

# THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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AUGUST 2005

## CALENDAR:

August 6	Centerboard Handicap Regatta
August 11	Board Meeting
August 13	Annual Pig Roast
August 20	Fifth Club Regatta
September 3	Centerboard Racing
September 5	Labor Day
September 9-10	Snipe District Regatta
September 10	Mexican Fiesta Men's Cook-off
September 17	Sixth Club Regatta
October 1-2	2005 WVSC Championship Regatta

Well, it has happened again. The Island Shrimp Boil held on July 9th was by all accounts, a great success. Good food and a terrific 5 piece steel band, capped off by a visual stroll through some of the early history of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club, all on a near perfect summer evening. All came together to produce a totally enjoyable evening. Thanks to Gene Plehal, Ron Alderman and Deborah Sigwarth, John Aschbrenner and Debbie Gash, Terry and Sharon Lewis for helping make the Island Shrimp Boil an event that keeps on getting better. This is no doubt an event likely to be brought back by popular demand next year.

In keeping with the successful string of social events this year, the Walnut Valley Sailing Club Annual Pig Roast is coming to you on August 13th. For those of you who have not attended the Pig Roast in the past (and that is hard to imagine), you have just got to make it this time. For those of you who have attended this event, you know what I am talking about!

On a totally different, but very important note, you have no doubt noticed that there was a design change in the type of binders used for the Membership Handbooks issued this year. There were several specific and compelling reasons to make this change. However, the principle reason prompting the change was the desire to facilitate the incorporation of revisions to the handbook at a greater frequency than on an annual basis. As it presently stands, the revision interval has been set at twice per year unless an apparent need dictates otherwise. So, please take a moment to review all your personal information, as listed in the Membership Roster section of the handbook. Pay particular attention to the accuracy of dry storage and slip locations, telephone numbers, email and postal addresses, etc. for any needed corrections or changes. After all, how can anyone get in touch with you if your contact information is out of date? Please submit any and all changes, preferably via email (but we'll take it any way we can get it), to Kimberly Rix at [krix1@cox.net](mailto:krix1@cox.net).

*See you at the lake*

*Clark Chambers, Commodore*

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# Masters Rule July Regatta

Ed Webb and Ken Rix outsailed the keelboat and centerboard fleets respectively on a rare light wind day at El Dorado Lake. A record fourteen boats turned out for the club's fourth regatta, only to find calm winds that caused postponement of racing until after lunch. To appease racers that were growing increasingly impatient, the race committee broke out the ice cream that was intended for a post-race treat and served it as a lunchtime treat. A loud roar of approval greeted race chair Don Chism's announcement at one o'clock that the first race would get underway in twenty minutes. A scramble to the boats followed as crews got them underway and sails raised.

The race committee laid out a non-standard course in the form of a dogleg with the starting line at the east end of the club's dock. A southeast course took boats out of the cove to the first mark, after which the course turned southward toward the second mark, then back to the first mark and the finish line at the dock.

Despite tight quarters behind the starting line, there were no incidents in the separate starts for keelboats and centerboards. Nine keelboats and five centerboards headed for the first mark in very light and shifty winds that challenged skippers and crew to maintain headway while chasing spots of wind that danced from one side of the course to the other. Tom Burgin in "Jaws" slowly eked out a lead over the other boats and crossed the finish line first, but fell to second on corrected time behind Ed Webb in "Celebration Time". Crewing for Ed was Kevin Findley, Vice-Commodore of the Ninescah Yacht Club. We hope Kevin enjoyed the experience and will encourage other Ninescah sailors to join us for future races. Placing third in keelboats was Mike Hand in "Chasing Illusions".

Among the centerboarders, Ken Rix and Tedd Blankenship outclassed the field and sailed to line honors and a first place in "Cold Chills", followed by Mary Ann Rix and Janet Van Epp in "Hot Flash". Father and son team Jerry and Kyle Brady claimed third in their newly refurbished Flying Scot.

The wind picked up slightly toward the end of race one, so the race committee called for a second race. The keelboats, followed by the centerboards, were soon headed back out to the first mark in winds that were more consistent and slightly less shifty. Webb, Burgin and Hand repeated their first-second-third placings in race two. A shuffle in the cen-

terboard fleet occurred when Pat Boyarski and Clark Chambers in "Vita Brevis" took third over the Bradys. Ken and Mary Ann repeated their first and second place finishes.

Overall results for the regatta had Webb, Burgin and Hand on the podium in the keelboat fleet. Centerboard results saw Ken Rix in first, followed by Mary Ann Rix and a tie for third between Brady and Boyarski. Silver fleet honors went to Ed Klima in his Gloucester 23, crewed by his daughter

Joanna and new member Kevin Sullivan. Honorable mention in the silver fleet went to Della Rieger in a S2-7.9 assisted by husband Eric and also to Terry and Sharon Lewis and crew Skipper in their first race aboard their newly acquired Snipe, "White Lightning".

The race committee for the regatta received positive feedback from the racers for setting up a different race-course that added variety to the racing series. Although unorthodox, the course was a fair test of sailing skills and had a notable advantage of a start-finish line right at the docks. Don Chism, regatta chair, aided by Gene Plehal, Janis Cooper, Wayne Hemmen and John Ellison on the race committee boat deserved the many thanks that were offered for having provided an

enjoyable day of racing despite the calm wind of the morning.

With four club regattas under their belts, the Racing Committee is encouraged by the steady increase in boats that are participating. The committee's goal for the year is to inject fun into racing activities and attract more members to give racing a try. We thank those members who have raced and extend a friendly invitation to those who wonder if racing might be for them. August will be a busy month, with a special centerboard handicap regatta on August 6th and the club regatta on August 20th.

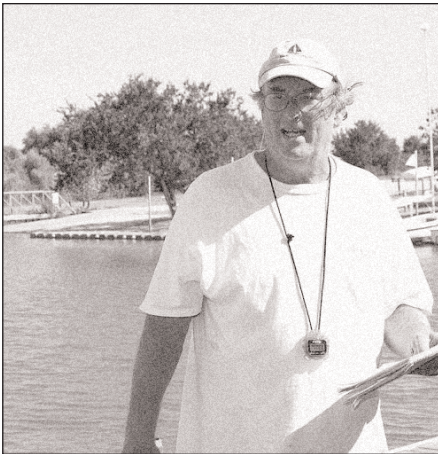
Be sure to mark your calendars for the season-ending regatta in October that will determine the club champions for 2005. This two-day regatta on October 1st and 2nd is sure to provide a fitting close to the race calendar and should not be missed. Get your boats and crew ship-shape for a weekend of racing fun, competition and camaraderie.

***Pat Boyarski, Race Committee***



# EXCLUSIVE PHOTOS!

## The Loch El Dorado Monster Resurfaces!



*In this photo, all seems fine at the lake.*



*Then, "Eldo" surfaces without being noticed by passers by.*



*In this closeup, notice how "Eldo's" tail (r) resembles a hand.*

## Walnut Valley Sailing Club Annual Pig Roast

Saturday, August 13, 2005

**Social Hour and Final Pig Smelling Time at 6:00pm**

**The Food Line and The Pig Open at 7:00pm**

We will have an after dinner presentation by Bob Gress, Director of the Great Plains Nature Center, on Kansas Wildlife with several guest wild animals in attendance – interesting and educational for all ages!

**Menu:** Roast Pig, Beans, Fruit Salad, Potato Salad, Rolls – More Pig, etc., if any is left over – Light Dessert, Tea and Lemonade

**Cost:** \$11.00 for Adults     \$5.00 for Children (12 and under)

Reservations must be made by Friday, August 06, 2005 at 6:00pm

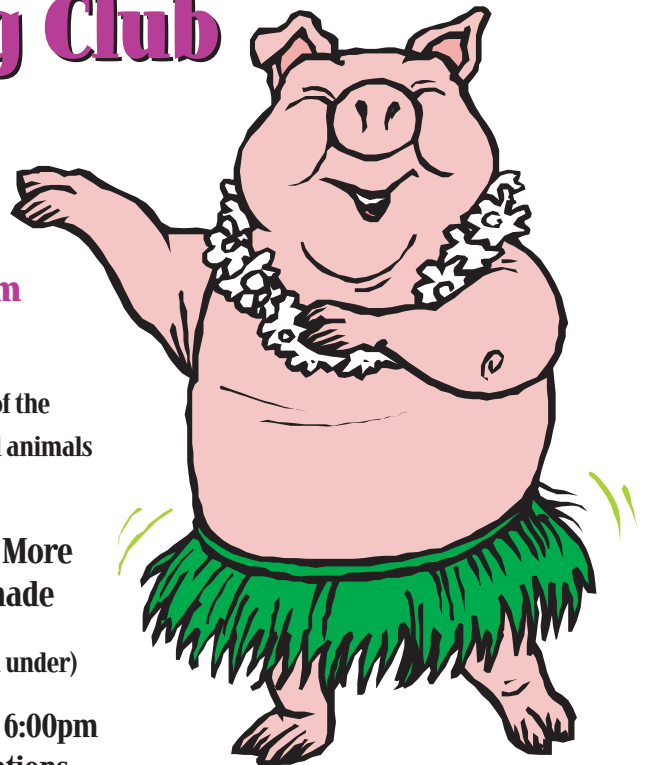
Your local Calling Person will make contact for reservations.

Reservations made will expect to be paid, show up or not!

**John Balthrop and Company will again supply the Pig and Dinner.**

**Your Hosts are:** Christie and David Reynolds, supported by Marilyn and Dave Grisham, and some new members yet to be named!

**Volunteers?** Call Dave Reynolds at 620.342.9417 by early July.



# *The Long Distance Race*

Photos by Bruce Ward



*"Anybody see where the water went?"*



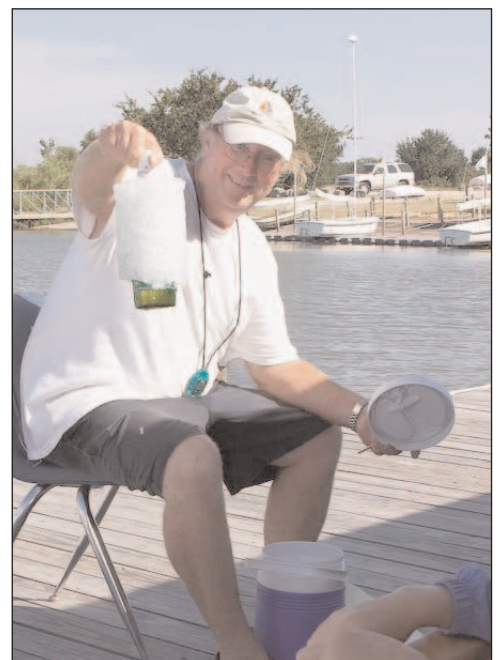
*The enthusiastic crowd.*



*"Try to contain yourself, fella."*



*The crowd goes wild...*



*"Heineken," the Titanic of beers.*



## Racing Activities Upcoming Events

*NOTE: All monthly regattas will be held on Saturdays (not Sundays) for the remainder of the 2005 racing season. Make a note!*

### August 6, Saturday – Centerboard

**Handicap Regatta:** A non-conventional event with unusual and madcap handicaps, courtesy of Ken Rix. Sure to be more fun than a barrel of monkeys.

### August 20, Saturday, 10am – Fifth Club

**Regatta:** Don Chism is regatta liaison and Gene Plehal is race chair. You can be certain that it will be a special regatta.

### September 3, Saturday, 1pm – Centerboard

**Racing:** Last chance at one-design racing on the STEP Catalina 14.2 boats. Will add Lasers and Snipes if enough people show up. If you haven't tried this, you owe it to yourself to see what close racing is all about. Call Gary Pierce or Bill Sorensen for more information.

### September 9 and 10, Saturday & Sunday –

**Snipe District Regatta:** If you sail a Snipe, this is your special regatta. Match yourself against Snipers from neighboring states. Call Ken Rix for details.

### September 17, Saturday, 10am – Sixth Club

**Regatta:** Come out and help set a club record for the highest number of boats racing! Steve Kubin will organize a regatta to remember. This is your final racing tune-up before the club's 2005 championship regatta.

### October 1 & 2, Saturday & Sunday – 2005

**WVSC Championship Regatta:** This is it! The Big Kahuna...the last hurrah. This is for all the marbles. Two days of racing to determine who takes home the club trophies for keelboats and centerboards. Look for more information in this issue and in future promotions.

*Pat Boyarski, for the Racing Committee*

## CAPRI 14.2 RACING SERIES

Saturday September 3 • 1 To 4pm

As a reminder, the WVSC is sponsoring fun races using the five Capri 14.2 centerboard sailboats owned by WVSC-STEP. Skippers, crew and boats will be assigned by drawings. Races will be short and fun, with racing primarily in the WVSC cove. Come out and have fun!

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT GARY PIERCE  
OR BILL SORENSEN**

## From the Chart Room!

Let's see... baby's first steps, Johnny's first day at school, that first date (then the first break-up)... I guess there's a first for just about everything in life – including a sailor's first long distance race. So what's it like? The expectations, the butterflies, the preparation, then that long, hot grueling race!

Having just had this experience, let me share some of my new-found racing wisdom:

1. Hats are great – as long as they are tied on!
2. Retrieving hats from lakes costs precious time.
3. Giving up on hats after several efforts at retrieving them costs more precious time (and a hat)!
4. Boat hooks make terrific spur-of-the moment whisker poles... until they are snapped in two while jibing in an attempt to retrieve a hat.
5. Centerboards work very well... when re-deployed after a run.
6. Thank God for a terrific crew that is ready, willing and able to step up the effort when the skipper begins battling a migraine.
7. Small victories can go a long way – like being the first boat to reach the first and second mark! (Never mind the fact that we started well before anyone else!)

All in all, a terrific first long distance race experience! Or maybe just a terrific learning experience. Then again, maybe just an experience...

All kidding aside, many thanks to Mike Hand for putting together another great and well attended WVSC event!



*Marshall Nauck, Editor  
"Hullabaloo"  
mhnauck@sctelcom.net*



## From the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

**Catalina 25'** – (1981) Swing keel, 9.9 hp electric start out-board, brand new North 150% roller furling genoa w/ UV cover, good main sail, good spinnaker, private head, sleeps 6, 2 sinks, alcohol stove, ice box, no blisters, brand new VFH radio w/ stern antennae, brand new stereo, depth and speed instruments, flatbed trailer & cradle, several life jackets, buoys, dock lines and other extras. Needs bottom paint and exterior varnish. \$7,000 or best offer. Call Tona Turner at (620) 669-7278.

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**MacGregor 26x** — 26 foot motor-sailor-year 2000-lightly used. Features: 50 HP Evinrude OB w/ EFI (Suzuki made-yr. 2000), Harken MK-II Unit 00 split-drum roller furler, Genoa and jib w/ UV protection for roller furling, asymmetrical spinnaker, boomkicker, adjustable split-backstay-easily converted to single stay, large steering wheel, fold-up cockpit pedestal table w/ drink holders, chrome companionway handles and sliding hatch handle, covers for cockpit storage, shrouds converted to turnbuckles, mainsail w/sailsides, jack-line and 2nd reef line, Lines led aft w/ Lewmar rope clutches, additional halyard for spinnaker, mast eye for whisker pole, anti-fouling bottom coat, trailer w/ surge brakes, Bimini, cockpit cushions, Origo alcohol stove, 6.5 gallon gas tanks x2, portapotty. The boat is located in McPherson, Kansas — delivery in midwest may be possible. Asking \$19,900. Erik Rieger – 620.241.7373, 620.242.8580 (cell)



**S2 6.7 Hull #50** 1981 GrandSlam — 22 foot racer/cruiser, 6 HP Johnson engine, nearly new racing sails from Kerr Sails/Tulsa, racing Dacron jib, racing Dacron mainsail, Spectra/Mylar Genoa, spinnaker, spinnaker pole, recently faired retractable daggerboard (2002), recently faired rudder (2002), new bow hatch (Bomar) (2002), new hatch ports (Becker) (2002), rebuilt transom with original balsa core-professionally and expertly done (2002), Raymarine depth finder/knotmeter (2002), bulkhead compass, good interior, dry balsa core hull with no blisters, new steam-

ing/deck light (2002). This boat has a few minor gelcoat blemishes that could easily be corrected. It is in overall great shape — ready to race and win or cruise — easily trailered. This boat is a sweet sailing gem.



Asking \$7000. Read reviews of this boat on Sailnet.com under the Boatcheck pages. Erik Rieger, (620) 241-7373, (620) 242-8580 (cell).

**Chrysler 22 “Olde Frothingslosh”**. This boat is in great shape and sail ready! Sleeps 5. A swing keel with new navy blue paint on the hull and new anti-fouling on the bottom. Equipment includes Main sail, main sail cover, jib, 150 genoa, boom vang, 7.5 hp Merc., anchor, 110 shore power, battery charger, VHF marine band radio, depth sounder, porta potty and trailer with new axle and tires. \$3500.00. Boat is in slip A12 at Walnut Valley Sailing Club. Contact Mike Wasson @ (cell) 806-8411 or (home) 778-1288

**MacGreger 25** – 1986: One owner – very good condition. Depth finder-compass-sail cover-trailer and motor. \$5200 or OBO. Gary Pierce 686-8823 or Gene Nold 636-2091

## NEEDED

The STEP Program is in need of a 6-, 7- or 8-hp outboard that is in working condition. Anyone that would like to donate an outboard, the STEP Program can give a 100% tax deduction. If you can help, please contact **Gary Pierce at 686-8823**

## Want dock corners?

**Got the desire? Got the money?**

**Don't got the tools or the time?**

Then call **Mike Wasson at 806-8411.**

“Corners while you wait!” Prices are complete for labor and materials for 2 corners.

**\$200 for 10' slip, \$250 for 12' slip,  
\$300 for 14' slip.**

## From the Ninnescah Mainsheet

**Alpex** brand sailboat, Monohull, 12 ft., 1967 with home-made trailer, all parts, fiberglass, good sails, excellent condition. \$300.00 cash firm (316) 687-9790 or smb8070@aol.com

**Catalina 22** -1986, swing keel, Nissan 5 HP outboard. Cloth covered cushions. Trailer with tongue extension. Slip transfer with board approval. Nice boat. Asking \$4200. Bruce: 316-744-7255.

**Catalina 22**, 1976 Swing keel w/ kick-up rudder. Two stroke 5 hp outboard F-N-R. Main and genoa in good condition. Tongue extension, lots of other gear. Priced for quick sale \$2750. Contact Wayne Kearbey at 316 531 8878 for more information.

**Ericson 23'**, 1976- Swing keel, 9.9 mariner, with Jib, main and genoa, tandem axle trailer. The cabin and cockpit are roomy. Phone: 620- 665-6510 Delmer Thibault.

**Fire Sale:** Catalina 30- "SOL" Got more time than money? Great buy on a well loved boat with some burn damage. If you have time and energy you could have a great family boat for a good value and have many great sails to come. Hull, mast, and rigging not damaged. \$8,000 OBO. (Cell) 316- 516-7426 - nreeves@cox.net.

**Gulf Coast** -20 Good shape, new bottom paint, aluminum alloy tilt trailer, mainsail and jib. \$1450.00. Ernie Rybolt: 316-721-0113.

**Hobie Cat 16** - 1976. Boat in good shape considering age, trailer in poor shape. See at NYC space 74 Asking \$150.00 - Contact Dave Dayvault 316-267-6223 (H) 316-262-1841 (O)

**Jensen Ranger 22.** Small cabin, (port a potty, electrical system from 12 volt marine battery, no kitchen or running water) Fixed Keel. Sails: Mainsail, 3 Jibs (155 sq ft, 150 sq ft, 125 sq ft.), Tri-Color Spinnaker with rigging (small tear) Front hatch with solar powered vent. Trailer. New 9.8 HP Nissan motor (2 stroke), less than 10 hours on motor. Marine battery. Hummingbird HDR600 in-dash digital depthsounder (not installed, new in box) Anchor. Was in water last year, can be sailed as is but needs work. Can be seen in yard space #123. \$3000.00 firm. David or Carolyn Shaw. Home - 316-691-9697

**San Juan 21, Mark II**, "Doubloon", well-equipped with 5 sails, Seagull motor, Heavy duty trailer, depthfinder, compass, removable galley, many extras. Ready to go! \$1850. Call Larry Davidson, 684- 0498

**Starwind 223** - Xanadu 1985. Sloop, 8hp Suzuki, 2 axle Rolco trailer, Interlux 200/2001 Blisterguard, 150% Genoa, 110% jib, 48% storm jib, U.K. flasher, boom vang, lazy jack, VHF radio, custom electrical system with AC charger, 110 outlets and shore power hook up, AM/FM cassette radio, Porta-poti, Bimini, swim ladder and much more. Slip and yard space transfer available upon Board approval. Nice boat to be sold in "as is" condition. NADA low retail value of \$4,800. Call Larry at 316-992-4523 to discuss. Priced for quick sale to first reasonable offer.

**Santana 25** - Quarter ton boat and trailer \$5,500 with all the extras \$7,000. Great boat for pleasure or racing. Make offer. Boat located at 3416-1/2 W. University, Wichita, KS 316-946-0745.

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## New Members

### Regular Membership

John and Lynn Ellison  
Kevin and Judy Sullivan

### Adults: STEP Program – 1<sup>st</sup> Session

Joe Berger  
Aaron Roush  
John Boles

### Youth: STEP Program – 1<sup>st</sup> Session

Crystal Wohlgemuth  
Paul Mason  
Eric Schuttler  
Emily Disney  
Will Wohlgemuth  
Harrison Sinclair  
Ursala Kloepping  
Evan Castleberry

## Welcome!

# WVSC 3rd (and maybe last) ANNUAL CENTERBOARD HANDICAP REGATTA

Saturday, Aug 6, 2005

This 3-race regatta is to introduce and encourage new sailors informally into the fun of racing.

The regatta is open to all WVSC Members, inactive members, STEP graduates, friends of members, potential members and anyone else. Any centerboard monohull sailboat, whether owned or borrowed, may sail. All of the WVSC/STEP Sunfish, Capri 14.2s, JY Trainers, and Sabots are available on a first come-first gets basis. Participants using these borrowed boats must have passed the WVSC/STEP orientation or training. Please reserve these boats prior to the regatta by calling Ken Rix @ 684-6086.

## Saturday, Aug 6

Registration	10:00 - 12:00	Free
Lunch	11:30 - 12:00	<i>provide your own</i>
<b>Race I</b>	<b>1:00</b>	
<b>Race II</b>	<b>to follow</b>	
<b>Race III</b>	<b>to follow</b>	
Finish	4:30	
Rest, Drinks & Awards	5:00	

Another gourmet cuisine meal, similar to the one following the May 22 Regatta will likely follow the awards ceremony. (Provided by WVSC.)

Sunday, Aug 7 is an alternate day if Saturday weather is a bummer - too much or too little wind, rain, etc. First alternate day race at 1:00.

**This will be a laid back regatta.** No Rixes are eligible to participate. No Protests are allowed.

This is also a Handicap Regatta. You don't have to be mentally or physically handicapped, although it might help. Low score wins. After applying Portsmouth Handicap corrections (for different type boats) to determine finish positions, the following Handicaps will be added:

Boat Ownership	Add 0.4 point per race
Over 18 years old	Add 0.5 point per race
Male	Add 0.6 point per race
More than 1 prior regatta	Add 0.7 point per race
Hustlers, Ringers, & semi hot-shots (As assessed by RC at registration)	Add 0.8 point per race

The purpose of the handicaps is to try to have a 15 way tie for first place.

12 boats participated last year with beautiful weather & fun racing. If 3 or more prams register a separate course will be set up in the cove.

**Regatta Chairman - Ken Rix** 684-6086 for questions  
**Race Committee - Ken Rix** (He can be bribed)  
**Gourmet Cuisine - Mike Hand** (He can be bribed also)

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## 1st Notice

# Club Championship Regatta

## October 1st & 2nd

*It's all decided on the first weekend in October!*



**Be There!!**



# *...and the "winners" are...*



*...Gilligan.*



*...Gilligan impersonator.*



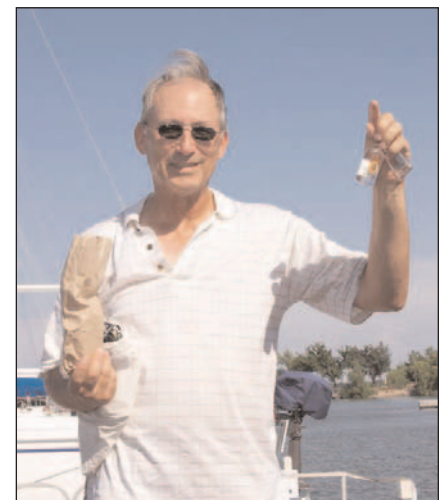
*...Iceman.*



*...Charles Atlas.  
(Check out that bicep, ladies.)*



*...the Jeff Probst impersonator.*



*...Jim Beam.*



# Board Meeting Minutes

WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNOR MEETING  
MINUTES SUBJECT TO CORRECTION

JULY 14, 2005

## CALL TO ORDER

Commodore Clark Chambers called the July 14, 2005 meeting to order at 7pm in the offices of Marilyn Kroupa. Those present were Clark Chambers, John McCabe, Pat Boyarski, Deaun Warfield, Marilyn Kroupa, Gene Plehal, James Rix and Mac Carter.

**APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES** Commodore Chambers called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June Board meeting. There being no corrections or additions, McCabe made a motion to approve, Rix seconded. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT** Treasurer Kroupa reported the final information for this month was not complete therefore, there was no report. She did summarize the known expenditures for the month and will have a full report at the August meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS** Commodore Chambers requested that all committees having responsibility for any work to be done to the club area is identified by the August meeting to schedule work parties as needed.

Commodore Chambers requested that committee chairs/ liaisons complete updated reports on the progress of their specific duties for presentation at the August meeting.

Commodore Chambers will contact Ron White, liaison for the Long Range Planning Committee and request an update to be presented at the August Meeting.

Marilyn Kroupa reported that Finance Chair Wayne Hemmen will be searching for a new Officer/Director Liability Policy as the present provider is no longer offering the product. Marilyn had a summary page of the total insurance package currently in effect. Board Member McCabe will have an informal discussion with Hemmen to determine if the policies in place are the best value prior to renewing the policies in the future.

Hemmen requested the Board begin a search to replace him as the person responsible for coordinating the insurance. He would like to be relieved of this duty by January 2006. Any member who is interested in this task should contact Wayne Hemmen or any Board member.

**NEW BUSINESS** Treasurer Kroupa presented Kevin and Judy Sullivan for full membership. Carter made a motion, seconded by Plehal to approve them as members. Motion carried.

Commodore Chambers presented a recommendation to update the method of delivery of The Windword to the general membership utilizing email as a primary means and regular mail as an option. Kroupa made a motion to use email as the primary means of delivery to all members having email and allow each member the option to receive it by regular mail if they prefer. This option will be available to be made by checking the appropriate area in the Membership Renewal Application in December. Plehal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commodore Chambers presented a recommendation from Bruce Ward, Chair of Public Relations to purchase and install a remote weather station at the clubhouse. This equipment would allow members to check weather and wind conditions 24/7 and could also be linked to the website. The proposal was tabled for further review and consideration at the September Board meeting.

The Membership Handbook is due updates in August. Any member having changes or additions to their information is to contact Kimberly Rix. The board liaison will ask her to put a notice in the next Newsletter. Other changes are to be submitted to her also so the updates can be given to the general membership.

Commodore Chambers presented a request from Gary Pierce to authorize an expenditure of \$700.00 to install culverts at the entrance of the dry storage. These will prevent standing water between the drives when they are paved. A motion to approve the expenditure was made by Carter, seconded by Warfield. Motion carried.

**MEMBER CONCERNS** John Carter requested the use of the picnic area on Sunday, August 21, 2005 to host his summer class from WSU. Carter made a motion to approve that was seconded by McCabe. Motion Carried

John Carter requested permission to install steps on the finger of his slip for easier entry into his boat. This request was delayed subject to safety, a review with adjacent slip users, specific design of the steps and other considerations until the August meeting.

John Aschbrenner requested permission to use the Clubhouse on August 27, 2005 for a reception to celebrate his marriage to Debbie Gash. All club members will be invited to this event. Plehal made a motion to approve that was seconded by Rix. Motion carried. Congratulations in advance to both John and Deb.

*Minutes, continued on page 11*

## Tips from the Rear:

# Memories of Snipe #9985 – Old Yeller

Snipe #9985 was the third of four handmade boats that John Rix (my grandfather) made. He built it as a winter project in the basement. He had partnered with some other tool and die makers and they made a mold for the hulls. The very first fiberglass boats came out of this mold. If I recall correctly, #9985 was the fourth one. The mold was then used to start up Lofland boat works.

John then made the deck, mast, boom, rigging, bilge pump, even the cam cleats and springs were made from raw stock. Mary Ann still uses one of his homemade cleats for the main sheet on her snipe. Of course he then had to tear out the basement wall to get it out of the house. That's OK, this was just a small task for him. Did I mention it was a house he was renting? Being in the aircraft business, the trailer was made out of scrap aluminum. It was so light the air in the tires caused it to float. This made launching it interesting until weights were added to get it to sink.

Initially it was painted blue, but the deck was too slick so it was repainted yellow with sand mixed in the paint. This was a great non-slip surface that would also make nice abrasions if you raked an elbow or knuckle over it. It also had a bronze centerboard that went all the way up to the deck. It was so heavy people that crewed on it thought the board was nailed down. Ken crewed for John on this boat and they were pretty successful. They even occasionally beat World Champion Ted Wells and won some regattas. The wood mast broke once at a regatta in Kansas City in a wind blast that took out 2 other masts, but John got it

repaired and still sailed the next day without missing the ever so important social party Saturday night.

Ken was teaching Mary Ann how to sail and eventually gave her the boat when he bought a new Southern Yacht from Dick Casperi. Jayne Pierce crewed for her and Ken never got his crew back. Mary Ann and Jayne also discovered a nice feature of the old boat which was the cockpit was so narrow that when you capsized the water wouldn't come in the cockpit until the mast was completely submerged. This was before the self rescuing holes you see in the back of newer snipes.

About the time I was coming onto the sailing scene, Ken had gotten a newer Southern Yacht and gave Mary Ann the older one (and started beating him). She always got the hand-me-downs. I got to sail Old Yeller and all the kids near my age would go out on it and have fun on it on our own. We ran aground so hard once it threw me off the boat. The other kids didn't come back for me and I thought they were just teasing me, but as it turned out the centerboard had caused a major leak and they wanted to get it back before it sank. I don't recall if someone eventually came back for me or if I swam back. Santa Fe was only about the size of the WVSC cove. Once Ken got another new boat and Mary Ann got his old one, and I got her old one, Old Yeller was finally retired and the weather eventually rotted out the deck. Old Yeller contributed to lots of very memorable experiences.

*James Rix, Rear Commodore*

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Ron Alderman has offered to donate and install rope lighting on the clubhouse. McCabe made a motion to accept the kind offer that was seconded by Rix. Motion Carried.

Boyerski suggested a review of the financial standing of the club be presented to the Board prior to the 2005 Annual Meeting. More on this subject later in the year.

Commodore Chambers announced the next Board meeting will be August 11, 2005 at the offices of Marilyn Kroupa.

There being no further business, Plehal made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by McCabe. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mac Carter, Secretary*

## A Funny Thing Happened on the Way To Nationals... (or "Borrowed boats may not float")

What happens when you loan your boat out for "not just any ol" regatta? Or to be more specific, the class nationals? Ask one of our members, who recently had their boat take second place in the San Juan 21 Nationals! However; word is, the race was anything but smooth...

As "luck" would have it, a significant gust came out of nowhere during a jibe. The result? Spinout! Certain witnesses (possibly in a competing boat...) spoke of one of the crew "hanging out on the spinnaker pole". Apparently quite a sight!

Congratulations Tim, on a skillful recovery from a "bad luck" situation to take second!



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