

# THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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APRIL 2011

## CALENDAR:

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|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| April 1         | April Fool's Day                      |
| <b>April 14</b> | <b>WVSC Board Meeting</b>             |
| April 17        | Palm Sunday                           |
| <b>April 23</b> | <b>Regular Race</b>                   |
| April 22        | Earth Day                             |
| April 24        | Easter Sunday                         |
| April 27        | Administrative Professional's Day     |
| April 28        | Take Our Daughters & Sons to Work Day |
| April 29        | Arbor Day                             |

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## From the Commodore

Ahoy sailors,

Daylight is longer (thanks to nature and a little help from congress) and sailboats are on the water. So it appears Spring has sprung and the sailing season in Kansas has begun, at long last.

Our official start of activities begins next month with the first social, the Spring Fling, at the club. Look for more information in this issue of Windword.

We have a full slate of sailing activities and racing for 2011. Some of us have been tuning up our strategies with private instructions generously donated by Ernie down at the Andover Pizza Hut throughout the winter. And I'm sure with the warmer weather there is some work being done on hulls to fit them out for the season. So let's get started.

Our team of volunteers have been hard at work repairing the ravages of winter and the damages caused to the dock. A special thanks Gene Nold, Gene Plehal, David Reynolds and Bud McCurry for taking the time and extreme effort to get our docks back in working order. Special thanks to Bud for his welding expertise and equipment that saved the club a lot of money in making these heavy duty repairs. It is volunteers like these that keeps our club an economic going concern. Think about thanking them the next time you see them.

A closer inspection of the facilities shows the need to develop a more comprehensive preventative maintenance program for our facilities. Collectively your Board and club Harbor and Activities Center committees will be working to get this plan in place, to protect our investment for the future.

Speaking of the future, after years of negotiation and review with the State, we have at long last an agreement to extend the club operating agreement at Lake El Dorado. We now have in writing the agreement that will provide us a home until 2030. Thanks to the special committee that has been working on this since 2008.

Forward progress is also being made on the picnic shelter expansion as plans and bids are being updated to hopefully bring this expansion to fruition this season.

Last but not least, efforts are in the works to begin the planning of the clubs 75th anniversary celebration in 2012. Contact Ginger Brown if you have ideas for a celebration and or are interested in participating in the planning.

As you can see there are ample opportunities to join in and make your club the place to be in 2011.

Good sailing,

*Rob Brown, Commodore*

## IN MEMORIUM

Harold I. Brammer  
1921 - 2011

Long-time member of the Wichita Sailing Club/Walnut Valley Sailing Club  
Commodore 1968

*May he rest in peace and rise in glory*

## 2011 SUMMER YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM

# BRING A BUDDY AND COME SAIL WITH US



The Walnut Valley Sailing Club/STEP program is offering two sessions this summer.

We will teach you how to sail in a beginner's class or improve your sailing ability in advanced classes. We are offering Keelboat classes to advanced sailors.

So come sail with us or better yet, get your buddy that would like to sail with you and join us this summer for a GREAT time on the water.

Our fleet consists of: Prams, Sabots, Optimists, Catalina 14.2's, Sunfish, Lasers, Sonar, Catalina 22 and Catalina 25's.

### CLASS STRUCTURE

**Age Prerequisites:** Must be 8-17, have an interest in learning to sail and swim 25 yards without a lifejacket (PFD) (swimming will be tested).

**Equipment requirements:** Participants are required to provide their own life jacket (PFD) US Coast Guard approved, age-appropriate size and sunscreen, hat and water shoes.

**Course Content:** Three levels of sailing instruction, beginners, intermediate and advanced sailing offered. Safety, weather, self-rescuing skills, basic rules of the road and nomenclature are also covered.

**Schedule:** 3 days per week (Mon, Tues, and Thurs) for 3 weeks 10am to 4pm, 2 sessions:

- 1st session: June 13 through June 30
- 2nd session: July 11 through July 28

**Cost per Student:** \$25 non-refundable Registration Fee, **Plus** \$45 class fee for WVSC members; \$70 for non-members.

**Fee Includes:** USSA "Start Sailing Right" instruction manual, use of a boat for the summer, T-shirt and awards. For participants between the ages of 8 and 17, the fee also includes a Youth Provisional Membership to Walnut Valley Sailing Club which begins at the beginning of class and continues for the remainder of the year. Drinks are furnished. Student brings lunch.

**Class Size:** 20 students per session.

**Boats used:** Prams, Sabots, Optimist, Catalina 14.2, Sunfish, Laser and Sonar

**Registration and Questions:** Call Gary Pierce 316-686-8823 or Gene Nold 316-636-2091

### SUMMER 2011 WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB/STEP APPLICATION

## STEP YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Age T-Shirt Size

\_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Person Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail address

I am a \_\_\_\_ member \_\_\_\_ non-member of Walnut Valley Sailing Club

I wish to enroll in the \_\_\_\_ Youth Program:

\_\_\_\_ Session 1- June 13 - June 30 \_\_\_\_ Session 2- July 11 - July 28

Please enclose the non-refundable deposit of \$25, made out to WVSC/STEP with this application. Mail to: WVSC Sailing Program c/o Gary Pierce, 1431 South 127th Street East, Wichita, Kansas 67207

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Date Signature

# March Meeting Minutes



## WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2011

Pizza Hut, Andover, KS

*Minutes Subject to Correction*

**Attendees:** Board: Rob Brown-Commodore, David Bonifield-Vice Commodore, Paul Schye-Treasurer, Gary Mackey-Secretary, Greg Rincker-Rear Commodore, Doug Johnson, Tedd Blankenship, David Reynolds, Paul McCausland Members: Bill Clark, Terry and Sharon Lewis, Gene Phehal, Ginger Brown, Gwynne Bonifield. Patti Mackey, Bill Fonger, John and Deb Aschbrenner, Gene Nold

-Call to Order at 7:00 p.m. by Commodore Brown.

-Quorum is present.

-February Meeting Minutes approved as amended.

**Treasurer Report:** Paul Schye presented the Treasurers Report.

-Treasurer stated that a request was made for a 10 foot slip on the north side of the slips. Since none are currently available, the question was asked if a 12 foot slip could be leased for the 10 foot slip price. After some discussion, the Board decided not to deviate from the current policy.

-New Member applications—none -After the slip lease fees are received, the Treasurer and Finance Committee will review the 2011 Budget and propose a new 2011 Budget if required.

-Treasurer's Report accepted.

### **Committee Reports:**

-Membership Committee: David Reynolds reports the Handbook is on schedule. He asked if the Board would like to extend the new member incentive from last year to this year. The incentive is if a new member leases a slip, then the Club will waive the initiation fee. The Board decided to extend the incentive for 2011.

Discussion on increasing membership followed. Greg Rincker will write an article for the Windword encouraging the membership to invite new people to the first Social of the year.

-Dry Storage Committee: The Club will solicit bids for the pre-emergent treatment of the Dry Storage Area.

-Building and Grounds Committee: Paul McCausland and Bill Clark reported on the status of the Covered Picnic Area expansion. Cost and design options were discussed. Tedd Blankenship volunteered to investigate some options to obtain more detailed drawings that can be used to solicit contractor bids. Demo

Construction, who has done work for the Club before, was suggested as a possible bidder. The Club is looking for a new lawn maintenance contractor. Several possibilities were discussed.

-Activity Center Committee: Tedd Blankenship reports that Janice Cooper has offered to donate a stove which Tedd will pick up and check the size. Ginger Brown reports she may know of a refrigerator that might be available.

**Unfinished Business:** None

### **New Business:**

-Committee Notebooks: Gary Mackey suggests that Committee Chairmen consider putting together a notebook with pertinent information about their committee. Some ideas of items to include in these notebooks were discussed.

-Dock Damage Report: Gene Nold reports that an inspection of the damage has been done. It appears the damage may be repaired using a spare hinge structure along with some welding. A crew will work on the dock on Saturday. Gene also discussed the need to do scheduled preventive maintenance on the docks per the manufacturer's directions. The maintenance could be done by the Club or contracted out. Board requests Gene contact the dock vendor and obtain a bid for maintenance.

-Friends of El Dorado Lake: Gene Nold reports that the Friends of El Dorado Lake is an organization that provides support for the El Dorado State Park Department. The group, as part of a fund raiser, is offering to produce and display a banner at the Park entrance that will advertise our Club. The Board is interested, but would like to see the result of the Finance Committee's review of the 2011 Budget. The Board also discussed the idea of promoting the Friends of El Dorado Lake to our members. The Board requested that Gene Nold write an article for the Windword explaining what the organization does and how people can join if interested.

-Possible 75th Club Anniversary Celebration: The Board discussed possible options for celebrating the Club's 75th anniversary in 2012. David Reynolds discussed anniversary celebrations the Club has held in the past. Ginger Brown volunteered to chair an anniversary celebration committee and encouraged all members to bring their ideas and suggestions.

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## 2011 SUMMER ADULT SAILING PROGRAM

# Come Sail with Us

The Walnut Valley Sailing Club/STEP program is offering two sessions this summer.

We will teach you how to sail or improve your sailing abilities in a centerboard boat or a keelboat. We offer both Basic Keelboat and Basic Centerboard classes. Advanced classes in Centerboard and Keelboat may also be offered.

So come sail with us this summer for a GREAT time on the water. Our adult fleet consists of – Catalina 14.2's, Sonar, Catalina 22 and Catalina 25's.

### CLASS STRUCTURE

**Age Prerequisites:** Must be 18 years or older, have an interest in learning to sail or improve your sailing abilities and swim 25 yards without a lifejacket (PFD). (May be 15-17 years old if accompanied by an adult).

**Equipment requirements:** Participants are required to provide their own life jacket (PFD) US Coast Guard approved age-appropriate size and sunscreen, hat and water shoes.

### COURSE CONTENT:

Basic Centerboard Sailing Course – Covers beginning, intermediate and advanced sailing techniques in a centerboard boat that includes boat handling skills, boat related skills, basic rules of the road, safety, weather and nomenclature. Everything you need to know to sail your own boat safely and with confidence.

Basic Keelboat Sailing Course – The keelboat course leads you through the essential principles of safe, confident day sailing. It covers basic sailing concepts, boat handling, docking, anchoring, safety and emergencies, weather and basic navigation. The keelboat course requires a minimum of three students per boat both in Basic and Advanced Keelboat.

Prerequisite for Advanced Centerboard or Keelboat instruction – you must have the Basic Sailing Course or equivalent sailing experience.

**Schedule:** 3 days per week (Mon. Tues. Thurs.) for 3 weeks, 6 to 9pm.

### 2 Sessions:

1st session: June 13 through June 30

2nd session: July 11 through July 28

**Class Size:** 10 students per session

**Cost per Student:** WVSC members-\$25 non-refundable Registration Fee, Plus \$155 class fee, total cost-\$180; Non-members-\$25 non-refundable registration fee Plus \$255. Total cost- \$280. (Accompanying Spouse or family member \$180)

**Fee Includes:** USSA “Start Sailing Right” or “Basic Keelboat” instruction manual, instruction, use of a Catalina 14.2 (if checked out) boat for the summer, T-shirt and certificate. Includes a Provisional membership to Walnut Valley Sailing Club, which begins at the beginning of class and continues for the remainder of the year.

**Boats used:** Capri 14.2, Sonar, Catalina 22 and Catalina 25's

**Registration and Questions:** Call Gary Pierce 316-686-8823 or Gene Nold 316-636-2091

## SUMMER 2011 WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB/STEP APPLICATION STEP ADULT SAILING PROGRAM

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Age T-Shirt Size

\_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Person Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail address

I am a \_\_\_\_ member \_\_\_\_ non-member of Walnut Valley Sailing Club

I wish to enroll in the \_\_\_\_ Centerboard Program \_\_\_\_ Keelboat Program

\_\_\_\_ Session 1- June 13 - June 30 \_\_\_\_ Session 2- July 11 - July 28

Please enclose the non-refundable deposit of \$25, made out to WVSC/STEP with this application. Mail to: WVSC Sailing Program c/o Gary Pierce, 1431 South 127th Street East, Wichita, Kansas 67207

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Date Signature

# ...Boater's Swap Meet...



## Uncle Gene's Third Annual Sailing Swap Meet

Uncle Gene Plehal is looking forward to seeing you at the Swap Meet with all your old, discarded, unwanted, but not forgotten sailing stuff to sell or trade

**Saturday, June 4th 2011**

from

**1000 to 1400**

(that's 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for you novices)

at

**Walnut Valley Sailing Club**

El Dorado Lake, Kansas, USA

Bring your Stuff- anything related to sailing — pieces, parts, and sundry items. We plan to swap, buy, trade, or give away-whatever works to get the Stuff moving from your hands to

someone else, and vice versa. You now have a date, time, place and instructions. All you gotta do is be there! Bring a little cash and your own refreshments.

Call **Uncle Gene Plehal** for more information **316-722-1037**

# *Cucina Italiana*

Plans are in the works for our "Cucina Italiana" social on June 11. There will be a short meeting of all sailing club members who would like to take part in this endeavor on Tuesday evening, April 5 at 7:00pm at the Bonifield home. Thus far the members participating to organize and carry out the duties for this social are: Dave & Gwynne Bonifield, Greg & Nikki Rinker, Brad & Kim Oblack, Ernie & Ardie Condon, Randy & Kathy Malcom. You single guys and gals are certainly welcome. We need to finalize our menu and assign tasks. We need at least 8 more cooks for the main dishes and 2 more

bakers for desserts. You would need to be willing to prepare a simple, yet delicious main dish, dessert or salad at home before coming to the club house. When you come to this meeting, more details will be discussed. We're going to have a good time and plan for what we hope will be a well received social. If you are interested yet cannot make the meeting on the 5 of April, please call anyone on the committee and let them know you would like to help out. We hope to see you on the 5th.

*Dave and Gwynne Bonifield*  
(Organizers of "Cucina Italian" social)

## SPRING FLING at WVSC

May 14, 2011

SOCIAL HOUR - 6PM

DINNER SERVED - 7PM

ON THE MENU IS:

SMOKED MEATS (BEEF BRISKET AND PULLED PORK)

24 HOUR SALAD

CORN ON THE COB

BAKED BEANS

CHOCOLATE AND VANILLA DREAM LAYERED DESSERT

**Barbeque by Bud**



**Cost to attend is \$12.50 a person**

**Cal 9.2** - (30ft) 1982 \$17,000. A nice big boat with trailer. New main and Jib in 2000. Spinnaker and Flexible Furler. Universal Diesel. New running rigging. Bimini and cockpit cushions, refrigerated icebox CD player. Custom road trailer. To see this boat, call Patrick at 540.3674

**Catalina 25** - 1981 Swing keel, trailer, slip with board approval. VHF radio, radio/CD player, microwave, air conditioner, head with holding tank. Good main, roller-furling North genoa, spinnaker with ATK sock, new Lewmar self-tailing winches. Bimini top, new cockpit and cabin cushions, 9.9 outboard, and more. \$9500. Call Tony Scuka at 316-942-1990.

**SNIPE** - Fiberglass Balsa core, alum. mast and boom, sails maroon, hull clear, natural mahogany deck. \$1500.00 CONTACT Dick @ 316-685-8611

**Old Laser** - good parts for sale. Hobie 14 boat or parts for sale. Trailers call Dan @ 687-2471 dacridge23@yahoo.com

**Wanted:** a 9.9 or 8 hp outboard motor long shaft. Call Tim Peppard at 316-838-8214

**Helsen 22** – 1973 \$4,000 see full ad at helsen22forsale.com – Ready to sail, ballasted keel, swing centerboard, shallow draft (14' w/board up) foam flotation, trailer (2007) 6hp Evinrude (1976) depth finder, VHF radio, 2 main sails, 2 jibs, 1 genoa, pop-top, swim ladder, located at Snyder's Marina, Cheney Lake. 316-680-8339. Nick

**Phoenix Snipe 16'** - 1982, boat #25196, completely renovated, & race competitive. It has minimum weight, flexible mast, & can be capsized, righted & continue sailing. Includes 2 suits of sails, large face compass, & pole launcher, & all sail controls. The trailer alone is worth the \$1,500 price. Ken Rix, 316-684-6086

**Ranger 23** - 1976, Gary Mull design New bottom paint, reconditioned sails, new running rigging, teak wood reconditioned, new mast and boom paint all in 2009-10. Cradle and trailer for launch and storage use only. Two motors available, 7.5 hp Mercury with electric start, and 5hp Tohatsu, both 2 stroke. Overall a very great sailing, fast, roomy boat. Slip exchange with B.O.G. approval. #C24. \$4500. Call Chris 209-8060, chris@zacharyins.com

**Lido 14** - w/trailer 1960ish \$450 Firm – Ready to sail, family day sailor, 2 mains, 2 jibs, hit some rocks once but glassed together since, still needs TLC, seats up to 4, running rigging good condition. This boat offers a lot of fun. Sold as is. 316-680-8339 Nick

**1993 Corsair F-27 Trimaran, Que Tal** - exceptionally well maintained, in great condition with all the bells and whistles for 48k Visit Que Tal Website for more details and photos Jim Smith (316)305-2030.



**Sweet Sixteen** - Approx. 1977 Trailer & cover, light wind sails in good condition. Asking \$1200. See at small boat yard #32. Contact Barney.Anderson@cox.net

**Catalina 25** – 1989 Mark IV, sail #5883, wing keel, tall rig, in-board Universal M-12 diesel, trailer and slip with board approval. Good original main, 150 genoa, jib, roller furler. Updated cabin upholstery, stereo CD player, new alcohol stove, new head. \$13,000. Call Steve Perry at 316-680-6445 or Patrick at 316-540-3674 email patrick-adams1587@hotmail.com

**Hobie 18** - 1979. \$1500. Fast? Yes. Sexy? Absolutely. Includes: Original "red rocket" sails, in good shape; roller furling jib; carbon fiber tipped mast; Hobie Bob; vinyl tramp; sail bags; jib

snorkel; Harken block; carbon fiber tiller; trailer; cat box on the trailer for storage; two dagger boards; two orig. harnesses, one new Hobie "captain's seat". This boat has spent its life well cared for and under a cover. Ready to sail. If you want to go fast, this is your boat. Call Charlie Hobbs at 316.519.9037 or email at woody-wagon89@hotmail.com

**Found:** Whisker pole rolling loose on A -Dock near dock edge. It is a three-tube, twist and lock type. It was not near any boat and I was concerned it would fall into the water and be lost. Call me and I will get it to you. Jack - 316-619-4584

**For Sale:** 2 pair synthetic rubber spreader boots. One pair is West Marine "Medium", fits spreader tips up to approximately 2 1/4" x 11/16", about 6" long & fits shrouds to 3/16", new in blister pack. The other set fits spreaders about 2" x 1", about 8" long for shrouds up to 1/4", not in package (but unused.) \$15/pair Rob Fresh, 744-0062.

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-David Bonifield inquired if there were any issues with KDWP concerning the location of the STEP Buildings. A satisfactory answer was given by Gene Nold that the buildings could remain. (Subsequent to the meeting we have written confirmation from KDWP that no further action is required on this issue.)

#### Special Committee Reports:

-ADA Case Special Committee: In response to a settlement offer, the Board had a virtual meeting, discussion, and vote. The settlement offer was unanimously rejected.

-ADA Compliance Special Committee – Gene Nold reports we have work to accomplish in the Activity Center as per our compliance report. April Meeting Notice:

April 14, 2011. Location – TBN Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.



P.O. Box 20076  
Wichita, KS 67208-1076

## **“There’s still an opening...”**

Your WVSC Club Membership Chair is still vacant. We need a member or membership couple to step up and take over the Membership Chair from DeAun Warfield - she passed it on to me as Liaison and we would like to offer that opportunity to you. It is a wonderful feeling to be able to Welcome new members and talk to prospective members about our Club. You will send them the New Member information and Handbook. You will coordinate with the Bookkeeper and Treasurer in setting up the new membership. You will be rewarded with Work Credits toward your 2012 dues and have the satisfaction of knowing you are supporting your all volunteer Sailing Club. Since I have done all the work in coordinating the 2011 Membership Handbook revision, you will have a pass until early 2012 when you can do it yourself!

Call me to discuss this outstanding opportunity - the Bull Dog does not give up!

David O. Reynolds,

## **2011 Membership Handbook Update**

At this point, we are on schedule to have the 2011 Membership Handbook ready for distribution in early April 2011. Watch the “on-line” announcements for early pickup and distribution opportunities. We are also working on putting the Handbook on our website in the “Members Only” section, first as a trial to see how it works and to refine our product. Look for on-line updates on this project.

## **Windword Newsletter Distribution**

The standard distribution for our Windword newsletter is by email/on-line electronic means. If you do not have an email address, we will mail it via US Mail. If you just want the newsletter mailed to your home address as an exception, please notify me in writing of your special request so that we may update our mailing lists for this year. The whole purpose of the email default is to save money and distribute the Windword faster. An early response to this request, if you want special handling, will be most appreciated. All changes in your personal data in the Club records should be updated as it happens by notifying your Membership Chair.