

OCTOBER 2016

CALENDAR

Oct. 6	Board of Governors Meeting
Oct. 8	Chili Cook-Off
Oct. 10	Columbus Day
Oct. 30	Halloween

OFFICERS

COMMODORE

Tim Miller timmiller2@cox.net 2017

VICE COMMODORE

Ginger Brown re.brown@mac.com 2018

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TREASURER

Brad Oblak bkoblak@gmail.com 2016

SECRETARY

Blaine Van Dam vandamb@cox.net 2017

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Ardie Condon ardiec27@gmail.com 2018

Paul Schye p.e.schye@gmail.com 2018

Cheryl Wertheimer wertheimer@att.net 2016

Brian Hakala bhakala@mac.com 2017

One Board Member Position Open

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THE WINDWORD

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB

Website: www.wvsailing.com

From the Commodore

Tim Miller

After a summer of kind weather, good programs and varied activities, we are approaching the time for closing down a season of active sailing and considering our club's policies for next year. We should face the fact that our club still has major divisions. While the club functions effectively on one level, underneath there are strong emotions and harsh words.

Governance in the broadest sense is at the heart of the tension, and the Annual Meeting should be the place where this is resolved. Our democratic process has its share of checks and balances: there are members who watch the activities of the BOG carefully, keeping records that are as detailed as any archivist. Every regular BOG meeting is open, and provides an opportunity for formal presentation of members' concerns. Governors are open to informal discussion at any time. When mistakes are made, we have individuals who offer quiet advice based on many years of membership, others who hold their peace until the Annual Meeting then raise issues through the central democratic process of our community.

We have our By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and a Statement of Purpose. This year, I offered a vision for the club that supports those founding documents. It is time to recognize the membership majority who just want to enjoy wind, water and good fellowship without all the distractions of personal issues and ideologies coloring the atmosphere. It is appropriate to recognize that not everyone's desires for the club will be satisfied by any one policy or course of action, but we are all entitled to a display of goodwill during the decision process, and later by those who do not get their personal preferences approved.

It is time to prepare for the Annual Meeting on November 5th by offering motions for debate, planning to be there and above all, preparing to stand for the three vacancies on the board that will be open for next year. To be clear, while the Nominating Committee will present its candidates, elections from the floor will be recognized in accordance with our

Bylaws Article V, and Roberts Rules, Chapter XIV. Proxies are also recognized by By-Laws Article V for elections, and Article XI for amendment of By-Laws. Proxies are not recognized for any other votes. Everyone please note that your dues must be paid up to date by November 1st in order to be able to vote at the Annual Meeting on November 5th.

The next social event after the Annual Meeting will be the Christmas Party, which this year will be hosted at the home of our current Vice-Commodore, Ginger Brown. **Let's make it our objective to come to that party as a club that is confidently harbored in the spirit of the season.**

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

BOARD LIAISON

COMMITTEE CHAIR

ACTIVITIES CENTER

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





October 8 (Date Change)

Chili Cook-Off

November 5

Annual Meeting

December 10

Christmas Party

Moved to 2017 (Was October 1)

Octoberfest

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Julie Barth



**MEMBERS —
TAKE NOTE:
ANNUAL BILLING
Occurs at End of
SEPTEMBER**

In October 2015, a bylaw change was approved at a special meeting of the members which moves the annual billing earlier in the fall than prior years. This bylaw change ties regular membership payment status to voting eligibility. The updated bylaws are in the 2016 Member Handbook. A summary is below:

ANNUAL BILLING for DUES, less Work Credit, plus Sales Tax, and DRY STORAGE RENTAL will be billed at the end of September. Full payment of this billing by November 1, 2016 will allow Regular Members to vote at the annual meeting in November.

Please pay by November 1, for voting purposes and also to reduce follow-up on past due invoices!

**WELCOME
NEW
MEMBERS!**

John and Amy Stables,
and sons,
Nick and Luke

From Kechi, KS

Sailing a Catalina 25



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!

WVSC ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER
8TH • 2016**

**SOCIAL: 6:00 pm
DINNER: 7:00 pm**

Pull out your recipe & crock-pot!

Fall is on the way, so what's better than some chili?!? Join the fun by entering your chili in the contest and/ or by consuming the great recipes and voting for your favorite!

- ✦ All members of WVSC are eligible to enter
- ✦ Please arrive by 6:30 to set up your chili
- ✦ Voting will be by those in attendance by 8:00

COOKS! Typical condiments for chili will be provided. Extra extension cords and serving spoons may be helpful.



COST: \$7.50/person
Chili Cooks, Free
8 & Younger, Free

When reserving with your caller, state your intention to enter the cook-off!

QUESTIONS? Contact:
Kathy Malcom, 733-1049
OR rdmalcom@att.net

ELECTRICITY FOR SAILORS – #1 BASIC ELECTRICITY

by Chris Collins

Many people are lost when electrical repairs are needed. Experimenting, finding a friend to help, and/or hiring a professional are usually their only options. *Believe it or not, neither rocket science nor magic is needed.* With a basic understanding, and a few simple tools, we can use logic to find and fix most electrical problems on a boat.

This article is the first of a multi-part series that will begin with basic electricity, and then detail steps to diagnose and repair many issues on a sailboat. With a little knowledge, you should be able to test your battery, determine how well your charging system is functioning, repair lights, know whether your starter needs replacing, and reduce the fire hazard caused by most shore power wiring. You will not, however, be ready to open and repair your VHF radio or your chart plotter. Questions and suggestions for topics are welcome, and encouraged.

The articles will appear sequentially in each Windword. For this article, I will start with very basic electricity. In the next electrical article, look for discussions on batteries and charging systems. All subsequent electrical articles will assume you have this basic knowledge! If after reading, things are still fuzzy, please conduct an internet search on "basic electricity" to help clear things up. You will find many articles, along with lots of fun, interesting facts.

For our purposes, electricity will be defined as the "flow of electrons." Electrons flow through a wire just like water flows through a hose. You just can't see the electrons like you can see the water. We measure the flow of electrons with an ammeter and call it "current." The unit of measure is the Ampere. When a certain number of electrons flow past a point in one second, the current is said to be one ampere. So an ampere is a rate of flow just like gallons per minute would be a rate flow through a garden hose. To measure amperes, the ammeter must be inserted in the circuit so all the current flows through the meter. Some ammeters are designed to clip over the wire and the meter is activated by the magnetic field created by the current flow.

Voltage is the pressure that pushes the electrons through the wire. Voltage is measured with a volt meter. The unit of measure is the Volt. The test leads are connected across the source or across a load. Loads are usually the devices we wish to power with electricity. A light bulb, motor, and radio are examples of a load. In most cases the boat battery is the source of electricity and a charger keeps it from running down.

All wire and devices that we power have resistance to the flow of electrons or current. Using our water hose example, resistance would be like squeezing the hose or covering some of the holes in the sprinkler. Any time electrical current is forced through a resistance, heat is generated. Resistance is measured with an Ohmmeter or calculated with Ohm's Law. The unit of measure is the Ohm. It is doubtful that any of us have a meter sensitive enough to measure the tiny resistance of a large battery cable, but that

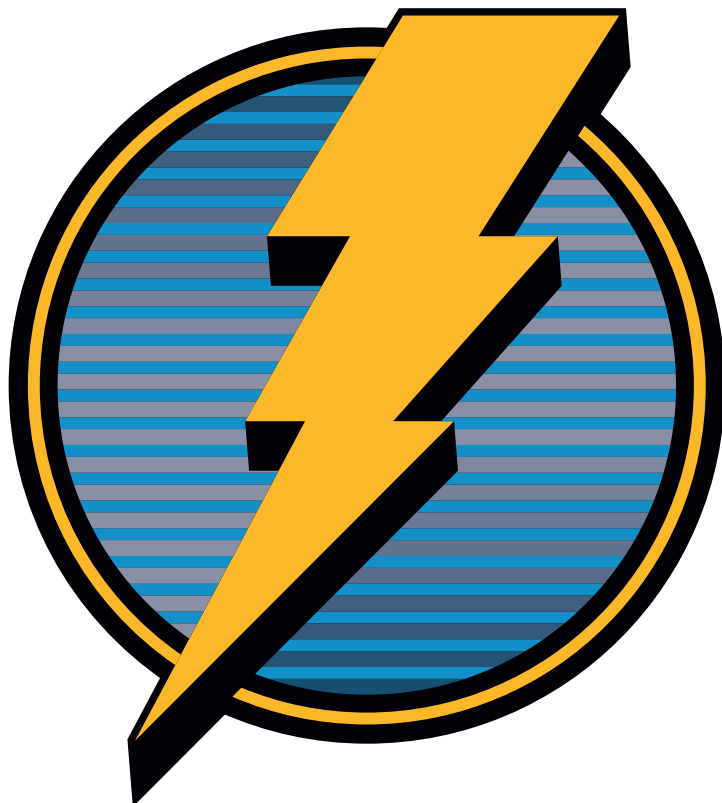
resistance does exist. By the way, never connect an Ohmmeter when voltage is present, as it will likely damage the meter. To measure resistance, take the device out of the circuit before connecting the Ohmmeter.

Since I mentioned heat, I will briefly touch on that. Heat is measured in watts. $\text{Watts} = \text{Volts} \times \text{Amps}$. If you know the voltage and the watts, you can quickly calculate the amps with math.

Speaking of calculating, there is a mathematical relationship between volts, amps, and ohms. It is called Ohm's law. $\text{Volts} = \text{Amps} \times \text{Ohms}$. If you know any two values and a little math, you can calculate the third value. Everyone should know Ohm's Law but in truth, you don't need it to make electrical repairs on your boat.

In review, the things you should understand and remember are as follows:

- Voltage is the pressure.
- Amperage is the current or flow of electrons.
- There will always be some resistance to the flow.
- As resistance increases the flow will decrease.
- As resistance lessens, the flow will increase.
- Bigger wire has less resistance than smaller wire.
- When current is forced through a resistance, heat is generated.



PICS FROM THE PAST



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, glpierce@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

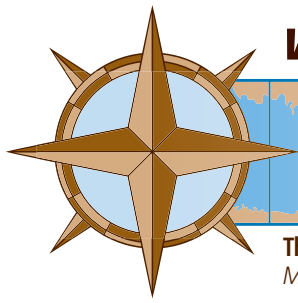
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Sail Fish/Sun Fish Clone

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 Sept. 8, 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: 7:00 pm

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

Guest Members: Dave Barker, Richard Barth, Amos Cape, Zac Kissack, Dave Leiker, Sharon Lewis, Terry Lewis, Kathy Malcom, Gene Plehal, Jim Smith

2. Commodore's Remarks:

Tim reminded the board that we have only one more BOG meeting prior to the annual meeting in Nov. Tim also alerted the Board regarding a pending club social calendar change, to be detailed under the social committee report.

3. Minutes of August 11th Meeting:

Motion to approve. Approved.

4. Members Concerns:

Zak Kissack requested time to speak. Zak raised concerns over recent Board actions related to discipline. Commodore stated these issues were confidential, offered to discuss them with individuals directly affected in executive session at the end of the meeting. The offer was declined.

5. Liaison Reports

Membership: Ardie submitted the application for the John Staples family for membership. Membership Approved. Please lend a helping hand to John and Amy Staples, and their two sons. Welcome Aboard!

Activity Center: We have new blinds in our club house, with plans to upgrade the blinds on additional windows. We have a new sun shade available for use on our clubhouse/deck area. Special thanks to Ardie.

Racing: Ginger reported the summer Wednesday night racing session is complete. We are now into the fall series, racing on Saturday afternoons. Come on out if you want to race, skipper's meeting is at 1 pm on Saturdays.

Long Range Planning: Ginger is leading the committee, with help from Ed Webb and Blaine Van Dam. A number of issues will need to be addressed, including the club house roof and parking lot re-surfacing. Short term actions include a cover for the committee boat.

Social: Note a change to our club calendar. The Italian dinner will press ahead as planned this weekend, catered by Carrabas. The

Chili cook-off is moving up to 8 Oct due to the potential water shut off dates from the park. The Octoberfest will push out to fall 2017. An email notification will go out to the membership.

Finance: Brad requested a software update for our club's bookkeeper, to stay current with our club's financial software program. Amount expected to be about \$200, is within budget and does not need board approval. Also, Kathy Malcom requested Committee chairs to submit their projected expenditures up to the end of the fiscal year. Kathy will use these inputs to build the 2017 budget. Thanks for your support.

Buildings, Grounds, Dry Storage: Board agreed to move up the installation of a hoist (hoist is already available) from long range planning to a team to work out the plan for installation. Paul will lead. Jim Smith offered to contact a structural engineer that is familiar with sailboat hoist installations. The team will put together a plan to take to the state park for approval. Paul reiterated the need to replace gravel in the dry storage lot.

Harbor: Paul is working a solution to the floatation needed on the end of B-dock.

Government Relations: Tim confirmed we have the state park contact identified to approve the installation of a sand volleyball court in our club area. The club will need to take a plan to the state park for approval.

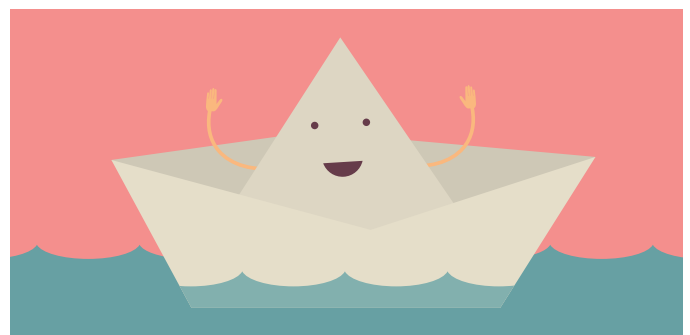
Nominating Committee: Ginger is leading the nominating committee for the 2017 board member elections. Please contact Ginger Brown if you are interested in serving on the Board of Governors.

6. New Business:

Tim requested that Committee Chairs submit their annual reports to our secretary, Blaine Van Dam, by Oct. 15th for inclusion in the annual meeting report. Send to vandamb@cox.net.

7. Meeting adjourned:

8:15 pm. Next Meeting Oct 13th at Cabela's, K96/Greenwich.





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