

# THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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Website: [www.wvsailing.com](http://www.wvsailing.com)

## CALENDAR:

February 8	Racing Season Kick-Off Meeting
February 12	Board of Governors Meeting
February 14	Valentine's Day

## From the Commodore

Several years ago, we were participating in a WVSC race. It was a balmy summer day, with light winds. As we prepared to round the last mark, heading to the finish, the wind died to nothing. Everyone was stuck in the doldrums. We managed to hold the main out to provide some shade, as it wasn't good for much else.

It was then that we noticed a line of clouds bearing down on the lake. Off to the Southwest we observed a 3' wave heading across the lake, toward the line of racers. Soon the committee boat was bouncing like a cork, with the crew quickly hoisting the "abandon race" flag. Strong winds went through the fleet, knocking the lead boats down. Seeing this coming toward our boat, Clark jumped forward to pull down the main, as I released it. Then he pulled down the Ginny, while I dropped the motor while at the same time sculling the boat into the wind and then trying to get the motor to fire up. Deb went down below, grabbing life jackets, trying frantically to get us into them. About that time, the wave hit the bow, completely soaking Clark. It turns out a micro burst went over the lake. **We had too many tasks and barely enough hands or time to complete them!**

For WVSC, January appeared to be similar to being in the doldrums. The BOG has their course set on the finish mark, but the winds have been light, as we take a quick breather from the holidays. In the next month we will see lots of plans developing for 2015.

Randy has set the kick-off meeting for the 2015 racing season on February 8th, from 1:30 - 3:00 PM at 166 Williamsburg in Andover. If you are a racer, or want to improve your sailing skills, plan to drop in! Randy is working on opportunities to promote the STEP program's charitable organization status. He is also making plans to improve and maintain our activity center.

Geri is organizing the 2015 social calendar. I'm sure this will be full of great opportunities, with a focus on interaction among the members. These are some of the best times, to meet and greet each other and our newer members—promoting our club from within.

Tim is working with Jim Smith on developing sailing activities. Jim comes up with the most inventive, fun things that can be done with a group of sailboats! I strongly recommend sailors of every level come out this year to support these FUN events. I've also asked Tim to develop several open session meetings with the membership and the BOG. We get our best ideas from this interaction and share the direction the club is heading.

Amos is REALLY working. He has his committee chairs for 2015 planning improvements and maintenance to the Harbor, Building & Grounds and Dry Storage. His team will be planning work parties for our participation. These are more than work, but also a GREAT way to interact and get to know other members.

Genee is our PR and Membership liaison. She is working with Dave and Jenn in getting our Website updated and functional. She is making plans to welcome new members and is also challenged to find opportunities to promote our club and grow our membership. The new member initiation has always been a favorite of mine. Plan to be there for this one!

I have also requested that the BOG and the membership write articles to the Windword. This is a great information and promotional tool for our club.

Zack as the vice commodore will be developing our Long Range plan. He is also to form a

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# WVSC COMMITTEES

**ACTIVITY CENTER COMMITTEE**

Zak Kissack

**ARCHIVE COMMITTEE**

Janice Cooper

**AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Jayne Pierce

**BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

John McCabe

**CALLING COMMITTEE**

Ardie Condon

**DRY STORAGE COMMITTEE**

John McCabe

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Patty Mackey

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Gene Nold

**HARBOR COMMITTEE**

Bart Peace

**LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

John Aschbrenner

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Dave Leiker

**POWER BOAT COMMITTEE**

Gary Mackey

**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Dave Leiker

**RACING COMMITTEE**

Randy Malcom

**SAILING ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

Jim Smith

**SAILING INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE**

Gary Pierce

**SECURITY COMMITTEE**

Zak Kissack

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Geri McFadden



**\*\*Wanted — Alive and Ready\*\***

**2015 Social Committee Chair**

Organizer—Finds Volunteers to Set Up and Host Monthly Socials.

We have guidelines and work sheets to help even the totally inexperienced put together a successful social.

We are especially looking for a committee with new ideas to plan a Christmas Social that is inclusive of all members, not overly expensive and great fun!!

**Please contact Geri McFadden at (316) 416-6407 or [gmcfadden@cox.net](mailto:gmcfadden@cox.net)**

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working committee on reviewing the definition of proxies, per article V of our by-laws.

Blaine has the job as WVSC secretary. This is a very important job — trying to capture in writing, what the commodore spews forth, in a way that makes sense.

Brad is our treasurer. This is a critical position with WVSC in 2015. We have a fiscal challenge this year, and staying on top of this very important, so the BOG can prioritize items, maintaining fiscal responsibility.

In February we can see the wave coming. We have lots of tasks, and barely enough hands, to make this a successful year. Please consider volunteering for committee positions, or helping out on committees. These are a GREAT way to share time with friends.

**THE REST OF THE STORY:** as the winds passed through, boats & crews were quickly heading back to the safety of the club. But Ed Webb continued solo sailing, and crossed what would have been the finish line. Of course, he wanted to get points for finishing the race in 1st place!!!

*-John Aschbrenner*

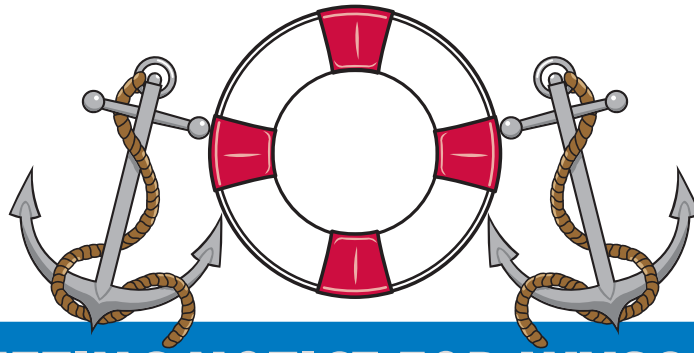


## 2015 SOCIAL DATES

<b>April 25th</b>	Potluck & Blessing of the Fleet / Christening of New Committee Boat
<b>June 20th</b>	Shrimp Boil
<b>July 18th</b>	Pig Roast
<b>October 10th</b>	Chili Cook Off
<b>November 14th</b>	Annual Meeting

**\*\*Watch for additional Monthly Socials as well as Memorial, July 4th, and Labor Day Weekend events\*\***

FEBRUARY 8TH  
1:30-3:00 PM



166 WILLIAMSBURG  
ANDOVER, KS

## GENERAL MEETING NOTICE FOR WVSC RACERS 2015

### To anyone with an interest in racing or improving their sailing skills:

Racing is a great way to improve your sailing skills and encourages a fun competition. Our general racing meeting will be held on Sunday, February 8th, 1:30-3:00 PM at the Malcom's home at 166 Williamsburg in Andover. We encourage anyone who's interested in participating in WVSC racing to attend. This does not just pertain to the hardcore racers! If you can't attend, please send me an email and let me know what you would like to see in this season's racing program.

### Items to be covered:

1. Race Schedule
2. Scoring
3. Courses
4. Sign up for Race Committee for the season

Please call or email if you plan on attending. I would like to make sure I have enough seating. Let me know if you have any questions.

**QUESTIONS: Randy Malcom at 733 -1049 • rdmalcom@att.net**

### 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. Call Bruce Ward 316-250-4479, orbruce@brucewardphotos.com

### NOW \$2,900, CATALINA

**14.2:** Very good condition, includes galvanized trailer, roller furling jib, mainsail. The mast is rigged with floatation pod which prevents the boat from turning turtle when capsized. This is a great family boat that can be sailed by sailors from 8 to 80. Spring has arrived, time to get out on the water. Call Gene Nold, 316-636-2091.

### 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. Call Ed Harned at 316-640-7148.



### RANGER 26, 1970,

**\$1,000:** Length: 26 ft., draft 4 ft, 4 in., fixed keel, tiller, mainsail, jib, and genoa, sound hull, needs cosmetics, average condition, no trailer, no engine. Call Bill Clark at 316-681-0820.

**WANTED:** Old, drained-out diesel fuel from marine engines. I have several 5 gallon containers or will use yours. I will transport from the Club. Please Contact David O. Reynolds, 316-621-0009, davidreynolds4100@gmail.com

**WANTED:** 9.9 hp short-shaft outboard, electric start. Call Ernie at 640-8951.

### ZUMA, 1986:

- \$1150
- LOA: 12'-9"
- Beam: 5'
- Sail Area 65 s.f.
- Hull Weight: 130 lbs
- Daggerboard
- Trailer included, in good condition
- Third owner since new
- Original owners manual
- All required rigging to sail included
- All lines in good condition
- Spars and sail are in good condition
- All battens included

This is an excellent small boat for comfortable day sailing. The wide cockpit allows room for two+ and is excellent for teaching someone how to sail. It also provides easy thrills for one person, as the boat will plane when blast reaching in a blow. The boat can be towed (with trailer included) or car topped. Rigging and launching is quick and easy. Boat is in good condition with consistent with age. Andover, Kansas. Please call 316-733-7741, butleroutdoors@hotmail.com



## 2015 Spring Central Regional Symposium

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### AGENDA

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 10:00 AM • 4:00 PM

#### Hosted by:

Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse  
1312 Boathouse Road • Norman, OK 73026

### EVENT OVERVIEW

The Regional Symposiums provide an opportunity for organizations to share ideas and concerns about sailing education and programs within a specific region of the United States. All are welcome including those from community sailing programs, commercial schools, yacht clubs, high school/college racing teams, sailing instructors, or interested individuals from other organizations (sailing specific or not).

The event is offered in a roundtable format designed for productive exchanges between participants. US Sailing will provide the moderator to facilitate discussion and offer a national perspective on several of the issues that face our industry. The subjects listed below serve as starting points for addressing a myriad of topics to be discussed. The event is free for US Sailing members and \$10 for non-members. Lunch is included.

Please register in advance at: <http://www.ussailing.org/events/symposium-and-meetings/regional-symposiums/>

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### **1000-1030: Welcomes and Introductions**

*Welcome:* Rick Shaw, Regional Training Coordinator, Lake Thunderbird Boathouse

*Opening Remarks & Introductions:* US Sailing Moderator (TBD)

#### **1030-1200: Topic #1: Training Programs**

US Sailing Instructor certifications are continuing to evolve and creating additional more specific courses that will better suit the needs of the training industry. During this session we will discuss the programs that US Sailing is currently developing and utilizing for small boat sailing, keelboat programs, powerboat training and windsurfing instruction. This includes the Small Boat Level 2 and 3 as well as Junior Big Boat Program and Sailing Counselor. We will also discuss the types of training that organizations provide "in house" to ensure that they have the most prepared staff possible.

**1200-1245: Networking lunch sponsored by:**



**1245-1415: Topic #2: Volunteers & Staff Management**

US Sailing recognizes the value and importance of volunteers. Volunteer involvement is absolutely necessary in supporting learn to sail programs, helping with events, administration, maintenance, or serving on race committees. During this segment, we will discuss various aspects of enlisting good volunteers, and how to manage them effectively. We will also discuss staffing roles and performance recognition. Managing staff effectively is essential in a program's success.

**1445-1500: Break**

**1500- 1530: Topic #3: Youth and Adult Sailing, Beyond Regattas**

For many junior sailors, there is pressure to compete once they reach a certain age or skill level. During the Sailing Leadership Forum, the presentation "Junior Sailing: Beyond Regattas" discussed the decline in sailing participation as these young sailors transition through their teenage years. During this discussion, we will address why junior sailors are leaving the sport, how to keep them interested and involved in sailing. We will also cover the types of US Sailing programs being offered and how to reach a broader audience including families, adults, women sailing programs, and young professionals.

**1530-1600: Wrap Up**

The US Sailing Moderator will lead a review of the day's topics, list the important points, and ask for additional input.

**1600-1830: Social Networking Opportunity**

Please join us to complete a brief evaluation of the symposium and US Sailing's role in the Central Region. Refreshments will be provided by the Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse.

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**Nearby Hotel Information:**

Quality Inn  
2841 Classen Blvd.  
Norman, OK  
888-978-6493

**Host event contact:** Rick Shaw, [shaw9939@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shaw9939@sbcglobal.net), 405-306-8597



*Ninnescah Sailing Association  
Presents*

# Spring 2015 US SAILING Level One Instructor Course

*Raising the quality of sailing instruction across the country.  
For instructors who teach at sailing centers, camps, recreation programs and yacht clubs*

## **WHY...**

1. Prepares you to teach sailing at your facility or at sailing centers across the country.
2. US Sailing Certifications optimizes your club's sail training program.
3. Synchronizes your experience with a proven sail training course.
4. An accomplishment for yourself that can last a lifetime

## **WHO...**

New instructors and club training supporters, eager to learn innovative teaching techniques, on the water drills, rainy day activities, risk management, and sailing class organization.  
Minimum age 16 during 2015 calendar year.

## **WHEN AND WHERE...**

Thursday **June 11** through Sunday **June 14** at Lake Cheney State Park, Kansas

## **WHAT...**

An intense four day, 40 hours course on how to teach sailing to beginners.

It includes sports psychology, lesson planning, and on the water teaching techniques.

Course has applications to all levels of sailing training.

## **HOW...**

**\$350 course fee if registered by May 11, 2015**

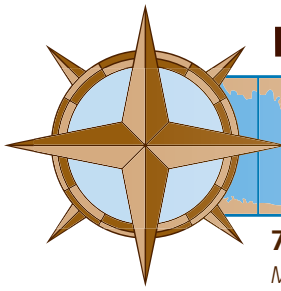
US SAILING Membership (required)

Applicants should be proficient in sailing FJs, Sunfish, Lasers, and have good motorboat handling skills. Pre completion of the online NASBLA Motorboat safety course is required.

Instructor Trainer - Rick Shaw (405) 306-8597 [Shaw9939@SBCGlobal.net](mailto:Shaw9939@SBCGlobal.net)

Or Jaime Kissinger at Lake Cheney, KS 316-519-4411, [kiss7322@gmail.com](mailto:kiss7322@gmail.com)

Register on-line at: <http://www.ussailing.org>



## Walnut Valley Sailing Club

# Board of Governors Meeting

7:00 PM • January 8, 2015 • Candel Club • [wwsc-board@lists.wvsailing.com](mailto:wwsc-board@lists.wvsailing.com)

*Minutes Subject to Change.*

### Call to Order:

- **BOG Members Present:** John Aschbrenner, Zack Kissack, Randy Malcom, Genee Kubin, Brad Oblak, Geri McFadden, Amos Cape, Tim Miller, Blaine Van Dam
- **Guest Members:** Sharon Lewis, Terry Lewis, Gary Mackey, Gene Nold, Gene Plehal, Jim Smith, Ed Webb

### Commodore's Opening Remarks:

- "Thank you" to WVSC for sympathy card at passing of Deb's father.
- **Recognitions:** Gwen Bonifield, for efforts on WVSC "card" program.
- When developing 2015 activities—promote FUN—encourage activities to expand interaction across members.
- Begin thinking about ways to reduce spending, below approved budget.

**Meeting Minutes from Dec 2014:** Approved.

**Finance Report:** Next report for Feb BOD meeting.

**New Members:** No update.

### New Website Development Status:

- Tentative web site completion date is 31 Jan 2015.
- Request club members to submit photos from sailing club activities to Dave Leiker (verify with Dave L).
  - Suggest we provide submittal procedures (email, website drop etc.—or cover in Windword).

**Flotation:** No update

### Increased Electric Bills During Off-Season:

**11/2014:** Due to a 300% increase in winter electrical bills, WVSC will implement an additional \$100 fee per member using a bubbler, and/or an additional \$100 fee for the use of space heaters in boats, during the winter. Notice will be sent to all members indicating that the \$100 fee will be assessed for electrical usage from January 1 – March 31, 2015.

Electrical usage has also increased in the summer, due to A/Cs used in boats. A \$100 fee will be assessed for boats using air conditioning, on the annual slip rental agreement.

**12/2014:** Discuss multiple electrical cords and billing process. Set standards for electrical cords.

**1/8/15:** Status update. Census of boats using extension cords—planned for Jan 2015.

### STEP Fundraising Opportunities:

**11/2014:** Randy Malcom is to form a committee to explore future STEP fundraising opportunities.

**1/8/15:** Status update – in work.

### By-Law Reviews:

#### Review of Article V of By-laws

**11/2014:** Zack Kissack is to form a committee to define the limitations of proxies in the by-laws, article V.

**1/8/15:** In Work

#### Review of Fiscal year end to membership dues and impact at annual meeting

**11/2014:** Randy Malcom is to review end of Fiscal year/membership dues and impacts at Annual Meeting.

**1/8/15:** Status update – plan to present at Feb 2015 BOD.

### Activity Center Floor:

**1/8/15:** The activity center floor is to be repainted by 4/15/15.

### ADA Compliance:

**1/8/15:** The new French door is to be installed, and Security key pad lowered by 4/15/15.

### AUP Audit:

**11/2014:** John Aschbrenner is to work with the Finance Committee on initiating this audit. The new rules on Finance Internal Controls need to be added to the rules and regulations.

**1/8/15:** Status Update – in work.

### Windword editor:

**11/2014:** Kim Oblak is resigning as editor of the Windword, in order to support Brad's increased responsibility as Treasurer.

**12/2014:** Jennifer Pasternak has graciously volunteered to serve as Windword editor.

**1/8/2015:** Status Update—transition underway. Continue to submit inputs to Kim until club is notified that transition is complete.

### Club Boat:

**1/8/2015:** Boat has been purchased. Boat will be used to support club as rescue vehicle, racing committee boat, and on-water boat support for sailing activities.

### Dock Re-boarding Project:

**1/8/2015:** Status update on relocation of boards.

### Phone/Security System Updates:

**1/8/2015:** Board discussion centered on the club's requirements. Discussion included a wide range of options. The committee chair is seeking clear requirements.

**Action:** Tim Miller to identify requirements, explore options, and costs and submit proposal to the board for Feb. BOD.

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Wichita, KS 67208-1076

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**Committee Updates & Committee Chairs:**

<b>Liaison Positions</b>	<b>Board Liaison</b>	<b>Committee Chairs</b>
Racing Committee	Randy Malcom	Request lists of volunteers
Social Committee	Geri McFadden	Geri searching for committee chair
Membership Committee	Genee Kubin	TBD – Club Directory
Finance Committee	Brad Oblak	Kathy Malcom
Building & Grounds/Dry Storage	Amos Cape	John McCabe / Bart Peace
Sailing Program Committee	Tim Miller	Jim Smith
Harbor Committee	Amos Cape	Bart Peace
Archivist	Genee Kubin	Janis Cooper
Long Range Planning	Zack Kissack	Zack Kissack
Calling Committee	Geri McFadden	Ardie Condon
Activities Center	Randy Malcom	Request lists of volunteers
Power Boat	Randy Malcom	Gary Mackey & Ed Webb
Government Relations	John Aschbrenner	Gene Nold (Randy back up)
STEP	Randy Malcolm	TBD
Public Relations	Genee Kubin	TBD
Security	Tim Miller	TBD

**New Business:**

- Step Program storage building: Gene Nold presented plan to replace the previous storage building. Requested BOD approval prior to taking proposal to KDWP&T for state approval. Board approved.
- Mowing proposal by the State: State expressed interest in mowing club grounds. Gene will secure a quote.
- Windward articles from BOG/Members: The Commodore requests BOG and club members submit articles to the Windword.
- Membership Committee: Genee offered a marketing opportunity for club in Feb. 2015, for a booth at the Women’s Fair. Board tabled discussion due to short time frame to prep.
- Building & Grounds/Dry Storage: Amos reported that dry storage area needs more gravel to preclude trailer tires from sinking into the ground. Amos also identified a recurring issue that boat trailers are not marked with owner’s names. Unmarked trailers will hinder efforts to lay down new gravel.
  - **\*\*Club members – please label your trailers – thanks\*\***

**Members Concerns:** None

**Meeting Notice:** Feb. 12, 7:00 pm at the Candle Club.

**Motion for Adjournment**