

THE WINDWORD

Calendar

- Mar. 10.** BOG Meeting
- Mar. 12.** Daylight Savings
- Mar. 17.** St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 20.** Spring Equinox

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Paul SchyeJim Smith

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Paul SchyeKathy Malcolm

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NEWSLETTER AND WEB

Tim MillerJenn Pasternak

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Tim Miller and Deann Gadalla

RACING ACTIVITIES

Blaine Van DamRob Brown

SAFETY, TRAINING & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Deann GadallaGary Pierce

SAILING PROGRAM

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SOCIAL

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The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

www.wvsailing.com

From the Commodore

Ginger Brown

Spring is around the corner; with unseasonably warm weather teasing us into thinking it may come early. Since this is Kansas, who knows when it will get here.

Plans are being made for our 80th anniversary celebration. As we consider Walnut Valley Sailing Club's origins, it might be a good time to consider our clubs' charter objective and where we see ourselves going in the future.

Per our bylaws: The object of the club shall be to encourage the sport of sail yachting; to promote the science of seamanship; to conduct racing activities; and to provide and maintain facilities for the recreation of its members on a non-profit basis.

Different people have different visions for the clubs' future. One member sees additional infrastructure as a way of attracting more members, another dreams of a perfectly chilled clubhouse welcoming them after a day in the sun. Dave Bonifield sees adding camping facilities to the property, and is making great headway in navigating the red tape to see if that can be a reality. Others see updating our small boat fleet with collegiate competitive boats to encourage younger sailors to join the club. All are great ideas, but aren't really a working plan for our future.

For the past few years we have been working to ensure that future maintenance expenses and unexpected repairs don't hit us hard financially. To that end we are making good progress. As we reminisce over our past, it would be a good time to reassess where we are going. We need to assess what our capabilities are: healthy membership; well-maintained club house, slips and dry storage; a great sailing school with an adequate fleet; a new to us dependable committee boat; competitive racing fleet; a lovely lake with great sunsets; active volunteers; congenial social activities; and a healthy financial position.

What do you think, are we fulfilling this mission? Are we doing an adequate job of promoting the sport of sail yachting? Is this the vision to take us into the future? The board would love to hear from you.



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WHAT'S YOUR DECADE?

Part of our 80th Anniversary Celebration will be recognizing the different decades members have joined. Please bring sailing items from that decade (forgot when you joined? It's in the Membership Handbook!). Mark your calendars for **April 29**: a Fun Sail from 10 am – 2 pm and a catered meal that evening. 1930's attire will add to the fun!

We're also looking for a member who would enjoy assembling a video montage of old photos... maybe you - or your teen? If you'd like to help in any way with our Anniversary Celebration please contact Cheryl Wertheimer, 733-2685.

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WVSC's "Learn to Sail" STEP Program

STEP is getting ready for a great summer ahead!

The updated 2017 forms can be found on the wvsailing.com website. This year we will be adding an advanced sailing youth session, as well as keeping the same program format for the other sessions.

Please spread the word and let others know about our own club's awesome program!

For more information contact Deann at deanngadalla@yahoo.com

Chris Collins Shares his Expertise:

Electricity for Sailors – #3 Charging & Starting Systems ~ Part Three

Safe Rate of Charge: From “Your Boat’s Electrical System”, By: Conrad Miller and E.S. Maloney. “Battery manufacturers specify a normal or finish rate of charge for each battery. This rate is the amperes of current which can safely be applied any time charging is required and which can be continued to completion of charge without causing excessive gassing or damaging temperatures.

Typical finish rates fall between 4 and 10 amperes per 100 ampere-hours of battery capacity at the eight hour rate. A safe rate for almost any boat battery in the 100 AH class is six amperes. Charging at that current, you will never hurt a 100 ampere-hour battery: Even though the charge is continued slightly past “full,” the only damage will be some lost water due to gassing“.

Conclusion: We can charge our batteries as fast as desired as long as we avoid excessive gassing and don’t get them to hot. Warm is expected. A trickle charger left on for an extended period can actually be bad for a battery. It is better to get the battery charged up quickly, and then shut off the charger. This is what an automatic charger usually does. If you frequently run your deep cycle batteries really low, you should purchase a heavy duty charger that will charge them faster.

Battery Security: A professional load test will tell you if a battery is at or below its specifications. No test will tell you how long a battery will continue to function in your boat. Testing only reveals the current condition. If a battery is still doing its job, I don’t want to replace it yet.

Depending on where you float your boat, a jump start can be very costly. For instance, in Texas, TowBoatU.S. charges \$900 to jump start a boat, tow a boat, or bring you a gallon of fuel. Being able to jump start our own boat is comforting. I like to carry an extra battery, jumper cables, and tools to change the battery. My spare battery is not connected to anything (can’t be drained) and I top off the charge occasionally. My extra battery remains in nearly new condition. Rather than replace a battery because I can’t be sure how long it might last, I can use an installed battery to its death. The spare can be used for a jump or as a quick replacement.

Battery Condition/State of Charge: If after charging, the battery voltage won’t come up to 12.6 V then one or more cells have gone bad and it needs replaced. Knowing which cell is bad, has no value.

You can use a voltmeter to check the state of charge of a battery and you won’t have to deal with acid dripping from your hydrometer. You won’t even need to remove the caps. Just connect the voltmeter across the positive and negative posts. 12.6 V = 100% charge. 12.41 V = 75% charge. 12.22 V = 50% charge. 12.03 V = 25% charge. 11.85 V = 0% charge.

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Beware, a battery fresh off a charger can read greater than 12.6 V for hours and sometimes for days if the battery is not used. The numbers shown above have value ONLY if the battery voltage is 12.6 V or below and it is not currently being charged. So, if you are anchored out with no active charging system, you can use a voltmeter to monitor the amount of charge left in your battery. For instance, if the battery voltage is near 12.41 volts, then you have used 25% of your battery's available power and you have about 75% left. Beware, if you have an old battery, you probably have less than 75% left. These numbers are for reference. You can also spend big bucks on a battery monitor that will use the same voltages to estimate how many ampere-hours remain.

Exceptions: Problems and solutions described above are the most common. I can think of several exceptions that are rare, difficult to diagnose, and might require help from a professional.

Review: A voltmeter is the most valuable tool for testing battery, starter, and charging systems. You can load test a fully charged battery by seeing how well it will perform its most strenuous duty, starting the engine. If a battery starts the engine, starting sounds are normal, and the voltage is good, then it is likely still be a good battery. Carrying a spare battery, jumper cables, and tools to change, will permit using the old battery to its death before replacement. Alternators are best taken to a shop that specializes only in alternator and starter rebuilds. If other tests are good and the battery runs down after a few days of non-use, look for a slow drain. Test your battery and charging system voltages when they are functioning correctly and record the normal values in your maintenance logbook.

Look for the next article by Chris Collins,

"A Tale of Two Swims"

in the April 2017 WindWord

*Thank You to Chris Collins for his informative
articles for the WWS WindWord*



1978 Catalina 30'

Standard Rig fin keel This is a solid boat that doesn't look its 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 & 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, & cover it, Garhauer ball bearing masthead sheave—for ease of raising & lowering sails, Harken code 1 furler - has 2 foil grooves, & can be converted easily for changing sails while racing, recovered upholstery cockpit cushions, Garmin 431S chartplotter—has sonar and depth feature, 4 inch screen, Raritan head, just rebuilt, Trailer with keel guides for ramp loading.

Sailboat is on trailer in WVSC yard, asking **\$17,500**. Please contact Alan Loehr 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 ea**

Please contact Gary Pierce 316.686.8823 Pierce, 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 hp 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

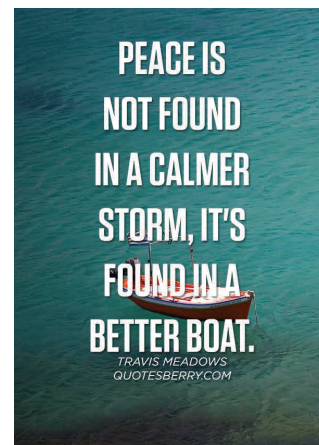
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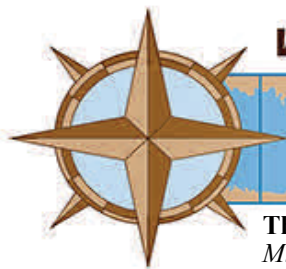
Please contact Don Bland 316.208.7371

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**. Please contact Ed Harned at 316.640.7148



THE WINDWORD



Walnut Valley Sailing Club

Board of Governors Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 9th, 2016 * 7pm. * Commodore's House - 3220 N. 143rd St. East, Wichita, KS
Minutes Subject to Change

1. Call to Order: 7:05 pm

BOG Members: Ginger Brown, Charlie Volk, Blaine Van Dam, Paul Schye, Steve Kubin, Ardie Condon, Brian Hakala

Guest Members: Dave Bonifield, Gene Plehal, Jim Smith, Kathy Malcom

2. Commodore's Remarks: None

3. January 2017 BOG Minutes: Minutes Approved

4. Member's Concerns: None

6. Liaison Reports:

Membership - Ardie: Printing company has been contacted to begin editing for 2017 Handbook. Junior members asked for birthdates for our records.

The club has received resignations from: Don and Marijo Brand, Bradley Campbell, Jacque and Randy Holloway, Jerre Bontrager, Jennifer Pasternak, Doug Walcher

Activity Center - Steve: Gene Plehal talking with possible hire for cleaning the club house.

Racing - Blaine: Racing meeting Saturday, Feb. 18 at Robert Brown's home. Open to anyone interested in racing, crewing or helping with committee boat; or anyone wanting to learn more about racing.

Long Range Planning - Charlie: Nothing to report.

Social: Several events are coming together. The BOG will be working on the calendar. Tim reports that planning continues for celebration of the 80th anniversary on April 29th, 2017. The event will be held in the Activity center. An informal sailing event will be included in the day's program. Other details will be announced as planning progresses. The Committee is looking for volunteers to help with preparations for specific activities.

Calling Committee - Ardie: Nothing to report.

Finance - Paul: Distributed Club's Treasurer's Report for month ending January 31st, 2017. There are members delinquent on paying their dues for 2017. A motion was made and approved to post their names in the WindWord as stated in the by-laws, Article IX, and suspend their membership privileges until payment made. These members will be given notice before the March WindWord is printed.

Powerboat - Blaine: Bart Peace has volunteered to oversee the powerboat. He was approved by the board. Thank you to Bart.

Buildings, Grounds, & Dry Storage: Paul thanked Jim Smith for taking inventory of all boats in storage and on the water for Butler County tax rolls.

Harbor - Paul: Nothing to report.

Sailing Activities - Brian: Glen Bindley was approved by the board for Chairman for this committee. He is working on events and dates. Thank you to Glen.

Security - Brian: Nothing to report.

PR - Tim: Nothing to report.

Archive - Tim: Nothing to report.

STEP - Deann: STEP will sponsor a social on June 24th. Tedd Blankenship, Gene Nold, and Gary Pierce are very busy preparing boats and making repairs. The dates for the training sessions will be June 5th - 15th, June 19th - 29th, and third session for advanced youth will be three days, July 10th - 13th. Fridays will be make-up days in case of inclement weather.

STEP will have a sufficient number of US Sailing Certified instructors this year. They will also have STEP board members and 3 advanced Jr. Sailors volunteering.

Tedd Blankenship will continue to instruct during the STEP sessions, but Deann Gadalla will take on the administrative paperwork (both volunteer). Tedd will be the lead instructor for the new advanced skills sailing session 3.

Registration and information will be sent out by email this year to have better contacts and save money on time, stamps, copies, etc. Members are encouraged to forward the email containing the enrollment information to anyone that they think are interested in learning to sail. Enrollment information will soon be available on the club's website.

Gene continues to work on selling donated boats and other items and STEP parents continue to fund raise in the community.

Government Relations - Blaine: Nothing to report.

7. Old Business: Marine Travel Lift - Kathy Malcom presented a five year cash flow projection for 2017-2021, including estimated cost of repairs and maintenance of our facilities and revenues from membership. After much discussion it was determined the Club's funds are not sufficient for the purchase of the lift. A motion was made to table the proposal to purchase the Marine Travel Lift indefinitely. Board of Governors approved.

Camping Proposal - Dave Bonifield: Dave submitted a detailed proposal to the El Dorado Park authorities requesting a special event camping permit for "Limited Trial Camping" for club members and guests. It would include weekends and holidays during the 2017 sailing season only. Camping would be limited to 2 areas, one for tents and one for up to 2 campers. There would be other limitations as well. WVSC would manage the permits and keep records to determine actual camping utilization.

8. New Business: None

9. Move to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 9:02pm.

10. Next Meeting: 7:00 pm on March 10th, 2017 at the Commodore's house - 3220 N 143rd St E. Wichita

2017 WVSC Race Activities	Race Start Time ⁽¹⁾	Race Committee Coordinator ⁽²⁾
Saturday, April 22, '17	10:00 AM	Racing rules education / Race committee training
Wednesday, May 3, '17	7:00 PM	Nold
Wednesday, May 10, '17	7:00 PM	Proudfoot
Wednesday, May 17, '17	7:00 PM	Nold
Wednesday, May 24, '17	7:00 PM	Rousseau
Wednesday, May 31, '17	7:00 PM	Van Epps
Wednesday, June 7, '17	7:00 PM	Proudfoot
Wednesday, June 14, '17	7:00 PM	Brown
Wednesday, June 21, '17	7:00 PM	Webb
Wednesday, June 28, '17	7:00 PM	Rousseau
Wednesday, July 5, '17	7:00 PM	Kubin
Wednesday, July 12, '17	7:00 PM	Condon
Wednesday, July 19, '17	7:00 PM	Pierce
Wednesday, July 26, '17	7:00 PM	Pierce
Wednesday, August 2, '17	7:00 PM	Van Dam
Wednesday, August 9, '17	7:00 PM	Van Dam
Saturday, August 19, '17	2:00 PM	Condon
Saturday, August 26, '17	2:00 PM	Brown
Saturday, September 2, '17	2:00 PM	Pierce
Saturday, September 9, '17	2:00 PM	Rousseau
Saturday, September 16, '17	2:00 PM	Proudfoot
Saturday, September 23, '17	2:00 PM	Kubin
Saturday, September 30, '17	2:00 PM	Van Dam
Saturday, October 7, '17	2:00 PM	Brown
Saturday, October 14, '17	2:00 PM	Condon
Saturday, October 21, '17	2:00 PM	Kubin
Saturday, October 28, '17	2:00 PM	Nold

(1) Skipper's Meeting 1 hour before start time.

(2) Race Committee Coordinator can a) either do the race committee on that date, b) trade with someone else, or c) arrange someone else to cover the date, but it is your responsibility to get us a race committee for your date. Please plan early to save disappointment.

Race Committee is asked to attempt to have 2 races on each date, if at all possible.

Race committee is asked to attempt to have race courses >45 min in duration each.

2017 WVSC Race Scoring

Boat Scoring: Portsmouth Yardstick. Wind Handicap (HC) at race committee option.
Score is for the boat

Five (5) minute start sequence

Points scored on finish order, i.e. 1 point for first, 2 for second, etc.

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Three (3) boats constitute a fleet: Keelboat or Centerboard Each
Keelboat or Centerboard fleet will get its own start Minimum
three (3) boats in a class for a race to qualify in series

DNF "did not finish" = total starters +1

DNS "did not start" = no penalty

DNQ "Did not Qualify" = for series award

50% participation to qualify for a series

Series Champion = lowest point sum for best 50% of qualifying races in series

Club Champion = lowest point sum for best 50% of qualifying races in the total season

WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB

2017 Summer Adult Sailing Program

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____

Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Age _____ T-shirt size _____ Adult or Youth *Enrollment packet must be received by 5/19/17 to guarantee the participant a t-shirt.*

Emergency Contact _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number _____

Approximate height & weight _____ (to determine boat)

I am a member of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club: Yes No

Students may sign up for more than one session.

Session 1 June 5th - 15th _____

Session 2 June 19th - 29th _____

Please return all forms and \$200 per person if member, \$225 dollars per person if non-member to:

Deann Gadalla

2554 North Rosemont Ct.

Wichita, KS 67228

Checks must be made out to Walnut Valley Sailing/STEP Program. There is a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 in case of cancellation.

Enrollment forms can also be scanned and sent to deanngadalla@yahoo.com

Please let us know how you heard about our 'Learn to Sail' program:

WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB

2017 Summer Youth Sailing Program

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____

Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

E-mail address _____

Age _____ T-shirt size _____ Adult or Youth *Enrollment packet must be received by 5/19/17 to guarantee the participant a t-shirt.*

Emergency contact _____

Emergency contact phone number _____

Approximate height & weight _____ (helps determine boat used)

I am a member of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club: Yes No

Students may sign up for more than one session.

Session 1 June 5th - 15th _____ (June 9th & June 16th are designated makeup days)

Session 2 June 19th - 29th _____ (June 23rd & June 30th are designated makeup days)

Session 3 July 10th 11th & 13th _____ (permission of instructor required for *youth advanced session 3*)

Please return all forms and \$100 dollars per person & per session to:

Deann Gadalla

2554 North Rosemont Ct.

Wichita, KS 67228

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