

THE WINDWORD

Calendar

July 4 Independence Day
July 8 Long Distance Race
July 10, 11, 13 STEP Advanced Sailing Session

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SAFETY, TRAINING & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

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The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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From the Commodore

Ginger Brown

When a club is formed, it is generally like minded people joining together for a common goal. While no one expects everyone in the club will be fast friends, there is an expectation that there will be a general aura of congeniality and respect among the members. Indeed, for a club to run effectively, this is crucial.

Walnut Valley Sailing Club has many wonderful assets. We have a diverse membership, killer Club house, safe harbor, ample slip space and secure dry storage. Our racing fleet is congenially competitive, our sailing training program produces great results, and our social program is enjoyed by many. Countless volunteer hours ensure that the club stays ship-shape.

There is nothing more spectacular than the summer sun setting on the cove, except perhaps a moon rise. The unpredictable Kansas winds and submerged trees keep sailing in our lake a challenging adventure. After a great day of sailing, our docks offer a pleasant spot to rest and catch up with other sailors.

Every once in a while it's a good idea to count your blessings, and take time to focus on the positives. As a sailor in the middle of the continent, in an area where most folks don't even know what a jib is, I feel truly blessed to have found this club.



Long Distance Race!

Saturday July 8th, 2017

Sponsor: Ernie Condon

Entry Fee: One "white elephant" gift per boat

9:00 to 9:30 AM Competitors meeting/registration

9:30 AM Start times assigned

10:00 AM First boat starts (staggered start)

Race duration: Trying for 3 to 5 hours

One hour after predicted finish: Reporting of finish order



2016 WVSC Long Distance Racing Schedule and Instructions

Entry. All competitors are required to bring a wrapped white elephant gift (value not to exceed \$15) for trophy exchange after the races. One gift per boat. Carrying a cell phone on the boat is highly recommended.

Any type of sailboat is allowed. If the boat is not a keel-boat, please contact the race coordinator prior to race day to aid in establishing a proper handicap rating.

Competitors should register at the Competitors meeting to:

Confirm they brought a white elephant gift

Record the following:

Skipper

Boat model/type for handicapping

Sail number

Cell phone number for contact during the race

Agree on PHRF rating

Agree on "Racer" or "Cruiser" status based on experience

Anyone that has received a 1st/2nd/3rd club trophy in the past will be considered "Racer".

Anyone that has raced enough to qualify for a club trophy in the past will likely be considered "Racer"

Receive a map of the race course and any pertinent instructions

Note that the Race Committee may also be a competitor.

Timing of Racing Events.

The long distance races are intended to be recreational in nature as compared to the regular club races. The priorities are in the following order:

First Priority: Be Safe and have fun

Second Priority: Sportsmanship and camaraderie

Third priority: Sail fast

Fourth Priority: Out race your friends

The long distance races will differ from the regular club races in that they will be based on the PHRF handicapping system, and will have staggered/handicapped starts. The slowest boats will start first (at 10:00 am) and the fastest boats will start last, with the target of having all boats finish at the same time. The race rankings will then be the order of finish.

9:00 to 9:30 AM	Competitors meeting/registration
9:30 AM	Start times assigned
10:00 AM	First boat starts
One hour after predicted finish	Reporting of finish order, and exchange of trophies

Races scheduled for a certain time may be postponed for up to 1 hour due to weather.

Courses & Marks. The race courses will not follow standard race course layouts. Course marks may be existing buoys on the lake or racing marks placed by the Race Committee. A simple drawing of the course, general mark locations, rounding requirements, and number of laps will be provided at the Competitors meeting.

The start line for all races will be the East end of the slips, and will be crossed from West to East. Each boat must cross the starting line at or after the time provided to them during the competitors meeting.

Any race courses that extend through the old Bluestem dam will require a verbal note of caution to the racers from the Race Committee during the Competitors meeting. The passage is narrow, with heavy boat traffic and contrary winds. For added safety, the use of the boat motor to get through the cut in the dam is permissible and encouraged.

Starting Sequence. As noted above, the race will include a staggered/handicapped start. Starting times will be based on PHRF ratings for the boats and the wind/race conditions. Starting times will be assigned at 9:30 AM. The slowest boats will be assigned the earliest start times, with the first boat starting at 10:00 AM.

A spreadsheet had been created to simplify calculating the start time. The start times are truncated to the nearest minute. The formulas used are based on guidance from the US Sailing website:

Recalls. Individual Recalls shall be indicated by verbal communication at the starting line, or by cell phone call to the boat. The Race Committee will attempt to notify early starters, but it is the responsibility of each racing boat to be aware of her relative position with the starting line. A General Recall is only applicable if weather requires this (see "Altering the Course after the Start").

Any postponements will be announced on-shore 30 minutes prior to the earliest start time.

Altering the Course after the Start. Any course changes (due to weather changes, etc) will be communicated to the boats via cell phone. The Race Committee will attempt to monitor the weather, but it is the responsibility of each individual skipper to maintain safety for their boat and crew, including watching for and judgments on inclement weather.

The Finish. The finish line will be the East end of the slips (the same as the start line) and will be crossed from East to West. Participants will note their finish time as they cross the line and then proceed to the activity center and record their time as noted during the Competitors meeting. There will not be a need to foot-race to the activity center – the time that counts is the crossing of the finish line.

Time Limits. The time limit will be established as one hour after the predicted finish time. Any boat that feels that they will not make it back by this time is permitted to use motor power to assist so that they will not miss the trophy exchange. If the motor is used, be sure to note your current "place" and record your finish order accordingly (record your finish after all boats ahead of you when the motor is started).

Safety. It shall be the sole responsibility of each skipper to decide whether to start or continue to race. Each skipper shall evaluate his own boat's sea-worthiness and his and his crew's sailing ability and determine to race, continue racing, or not to race. Each boat must carry safety gear prescribed by its respective class and other authorities.

Additional safety items noted above are:

No foot-racing on the docks is required (at the start, between laps, or at the end).

No racing into a slip or to the docks is required (at the start, between laps, or at the end).

Use caution if the race course extends through the cut in the old Bluestem dam. The passage is narrow, winds are contrary, and the traffic is high. Use of the motor is encouraged in the passage.

Watch the weather – it is the skipper's responsibility to ensure safety of their boat and crew.

Scoring. Because the start of the race is handicapped/staggered, the ranking of finishes will be the order of the finish. At registration, an attempt is made to list the competitor as "Racer" or "Cruiser". The top three of each category will be announced at the post-race festivities (no special trophies will be given for the top three – see "Trophies" below).

Trophies. Each competing boat will bring a wrapped white elephant gift (value not-to-exceed \$15) to exchange as a trophy after the race. The exchange will proceed as follows. All competitors will be ranked as a group (not separating Racers and Cruisers).

All gifts are placed together for viewing.

The last place finisher selects a gift and opens it.

The next prior finisher then picks from the two following options:

Select an unopened gift and open it

Select a gift already opened by an earlier selection

(the person losing the gift then selects an unopened gift)

Continue to next prior finisher with the same options.

After the first place finisher has selected their gift, the last place finisher then gets to exchange their gift with any person they chose, thus ending the exchange.

All competitors are then REQUIRED (wink) to stay and share sailing stories from the race.

Welcome New Members

Bill and Jennifer Grabendike from Wichita
Children: Robbi, Jacob, Audra, Dawson, Dominic

*You might see one of them sailing a Snipe, Laser,
Or Chrysler Dagger*



Mark your calendars!!!

Sept 9, 2017

Special New Orleans style dinner on our docks
Anyone interested in helping prepare some menu items
or help in other ways

Please contact Gwynne Bonifield



WVSC's STEP Notes

On June 17th close to 70 club members, STEP sailors and guests attended the club's June social sponsored by the STEP board.

Members of all ages and guests enjoyed a barbeque and potluck in the shelter house and then convened on the docks for knot tying games, ice cream, raffle items, a sing a long and music by the band Flashpoint. Money was raised for the STEP program by selling raffle tickets for a Coleman grill.

The STEP board and sailors are grateful for the continued support of the 'Learn to Sail' program by club members. They are appreciative of the generosity of members and sponsors that enable the program to continue to promote the sport of sailing.

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STEP Program

2017





WVSC STEP Instructors

If you have been out to the lake recently, it's obvious that the club's 'Learn to Sail' program is in full swing. Both the adult and youth classes have filled up and we are finishing up the second of three sessions. But who's crazy enough to put in 12 hour days, stick on band-aids, teach the bowline over a hundred times and constantly yell "sheet in your sail!?" A great group of STEP instructors! Let's get to know them....

Jack Van Dam returns for his sixth year and is the lead instructor this year. A sailor since the age of 10, he brings a wealth of knowledge to the program. Jack and his dad, Blaine, sail a Catalina 22 together and sometimes on club racing night Jack has joined in with his Laser. As the lead US Sailing certified instructor, Jack leads the program and plans the daily activities. This fall Jack will attend the University of South Carolina to pursue his Masters of Education in Higher Education and Student Affairs.

Hunter Griffin is also one of the program's US Sailing certified instructors and is a veteran to the STEP program. He began sailing by taking the summer STEP classes and now shows his sailing skills in a Prindle 16, International Fireball, Laser, Sunfish and Catalina 14.2. When not sailing, Hunter like to write and play music on his guitar, workout and volunteer with WAM productions. But nothing impresses like his black belt in Tae Kwon Do, Hapkido and Koryo Gumdo. In English that's one tough guy!

Tedd Blankenship adds his expertise and sense of humor to the STEP program again this year. His awesome skills on a boat impresses all especially when he claims to have learned to sail on a Styrofoam cooler with a sail. His love of sailing has taken him all over the world and we are fortunate to have Tedd teach the advanced session this summer. When not sailing, Tedd enjoys beekeeping, working in his shop and hanging out with his lovely wife. He also claims to have a dog that sings in six languages but knowing Tedd, we'll believe it when we see it.

Gene Nold returns as an instructor for his 37th summer. As one of the first instructors in the program when it began in the late 80's on borrowed Sunfish, Gene has dedicated countless hours to teaching the sport of sailing and the STEP program. During the day, he teaches the beginning sailors on the Prams, Optimis and Sabots and in the evenings, he leads the keelboat instruction for the adults. On club race days, Gene makes up half of the race team with Gary Pierce on their Catalina 22. Both men know sailing inside and out but when racing it doesn't matter if you're port or starboard, if they're coming, get out of their way!

Deann Gadalla helps out as the jack of all trades this summer. In other words, a deckhand, camp mom, controller of band-aids, instructor and secretary. After trying to teach herself to sail by trial and error she happened upon the summer STEP classes and decided it would be money well spent. Now many years later, Deann enjoys sailing with her son and racing on an occasional Wednesday. When not sailing she enjoys hanging out with her family and trying to convince them to go back out to the lake to sail. Recently, Deann has begun a hobby shared by many sailors-collecting used sailboats.

Gary Pierce still plays an important part in the STEP program after being one of the original founders of the program along with Gene. While not on the water as much, Gary volunteers an incredible number of hours fixing boats and handling the administrative duties. Always willing to help on a chase boat, Gary's expertise in sailing has been instrumental in setting the standard for the efficacy of the program. Gary's kids and grandkids have also played an important roll in the sailing program.





Helping instruct in the STEP program this summer are four Jr. Instructors that volunteer their time.

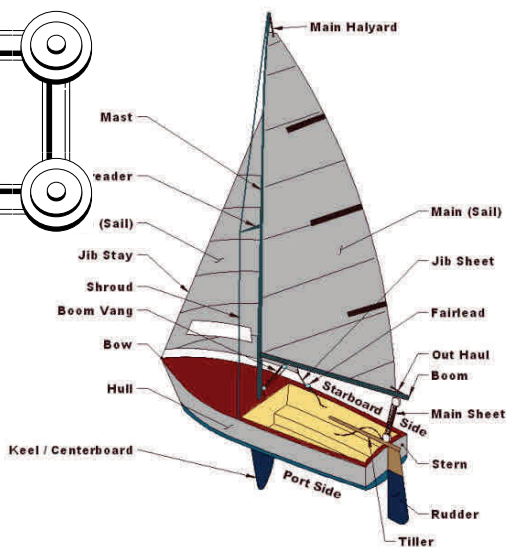
Cole Stinson joins the team as a Jr. Instructor this year after six years in the program. An avid outdoorsman, Cole became interested in sailing after talking to his fellow Jr. Instructor Joseph Gadalla. He now shows his sailing skills on a Catalina 14.2 and Laser and has competed in the CSSA Jr. Regatta on a Laser. When not sailing, Cole is super busy with school activities such as swim team, cross country, science olympiad and a variety of band classes where he is an accomplished saxophone player.

Hayden Griffin returns for her third year in the program. She became interested in the STEP program because her brother Hunter was an instructor and convinced her to join along. Also sailing a laser and Catalina 14.2 she adds to the instruction team. When not sailing, Hayden loves to dance and was an Irish dancer for 5 years. She also plays the ukulele, paints and draws and enjoys longboarding. Whenever Hayden feels alone she reminds herself she has 49 cousins on her mother’s side alone! Wow! No wonder Hayden can group teach so well!

Gabi Beal also comes to the program after several years participating in the STEP program and nine years of sailing with her family. While her older brothers sailed in the program for many years, Gabi brings a spirit of independence and isn’t afraid to step up to the plate and teach in high winds or more difficult settings. She is an enthusiastic part of the team and usually can be found teaching on a Catalina 14.2. When not sailing, Gabi spends several hours training horses. On any weekend if you see a colorful Hobie Cat going really fast on the lake....yep that’s her.

Joseph Gadalla began the STEP program at the young age of 8. Learning under the great team of Gene, Gary and Tedd, Joseph has progressed through certifications on the STEP boats and 2 years ago competed in the CSSA Championship Regatta with Cole Stinson. Sailing his own Sunfish, he placed 4th. Now he enjoys his role as a Jr. Instructor but looks forward to the advanced sailing session. When not sailing, Joseph swims for the Andover YMCA swim team, plays the saxophone in his school’s jazz band and likes to watch movies. If you see a jolly roger sail fly by your boat, you know it’s Joseph!

STEP Articles and Pictures by Deann Gadalla





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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

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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.**

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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

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Asking **\$150 00**, what I paid for it, or will consider an interesting trade.

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Currently in dry storage at WVSC, only **\$900**

Please contact Don Bland 316.208.7371

Catalina 22

On trailer.

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Please contact Don Bland 316.208.7371

2HP Outboard Motor

Long shaft, excellent condition, **\$225** Will demo!

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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.**

Please contact Ed Harned at 316.640.7148

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** ea
- Please contact Gary Pierce 316.686.8823 [Pierce, gpiercewich@cox.net](mailto:gpiercewich@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

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WVSC BOG Minutes

June 8, 2017

7pm. Commodore's house 3220 North 143rd St. East

1. Call to order: 6:48pm

BOG Members:

Ginger Brown Charlie Volk Tim Miller Blaine Van Dam Paul Schye Steve Kubin Deann Gadalla
Ardie Condon

Guest Members: Gene Plehal

2. Commodore's Remarks: The commodore expressed concern that a recent gathering had ignored WVSC rules of conduct and Park regulations. Discussion followed.

3. May 2017 BOG Minutes: *Minutes Approved.*

4. Members Concerns: None

5. Liaison reports

Membership - Ardie: Presented an application for membership from former member, Bill Grabendike. His membership was approved. Please welcome Bill, Jennifer and family.

Calling – Ardie: nothing to report.

Activity Center - Steve: Presented signs he printed to place in club house. There has been a shortage of funds compared to amount of bagged ice taken from the chest freezer. A sign will be made to show people where to pay or please leave IOU.

Racing - Blaine: The weather allowed the first race of the season. There was a good turn out with 4 keel boats and 4 centerboards. There were light winds, and a beautiful bright moon before the evening was done.

Long Range Planning - Charlie: Nothing to report.

Social: Reminder of STEP sponsored social on Sat the 17th.

Finance – Paul: Distributed the monthly financial reports for month ending May 30, 2017. Paul reported we have \$1155 from the club fundraiser held in 2015 for the powerboat cover.

Powerboat – Blaine: The powerboat had no problems at Wed night races.

Buildings, Grounds – Paul: Thank you to several members that helped sweep up the high-water debris in the picnic shelter the night of May social; including Rob Brown, Blaine and Jack Van Dam, Gene Plehal and Ernie Condon.

Harbor – Paul: Reported that 8 or 9 new dock boards are left to install. Electrical problems along docks are being addressed.

Dry Storage – Paul: Nothing to report

Sailing Activities - Reminder of Gene's Swap Meet on June 10th.

Security – Brian has gotten some calls about the security alarm. Not all doors are getting locked before the alarm is set. He has placed some notes on the doors to help clarify how they should be positioned.

PR – Tim: There was an article in the Wichita Eagle about our club and training program. The "open house" for Flight Safety had 2 families and a single person attend. We were able to do some sailing before the rain started. They seemed to enjoy it and showed interest in joining. We will consider doing this again and hope for better weather.

Archive – Tim: nothing to report

STEP – Deann: Session one has begun and off to a great start. We have 4 teenagers volunteering as junior instructors this summer. All have been standouts in the STEP program. Session one for adults is full. Session two and three for youth are full.

Gene Nold reports that 2 donated boats have recently been sold.

Government relations - Blaine: nothing to report.

6. Old Business - none.
7. New Business: none.
8. Move to adjourn: Approved 8:40 pm. Next meeting July 13, 2017 at the Commodore's house 3220 N 143rd St E, Wichita, Ks
9. Executive session: Entered executive session at 8:45pm. Exited executive session 9:50p.