

NOVEMBER 2016
CALENDAR

- Nov. 5 **Annual Meeting**
- Nov. 10 . . **Board of Governors Meeting**
- Nov. 24. Thanksgiving Day

OFFICERS

- COMMODORE**
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- VICE COMMODORE**
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One Board Member Position Open
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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Ardie Condon Randy Malcolm ARCHIVIST
Cheryl Wertheimer David O. Reynolds BUILDING, GROUNDS, & DRY-STORE
Paul Schye John McCabe
John Trumpower (Quartermaster) CALLING
Geri McFadden Julie Barth CLUB POWERBOAT MAINTENANCE
Brad Oblak Gary Mackey/Ed Webb FINANCE
Brad Oblak Kathy Malcolm GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
Tim Miller Gene Nold/Randy Malcolm HARBOR
Paul Schye Gene Nold LONG RANGE PLANNING
Ginger Brown Ginger Brown MEMBERSHIP
Ardie Condon Ardie Condon NEWSLETTER/WEB
Cheryl Wertheimer Jenn Pasternak PUBLIC RELATIONS
Cheryl Wertheimer Genee Kubin RACING ACTIVITIES
Ginger Brown Rob Brown SAFETY, TRAINING & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
Blaine Van Dam Deann Gadalla SAILING PROGRAM
Brian Hakala Ernie Condon SECURITY
Brian Hakala Brian Hakala SOCIAL
Brian Hakala Julie Barth | <p><i>COMMITTEE CHAIR</i></p> |
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THE WINDWORD

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB

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From the Commodore

Tim Miller

It is November already, and this is the last time I write to you in Windword as Commodore. Nothing about this role is boring; there are moments of great inspiration and other times spent waiting to exhale. I have no single secure simple solution to offer you or my successor, but here are ten lessons learned:

- On the water you can generally figure out what is happening on the next leg. On land there is a surprise around every corner.
- The best work is done by volunteers.
- Bosuns get the job done with the least fuss.
- If you call helm's a-lee before gybing, you had better call roll when it's over.
- Red sky in the morning is sometimes just a point of view.
- Help often comes from unexpected sources.
- The shortest path from A to B does not always give the smoothest passage.
- Christmas comes but once a year, and you had better have some reindeer chow ready.
- And finally — It takes a team to run a club; one person acting alone can really screw things up.

That seems to be only nine. I suppose I should add: Don't promise what you can't deliver.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Annual Meeting.





November 5

Annual Meeting

December 10

Christmas Party

Moved to 2017 (Was October 1)

Octoberfest

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Julie Barth

GUESS WHO'S TURNING 80 ?

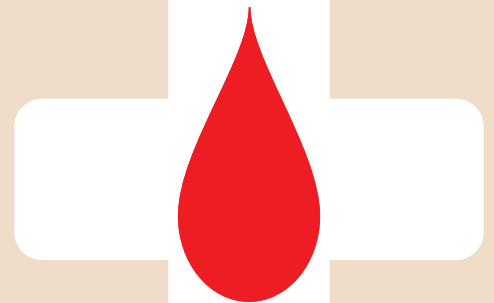
A "Milestone to Celebrate" will occur this Spring with the 80th Birthday of...
Walnut Valley Sailing Club!

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!

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT:



Whole Blood and Platelets Are Needed

The **AMERICAN RED CROSS** still needs your whole blood and/or platelet donation NOW. The Summer Season is no better than any other time of year—the need is always present, and you can help fill that need. Only humans can make human blood! Call or contact the Red Cross today to set up your donation. Call **316-268-0875** for platelet donation or **316-268-0835** for whole blood donations. You can make a big difference for someone. I am a regular Platelet donor and a Red Cross Volunteer. Come join me. Call me if you have questions.

DAVID O. REYNOLDS
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The Annual Meeting of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club will be held on Saturday November 5th 2016, commencing at 6:30pm, in the House of Schwan, 3636 N. Comotara, Wichita, Kansas.

Doors will open at 5:30pm. Bring your favorite food in the form of hors d'oeuvres. The food table will be available from the start, but no alcohol will be served or consumed until after the meeting. Business is scheduled to start at 6.30pm.

All intending to vote must sign in at the Tellers' table and receive voting material. **Members carrying proxies are urged to attend before 6pm in order to ensure a start on time.** Regular members in good standing may vote in person on all motions coming before the meeting, or by proxy for the election of Governors and amendment of Bylaws. "Good Standing" requires that member's dues are paid by November 1st, 2016.

Motions from the floor need to be presented in writing, unless this requirement is waived by the secretary. In this case the motion will be as recited by the secretary.

Please make sure your point of view is heard at the meeting. This is important if the club is to represent its members fairly and accurately. If you are unable to attend, assign your proxy to a trusted person who will attend.

Respectfully,
Tim Miller
2016 Commodore

WVSC ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

- **Call to Order** Tim Miller, 6:30pm
- **Opening Remarks** Tim Miller
Meeting procedure. Review of the year.
 - Motion to limit debate to 2 mins per speech (2/3 vote).
- **Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting**
 - Motion to approve 2015 minutes.
 - Motion to authorize the Board of Governors to approve the minutes of this Annual Meeting.
- **Board of Governors' Election**
 - Report of the Nominating Committee. The nominees are:
 - Deann Gadalla
 - Sid Rousseau
 - Charlie Volk
 - Nominations from the floor.
 - Presentations by nominees.
 - Ballots voted and collected.
- **Committee Reports** **Committee Chairs**
 - Awards Ed Webb
 - Membership Ardie Condon
 - Sailing Activities Ernie Condon
 - Racing Rob Brown
 - Activity Center Randy Malcolm
 - Security Brian Hakala
 - Social Brian Hakala
 - Calling Julie Barth
 - Powerboat Gary Mackey
 - Buildings, Grounds John McCabe
 - Harbor Gene Nold
 - Government Relations Gene Nold
 - PR Cheryl Wertheimer
 - Archive David Reynolds
 - STEP Deann Gadalla
- **Finance**
 - Treasurer's Report, 2016 Kathy Malcolm
- **Long Range Planning Committee Report** .. Ginger Brown
- **Finance**
 - STEP Gene Nold
 - Budget for 2017 Brad Oblak
 - Motion to approve.
- **Announce Election Results**
- **New Business**
- **Adjourn**

Walnut Valley Sailing Club

2016 Proxy Voting Instructions & Process

Proxy voting is recognized for votes concerning the election of Governors and amendment of Bylaws only.

Qualified Voters: People currently listed as regular members with dues paid by November 1st 2016. Each member in good standing will be granted one vote, either in person or by proxy. The Teller Committee Chair will check each proxy against the current list of regular members in good standing and provide one ballot per proxy.

Valid Proxies: Any proxy must be signed, name printed and dated by the Qualified Voter who is assigning his/her vote. Ballots will be issued at the Tellers' table and completed by the designee.

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PROXY

I hereby appoint _____ (please print)
as my proxy to represent me at the Walnut Valley Sailing Club November 5th, 2016 Annual Meeting or at any adjournment of that meeting to act in my stead authorizing this person to vote concerning appointments to the Board of Governors and/or Bylaws amendments as if I were personally present in accordance with the WVSC Bylaws (Article V and Article XI). Further, I hereby revoke any proxy or proxies previously given by me to any person or persons.

Signed: _____

Date: Name: _____ Date: _____
(Please print name legibly)

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Voting Process

1. Prior to the WVSC 11/05/2016 Annual Meeting:
 - a. The Teller Committee Chair will obtain a list of the people currently recorded as regular members in good standing. This list may be obtained directly from the WVSC Bookkeeper or through the WVSC Treasurer.
 - b. The "Official WVSC Ballots" will be printed on colored paper or some other method that makes them easily identifiable as "official" and given to the Teller Committee Chair for safe keeping.
2. Upon arriving at the WVSC 11/05/2016 Annual Meeting, each person intending to vote will approach the Teller's table.
3. The Teller Committee Chair, or his/her assigned representative, will:
 - a. Confirm by reference to the current list of regular members in good standing, that the Voter and donor of any valid proxies he/she presents, are indeed Qualified Voters, and have not already been assigned any ballots.
 - b. Provide the Voter one ballot for each eligible person he/she represents including herself/himself.
 - c. Mark the list to indicate that ballot(s) have been given for the Qualified Voter and any Valid Proxy donors.
6. During the meeting, each Ballot Holder will mark the ballots to indicate his/her voting choice.
7. At the time stated in the meeting agenda (or announced during the meeting), the Teller (or designated Representative) will collect all exercised ballots.
8. The Teller Committee will then tally the voting results and compile the Tellers' Report.
9. The Tellers' Report will then be presented to the meeting chairperson who announces the result.

WVSC October 17, 2016

ELECTRICITY FOR SAILORS – #1 BATTERIES

by Chris Collins

This article covers battery care and maintenance. The next article will cover charging and starting systems. It is assumed that you read and understand the basics presented in the first article.

Batteries will last longer and provide better service if they are properly charged and maintained. This article deals only with the conventional lead acid type battery that most of us use in our sailboats. The AGM, Gel, and Lithium batteries are much more expensive and appear to require special charging and maintenance to avoid ruin.

A battery chemically produces electricity until it discharges. We can think of it as an electron pump that provides the force to push electrons through the wires and the devices we wish to power. The power in a battery is limited, based on its size, condition, age, and how it has been maintained.

The **first** and most important part of caring for a battery is to keep it fully charged. All lead acid batteries should be charged back up as soon as possible after discharging. When a lead acid battery is discharged and left to sit, it can become sulfated. The longer it sits discharged, or partially discharged, the more sulfated it gets and the more serious the damage. Deep cycle batteries are designed to be more forgiving, but it is still best to charge them back up as soon as practical.

When you start your engine, much current is used in a short period of time. As soon as the engine starts, the alternator begins charging the battery. If you have an ammeter on the engine instrument panel, you will notice a high charge rate that quickly drops back to zero in just a few minutes. If only a start battery is used, the engine driven alternator might be all you need to keep it charged. Many sailors don't run their engines very long and will need an additional means to recharge batteries. I will cover alternative methods of battery charging in a future article.

Many sailors have a pair of batteries with a selector switch. These batteries are usually used both for "house batteries" and "start batteries." These need to be dual purpose deep cycle batteries. If the battery is labeled "marine" and "deep cycle," advertises "cold cranking amps," and has dual battery connections, it should work fine in a sailboat with a small engine. Deep cycle batteries from discount stores usually come sized as a group 24, 27, or 29. I like to buy the largest that will physically fit. Keep in mind there are published guidelines on how batteries should be installed in a boat. These important guidelines deal with battery boxes, electrolyte leakage, high amperage fuses, fire hazards, and straps to hold batteries in place.

The **second** most important battery care task is to properly maintain the electrolyte level. When a lead acid battery is new, it is filled with sulfuric acid. Never add acid. Any loss in level is due to evaporation of water, not acid. I recommend adding only distilled water because there is less chance of introducing unwanted minerals to the electrolyte. A turkey baster makes a good tool for transferring water to each cell.

Constant charging or over-charging will accelerate the evaporation. In addition, the level drops when a battery is discharged, and rises as the battery is charged. If you find a battery discharged, add only enough water to cover the plates, fully charge, and then top off with enough water to reach the full mark.

WARNING: Inside the battery, the empty space above the plates will

likely be filled with an explosive gas. A tiny spark at one of the battery connections can cause a nasty explosion covering the mechanic's face and eyes with acid. Although this is rare, one should always wear safety glasses when servicing a battery, checking a battery, connecting anything, or disconnecting anything from the battery.

This risk is much greater if the battery is warm from charging or current is being drawn from the battery. During seventeen years of servicing cars, I saw one battery explode as a mechanic disconnected a battery charger. Because a spark is unlikely if there is zero current flowing in or out of a battery, be sure to turn off all loads and chargers before making or breaking a connection.

The **third** most important part of caring for a battery is to keep it clean. If the surface of the battery is moist and dirty, it can actually conduct small amounts of current and slowly discharge. If you elect to remove the caps to clean the top, avoid contamination of the electrolyte with cleaning agents.

Battery terminals tend to corrode when exposed to battery gas. Nearly all corrosion will be on the positive terminal and connections to the positive terminal. Pouring hot water over terminals, or dipping them in hot water will usually dissolve corrosion. To improve the electrical connection, terminals must be disconnected. The surfaces that actually touch, including the battery post, must be clean. This usually requires a wire brush, or some abrasive. Replace any terminal that will not properly tighten.

To prevent corrosion after cleaning, coat all exposed metal (terminals, wire, connectors) with grease, Vaseline, or expensive terminal protector. I like grease because it is cheap and works well to insulate the terminals from battery gas.

For **winter** storage, remove the battery from the boat. Service and confirm it is fully charged. Store indoors. One of the best places to store it would be on the floor next to your wife's side of the bed. If she objects, it is fine to store it in the garage, basement, or on a sturdy shelf. Modern battery cases are plastic and they will NOT discharge just because they are stored on a concrete floor. That tale survives as a myth, but was true many years ago when battery cases were made of different material. Over the winter, monitor the battery voltage (next article) and top off the charge as needed. If left in the boat over winter, the battery must remain fully charged to prevent the electrolyte from freezing.

In review, we need to charge our batteries as soon as practical after they are discharged. The electrolyte level needs to be checked occasionally. Add only water. Never add acid. Keep the outside surface of the battery clean and dry. Clean and protect the electrical connections as needed. Wear safety glasses anytime wires or cables are connected or disconnected to a battery. Store boat batteries indoors over the winter and keep them charged up.



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 Riggenbach at 316-788-1053.

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

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.



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.

Catalina 22

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

Catalina 25 1985

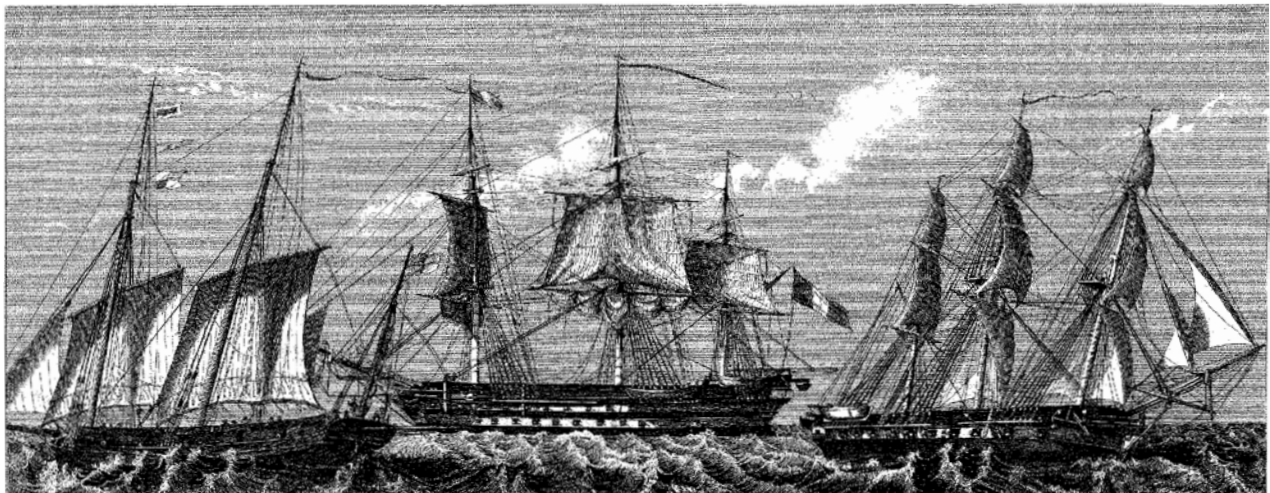
Swing Keel, trailer, 2003 Nissan 9.8 outboard. Good main, front sail on roller furling. Can see at El Dorado Lake. \$7,000. Please contact Bruce Ward at 316-250-4479 or bruce@brucewardphotos.com

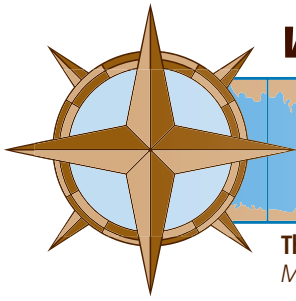
Cal 21" with Trailer

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 OCT. 13, 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: 7:05 pm

BOG Members: Tim Miller, Ginger Brown, Blaine Van Dam, Brad Oblak, Paul Schye, Ardie Condon, Cheryl Wertheimer

Guest Members: David Bonifield, Kathy Malcom, Gene Nold, Gene Plehal, Jim Smith

2. Commodore's Remarks: Commodore Miller requested that the board enter executive session. The executive session adjourned and the BOG meeting reconvened at 7:18 pm.

3. September BOG Minutes: Minutes Approved

4. Members Concerns: None

5. Liaison Reports

Membership: Ardie, Request by Gary Mackey for Affiliate Membership for 2017. Approved.

Activity Center: Ardie informed us that new blinds were installed in the kitchen area of our clubhouse.

Racing: Ginger let us know that our active racing season continues until the end of October. We've had a good turnout this season for our Club's racing crews.

Long Range Plan: Ginger is preparing a Long Range Plan for the Annual Meeting.

Finance: Brad reviewed the monthly financial reports. Kathy Malcom went over the end of fiscal year financials. Our club's financials are healthy as we near the end of 2016.

Buildings, Grounds, & Dry Storage: Paul brought up the issue of a sailboat hoist for the dry storage area. Club members have been involved in laying out a preliminary plan. Jim Smith conferred with a structural engineer who is familiar with boat hoist installation. The recommended path forward is to pursue a new hoist with a 15,000 lb capacity. Government approval and club funding are required. As an initial step, the team requested initial funding request to put a plan together with sufficient detail to take to the State for approval and to get a higher fidelity budget estimate to complete the project. The Board approved budget Not to Exceed \$1,500 for the preliminary design study. Any amount remaining will be used towards the hoist project upon approval by State and WVSC.

Harbor: Paul's team brought up a number of issues. Dock board replacement will continue as planned. One issue: some of our dock "corners" are in need of repair. The corners were built by club members with club guidance and approval. Some of the older corners may now pose a hazard to our members, and may very well have been installed by previous slip holders. Request to the board for WVSC to include corner replacement as part of the dock board replacement. Board Approved. Gene Nold took an action to revise the dock corner build procedures as required. Kathy Malcolm will review the slip contract.

Second issue is dock floatation. Our docks are facing a number of issues, including the floats themselves and a stability issue on some of the dock fingers. Recommendation to keep reserve funding in place to handle continued issues we expect to see regarding dock floatation.

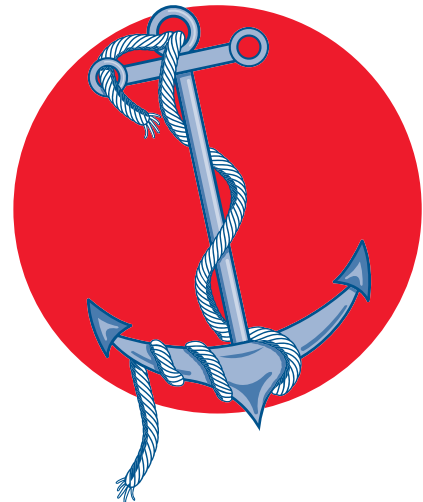
STEP: Gene Nold presented the 2016 STEP financial report.

Nominating Committee: Ginger stated the committee is working up the final nomination packages for the Annual Meeting.

6. New Business: Proposed new sailboat hoist (covered under Committee Reports section).

Board approved by 4 votes to 2 the appointment of a parliamentarian at a cost of up to \$500, if available, for the 2016 Annual Meeting.

7. Move to Adjourn: 9:05 pm. Next Meeting, 10 Nov., Cabela's, K96/Greenwich.





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