017 Board Of Governors

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One Board Member Position Open

2017 Board Liaisons and Committee Chairs

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Board Liaison¹</u>	<u>Chair²</u>
<u>Archivist</u>	Tim Miller	David Reynolds
<u>Activity Center</u>	Open	
<u>Building, Grounds, & Dry-store</u>	Paul Schye	John McCabe
<u>Calling</u>	Ardie Condon	Julie Barth
<u>Club Powerboat Maint</u>	Blaine Van Dam	Gary Mackey/Ed Webb
<u>Finance</u>	Paul Schye	Kathy Malcolm
<u>Government Relations</u>	Blaine Van Dam	Gene Nold/Randy Malcolm
<u>Harbor</u>	Paul Schye	Gene Nold
<u>Long Range Planning</u>	Charlie Volk/Tim Miller + 3	
<u>Membership</u>	Ardie Condon	Ardie Condon
<u>Newsletter/Web</u>	Tim Miller	Jenn Pasternak
<u>Public Relations</u>	Tim Miller	Genee Kubin
<u>Racing Activities</u>	Blaine Van Dam	Rob Brown
<u>S.T.E.P.</u>	Deann Gadalla	Gary Pierce
<u>Sailing Program</u>	Brian Hakala	Ernie Condon
<u>Security</u>	Brian Hakala	Brian Hakala
<u>Social</u>	Open	

Notes:

1. There is one board position still open following the Annual Meeting, to be filled by majority vote of the board.
2. Chair positions are retained from 2016 until appointments are made or confirmed by the Commodore with approval of the board.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR / WEBMASTER Jennifer Pasternak jpasternak@wvsailing.com



You're Invited

Walnut Valley Sailing Club Christmas Party

Saturday December 10, 2016 6:00 pm

At the home of Rob and Ginger Brown

3220 North 143rd Street East, Wichita, Kansas

\$15/person

Kindly RSVP by December 1st to Brian at

bhakala@icloud.com



BILGE PUMPS – CARE & MAINTENANCE

by Chris Collins

Most of us would prefer not to deal with bilge pumps. Personally, I would prefer not to deal with anything in the bilge. Bilge pumps are out of sight and easy to forget. A properly functioning bilge pump can stop your boat from sinking if the leak does not exceed the capacity of the bilge pump(s). Because bilge pumps have a high failure rate, two or more should be installed for redundancy. All sailboats should have an additional manually operated bilge pump and a collision blanket to cover large leaks. All bilge pumps require maintenance. Consider the following.

Trash of all kinds and sizes can and will find its way to the bilge. That trash can easily foul a bilge pump. Trash must be either prevented from reaching the bilge, or the bilge must be emptied and cleaned regularly. Performing both tasks is a great idea. Screens around the bilge pump will help but they must be easy to clean. A wet shop vacuum works well to clean the bilge and remove nearly all the water. If oil diapers/sponges are used in the bilge, make sure they cannot interfere with the pumps or float switches.

Bilges and bilge pumps should be checked regularly. Make sure the pump(s) are working properly. Use your finger to lift the float switch. Make sure water actually discharges properly. Confirm the pump shuts off when you release the float switch. A broken hose or thru-hull can recycle the water back into the bilge. I just had this happen on our sloop! The pump ran continuously until the battery died.

If you float your boat in an area where critters such as barnacles, oysters, or zebra mussels clog thru-hulls, make sure all discharge ports are above the waterline or clean them often to insure they remain open. When we purchased our ketch, it had a single electric bilge pump and a manual pump. Both pumps discharged below the waterline and both thru-hulls were totally plugged up with critters. The electric pump was fried and the manual diaphragm pump was useless.

After repairing, the single pump did not empty the bilge properly when the boat was heeled. Water simply pooled away from the float switch. In addition, there was also no redundancy in case the single pump would fail. Our bilge is flat and about 18 inches wide. I installed two new pumps. Each pump and float switch is mounted close to a side. Now, whichever way the boat is heeled, the bilge water is discharged on the high side of the boat, just under the gunwale. On a heeling sailboat, seawater could reach the gunwale and enter the discharge port. I installed a manual shutoff valve on each side near the thru-hull and wired each pump so they can be turned off individually. A vented loop or

anti-backflow preventer would only work if it is higher than the discharge. A check valve would restrict flow and add another point of potential failure. All check valves I found had a metal spring that would corrode quickly.

If possible wire bilge pumps on different fuses/breakers. Perhaps connect one of the pumps to a different power source such as to a second battery on a separate automatic charger or solar panel. This could be important if you live long distance from your boat and/or leave it unattended.

In freshwater, check valves in the bilge discharge are a wonderful idea if they work. Check valves must be removed in freezing weather to let water drain from the hose. Check the spring at least annually.

Know the correct amperage requirements for each pump, the location of the fuse holders, and have a supply of spare fuses. Many pumps will be installed with an inline fuse holder, and also be connected to a breaker on the power panel. It is nice to have this information recorded in your maintenance log.

In review, test bilge pumps frequently. Keep bilges clean and free of anything that might plug a bilge pump. Make sure discharge ports remain open. Two or more bilge pumps are much better than one. Consider a redundant power source for one of the pumps. Make sure you have a functioning manually operated bilge pump in case the electric one should fail. Consider a collision blanket that can cover a hole in the hull.



1978 Catalina

1978 Catalina, 30', Standard Rig fin keel. This is a solid boat that doesn't look it's age. The bottom is smooth with no blisters and no Catalina "smile." It is fast, and has been very competitive in club racing at both Cheney and El Dorado lakes.

- Wheel steering
- Huge bimini covers entire cockpit
- Atomic 4 gasoline engine, runs well, starts easy
- Stern gate with ladder, & seats on stern rail
- Garhauer mainsail cabin-top traveler conversion
- North dacron Main and 155 Genoa—about 8 years old & in good condition
- Very heavy duty Genoa blocks—good for racing with large genoa
- Large 2 speed self-tailing Genoa winches
- Halyards led to cockpit with Garhauer rope clutches on cabin top
- Sailrite mainsail "stack pack" cover—easy to raise & lower mainsail, and cover it
- Garhauer ball bearing masthead sheave—for ease of raising and lowering sails
- Harken code 1 furler - has 2 foil grooves, & can be converted easily for changing sails while racing
- Recovered upholstery cockpit cushions
- Garmin 4315 chartplotter—has sonar and depth feature, 4 inch screen
- Raritan head, just rebuilt
- Trailer with keel guides for ramp loading

Sailboat is now on the trailer in the yard at WVSC, asking \$17,500. Please contact Alan Leehr at 316.648.8188.

1985 Hunter 23'

\$2499 OBO. Swing keel, good condition, with lots of extras: loose footed Main (2014) with two reef points, 135 Genoa (2014) on an Alado roller-furler, sail covers, tiller-tamer, 8 hp 2-stroke Tohatsu, AM/FM CD player with speakers, Piranha depth/fish finder, whisker pole and trailer. New bottom paint. A nice sailing sloop, can be used as a day sailer. Moving away from the area. Slip# A20, El Dorado Lake. Please contact Brad Oblak at (316) 841-2815, bkoblak@gmail.com



Catalina 27

18 HP inboard diesel, with sails and whisker pole, in decent shape. The motor runs well, the mast needs some new pulleys at the top. It includes all items currently on it, including life jackets (does not include tool set). Asking \$8,000. Please contact Matt Nicks at 316-841-3078 or mnicks78@gmail.com

Hydrohoist

6000 model boat lift for sale, 6000 pounds capacity, in good condition, \$1200 OBO. Please contact Ed Webb.

STARFISH

14 ft. w/trailer and accessory mast carrier, \$300. Please contact John Rigenbach at 316-788-1053.

Cruising Spinnaker for Precision 21

Or similar boats with dimensions close to I:22.7' and J: 7.0'. Sail is new in bag. I bought it for my Holder 20, but have decided not to use it. Asking \$150.00, what I paid for it, or will consider an interesting trade. Please contact Sid Rousseau at 316-722-8983.

Cal 21" with Trailer

Currently in dry storage at WVSC, only \$900. Please contact Don Bland 316-208-7371.

Catalina 22

On trailer. Please contact John at 316-722-4356.

Catalina 25 1985

Swing Keel, trailer, 2003 Nissan 9.8 outboard. Good main, front sail on roller furling. Can see at El Dorado Lake. \$7,000. Please contact Bruce Ward at 316-250-4479 or bruce@brucewardphotos.com

WVSC STEP Program Items for Sale

- Capri 22 Spinnaker New, \$700
- Spinnaker, used, \$625
- Lewmar Winch, \$193
- 110% Jib for Capri 22 (?), \$620
- Catalina 22 Main, \$495
- Spinnaker pole, 8' 2", 2" dia (New), \$500
- Whisker pole, 6.6'-12' extender twist lock, \$300
- Whisker Pole, 10.5'-17.5' extender, 2" dia Line extender, \$700
- Tack Tick, \$350
- Hydrohoist Tanks 24" diameter 23' long, \$2,000
- New Life Jackets, \$25 ea
- 2" receiver hitches, \$9.00 ea

Please contact Gary Pierce 316-686-8823 Pierce, glpiercewich@cox.net or Gene Nold, 316-734-3981, genenold@att.net

1983 Gloucester, 23'

In very good condition, comes with galvanized trailer. It has a shoal keel with a swing center board. Mercury 9.9hp motor with very few hours. The main was reconditioned with very little sail time. New sail covers at the same time. The halyards and dock lines were new in 2014. Sailboat can be seen at Walnut Valley Sailing Club, asking \$5,500. Please contact Ed Klima at 620-786-5146.

2HP Outboard Motor

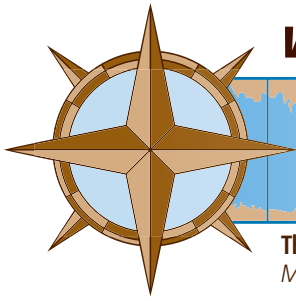
Long shaft, excellent condition, \$225. Will demo! Please contact John McCabe at 316-644-8344.

Cal 21" with Trailer

Currently in dry storage at WVSC, only \$900. Please contact Don Bland 316-208-7371.

Sail Fish/Sun Fish Clone

Virtually identical to the Sun Fish. This boat is very seaworthy, all new paint on bottom and all wooden parts recently varnished. New main sail control, all new mast and boom caps. The boat comes with new, high dollar, multi-color sail and a quality white window racing sail, new snap on sail rings. Dagger board and kick up rudder with tiller extension, all lines included, ready for the lake. No trailer, \$650.00. Please contact Ed Harned at 316-640-7148.



Walnut Valley Sailing Club

Board of Governors Meeting

Thursday Nov. 10, 2016 • 7:00 PM • Cabela's, 2427 N. Greenwich Road, Wichita, KS 67226 • wvsc-board@lists.wvsailing.com
Minutes Subject to Change.

1. Call to Order: 7:01 pm

BOG Members: Tim Miller, Ginger Brown, Blaine Van Dam, Paul Schye, Ardie Condon, Brian Hakala, Charlie Volk, Deann Gadalla

Guest Members: Brad Oblak, Gene Plehal

- Building & Grounds: Paul Schye
- Dry Storage Committee: Paul Schye
- Racing Activities Committee: Blaine Van Dam
- Government Relations Liaison: Blaine Van Dam
- Club Powerboat Maintenance Committee: Blaine Van Dam
- Public Relations Committee: Tim Miller, Deann Gadalla co-chair
- Activities Center Committee: TBD
- Social Committee: TBD
- Archivist: David Reynolds
- STEP Liaison: Deann Gadalla

2. Commodore's Remarks:

Outgoing Commodore Miller first welcomed our two new board members, Deann Gadalla and Charlie Volk. Tim then thanked the Board for their support and guidance over the past year, and then thanked Brad Oblak and Blaine Van Dam for their two-year service as elected officers for Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. He then stated that the purpose of tonight's meeting is to plan the board's roles and responsibilities for 2017. The BOG will fill the vacant position per the guidance at the WVSC Annual Meeting.

3. October BOG Minutes: Minutes Approved

4. 2017 Board of Governor Elected Positions:

- Motion to nominate Ginger Brown as Commodore; Motion Approved
- Motion to nominate Charlie Volk as Vice Commodore; Motion Approved
- Rear Commodore: Tim Miller per By Laws
- Motion to nominate Ardie Condon as Secretary; Motion Approved
- Motion to nominate Paul Schye as Treasurer; Motion Approved

5. Board Committee Liaison Positions:

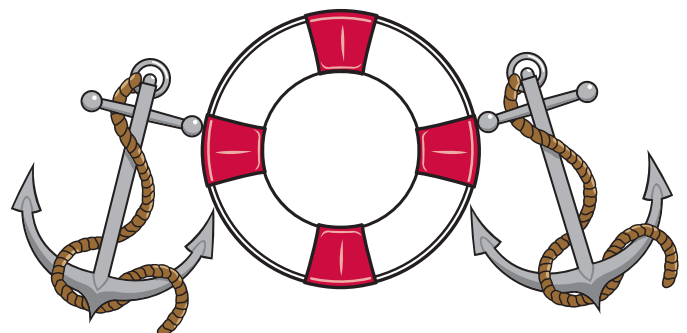
- Long Range Planning Committee: Charlie Volk
- Membership Committee: Ardie Condon
- Calling Committee: Ardie Condon
- Security Committee: Brian Hakala
- Sailing Program Committee: Brian Hakala
- Harbor Committee: Paul Schye

6. New Business:

- Tim Miller led a discussion on potential alternatives to the current version of Windword.
- Tim Miller informed the Board that a club member is willing to donate their boat to STEP due to declining health. The boat is currently in Dry Storage. Motion to waive dry storage fees approved.
- Deann Gadalla outlined a means to use our Club's website to secure donations to our STEP non-profit and to collect member dues and fees via the club website.
- Blaine Van Dam informed the Board that Ted Blankenship will not return as the STEP coordinator next summer.

7. Move to Adjourn: 8:25 pm.

Next Meeting: 8 Dec at Cabela's, K96/Greenwich.





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