

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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DECEMBER 2005

CALENDAR:

December 3	Annual Christmas Party
December 15	Board Meeting
December 21	1st Day of Winter
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas Day Hanukkah begins at sunset
December 26	Boxing Day Kwanzaa begins
December 31	New Year's Eve



As all but our newest members know, the first board of governors meeting after the club's annual meeting brings about a changing of the guard. It is the first meeting for the new board members who were just elected and it is also the time at which a new slate of officers is selected by the board.

Coming aboard as new members of the board of governors are Kathy Malcom, Steve Mardis and Dave Reynolds. The club and the board are fortunate to have them, and we all look forward to their contributions over the coming three years of their term. We also say good bye and thank you to our outgoing board members Mac Carter, Marilyn Kroupa and James Rix.

Your new club officers for the coming year are as follows:

Commodore – Pat Boyarski
Vice Commodore – Dave Reynolds
Treasurer – Kathy Malcom
Secretary – Steve Mardis
Rear Commodore – Clark Chambers

So now a new cycle of activity begins as your board of governors plans for the next sailing season. We want to build on the successes of the past year: an active social calendar, a rejuvenated racing program, STEP and its new training boats, and the continuous improvement of our facilities. Our first order of business will be to populate the many committees that are necessary to the successful functioning of the club. As you know, the club would not be what it is without all of the volunteer labor of our members. So I ask you to pitch in by serving on one or more committees during the coming year. We work best when we work together, and there is usually a lot of fun and camaraderie to go along with the work. When you get a call asking if you would like to serve on a committee, please agree to lend a hand.

There is one more social activity before we say goodbye to 2005, and that is a Christmas party on December 3rd hosted by Dave and Marilyn Grisham. It should be a very enjoyable evening. (Perhaps our hosts will even show us the nearby site of the new arena!) Hope to see you there!

Pat Boyarski, Commodore

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WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB
Annual Meeting Minutes

MINUTES SUBJECT TO CORRECTION
NOVEMBER 12, 2005

CALL TO ORDER Commodore Clark Chambers called the meeting to order at 5pm. He recapped what he felt had been a very good year for WVSC. Notable achievements included a good racing year, a successful STEP racing program, paving of the entry and parking area and enjoyable and well attended social events.

MINUTES OF 2004 ANNUAL MEETING The year of the meeting was correct from 2005 to 2004. There being no further corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as corrected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Commodore Chambers asked the chairperson or Board liaison to review the activities of their respective committee during the year. A written report provided to the Board is made a part of these minutes. The committees reporting were: Activity Center, Jerry Brady Chair, Breakfast Club Don Chism reporting, Building and Grounds Committee, Arnie Kroupa, Calling Committee, Cheryl Werthheimer, Dry Storage, Ron Dreiling Finance Committee, Wayne Hemmen, Government Relations Committee, Gene Nold, Harbor Committee, Greg Rinker, Long Range Planning, Ron White, Membership Committee, Donna Lynden, Power Boat Maintenance, Steve Mardis, Public Relations Committee, Bruce Ward, Racing Committee, Gene Nold & Steve Kubin, Sailing Committee, James Rix. Security Committee, Ken Rix, Social Committee, Genee Kubin, STEP Program Gary Pierce, Gene Nold.

Commodore Chambers acknowledged again the value of the STEP program and the good job done by each committee chair and the respective members. The effort put forth by all resulted in an excellent year.

TREASURERS REPORT Treasurer Marilyn Kroupa presented the ending financial status of the club. She reported all but 13 slips are rented and all but 18-20 dry storage stalls are in use. She then presented the year end income/expense statement and balance sheet. The report was approved as presented.

She then presented the 2006 Budget for the Walnut Valley Sailing Club. There being no discussion, the budget was approved as presented.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE Commodore Chambers reviewed a bylaw change that transferred the responsibility of renting dry storage stalls to the Treasurer rather than the Dry Storage Committee. Following one question regarding the reporting of assets to the County each year, the bylaw change was approved as submitted.

ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS Commodore Chambers presented three names for consideration as new Board Members to serve a three year term. They are: Steve Mardis, Dave Reynolds and Kathy Malcom. He asked for other nominations from the floor. There being none, the names presented were approved and duly elected.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS Genee Kubin recognized the following people for jobs well done during the past year:

Gene Plehal, Steve Mardis and Gene Nold. She also presented the Al Sallee Award to James Rix and Gary Pierce. Pat Boyarski and Clark Chambers were recognized for their outstanding sailing abilities.

Commodore Chambers presented the Bosun's Mess Award to Bruce Ward and Genee Kubin for their countless hours of hard work for the club. Commodore Chambers also presented a special award to Terry and Sharon Lewis for their work, Pat Boyarski for his sailing efforts, and presented the once in a lifetime award, Mr. Asphalt, to Gene Nold.

Commodore Chambers presented an award to Gene Plehal for his efforts in assisting the Racing Committee.

There being no further business, the Annual Meeting of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mac Carter, Secretary



Christmas Celebration

December 3 • 7-10pm

Fiber Studio • 418 S. Commerce

1/2 block south of Waterman, 1/2 block east of St. Francis

Dress: Casual Elegance

Couple: \$25.00

Single: \$12.50

A relaxing evening with a delicious buffet and acoustic guitar music by Victor Rose. BYOB. Set-ups, soft drinks and coffee provided. Deadline for reservations: November 20, 2005.

Contact Dave or Marilyn Grisham with any questions.

MacGregor 25 - 1986 - One owner, very good condition. Depth finder, compass, sailcover, trailer and motor. \$5200 OBO. Gary Pierce - 686-8823 or Gene Nold 636-2091

Want to buy Old Sunfish or similar boat. Mike Hand. 316 684 9690

The following ads are from the Ninnescah Sailing Club - Mainsheet

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

16ft. Hobie. 1986 boat in great shape; trailer repainted; new sail tube; full mast; garaged in off season; now at yard space at the club; this is our 2nd boat and sailed too little to keep. \$1000 obo. Call Dan at 316-721-1290 or 706-5345.

Chrysler Mutineer, 15' 1977 - with good sails and all new lines. Wheel bearings serviced in past two years. New reefing tube. Ready to sail! End of season deal - \$800 obo. 687-9240 25 ft. O-Day and trailer 9.9 electric start



Evinrude. Main, Jib, 130 Genoa, Big and roomy 25 ft. Bimini, cockpit cushions, ice box and refrigerator. Call Roger 620-663-5572 \$4000.

17ft. Venture - This 1970 Venture 17 is in good shape and has been sailed regularly for the past 2 seasons. It has a cabin that can sleep 2. Running lights and electrical systemwork well. Jibs and main sail are in good shape. The halyards and sheets are in good shape. It has a trailer included and is easy to launch using a ramp in shallower waters. The swing keel draws about 17" when up an 4'9" when down. The Keel has been patched but is in good condition. It has a throw floatation

cushion, two oars, self-bailing cockpit and an anchor. I have a 4 hp Mercury outboard motor that is in good working condition that will go with the boat. Asking \$1,350. Damon Martin 316-204-7785 or 316-684-7213.

J/24s For Sale. Many great J/24s' are available for sale both Regionally and Nationally for very reasonable prices. If you are interested, contact Schoen Fitzgerald at 316-685-9225 or Dan Acridge at 316-687-2471. Call us or stop by the slips, we'd be happy to take you out to test drive one of these great one-design racers. J/24 "The Ultimate One-Design"

Looking Back at 2005



Racing Report: An Interview with Ken Rix, WVSC's 2005 Centerboard Champion

It was no surprise to see the name "Rix" atop the standings of the centerboard fleet at the conclusion of the championship regatta. For many people, the only question was, "Will it be Ken, Mary Ann or James?" Ken raced to three first place finishes on the final day of the regatta to overtake son James, the day one leader. On a cold November afternoon, Ken looked back at the regatta and his many years of racing, and shared his thoughts with The Windword (TW).

TW: Kyle Brady in his Flying Scot crossed the finish line ahead of you on the first race of day two. What were you thinking when you heard the committee boat's horn as he finished?

Ken: I thought he had won. You know, I don't mind losing; at a Snipe regatta in Atlanta I finished consistently in the middle of a large fleet. I do recall thinking that he (Kyle) was faster than I thought he would be. I remember rounding the windward mark after the first leg and thinking that I would catch him on the reach, but he was planing right after the mark rounding and I could never make up ground on him. (It turned out that Ken won the race on corrected time after Portsmouth handicaps were applied.)

TW: You are one of the club's most senior racers. When did you start racing?

Ken: I started crewing for my dad on his Snipe in 1940; I was ten years old. During the war years, racing was discontinued. But when the war was over, I crewed a lot for my Dad.

TW: How did you obtain your racing knowledge and skills? Did you take training courses? Read a lot of racing books?

Ken: In the early years I learned a lot from crewing for Dad; he was very good. He taught me a lot of things about racing. Mary Ann and James learned about racing from crewing for me years ago and now James is a better sailor than me. He is better in strong winds, but, on a light day, he gets impatient and frustrated and Mary Ann or I can often beat him. In later years, I picked up a lot of books on racing tactics and sail trim. I also attended some seminars put on by North Sails. The sail makers are a big source of knowledge on how to go fast.

TW: What would you recommend to a racing novice as a good way to learn about racing?

Ken: Crew for a good racer...you pick up a lot of good tips that way. Some of it probably transfers by osmosis; sailing with a good racer teaches you good technique.



TW: What makes you a successful centerboard racer? What gives you your edge?

Ken: I'm not good at starts. Only occasionally will I get a good start. My boat goes well upwind if I don't try to pinch as much as many Snipe sailors. I trade higher boat speed for pointing ability. You know it is velocity made good to the windward mark that counts and I've found that, for me, boat speed pays off more. I'm also good on reaches but I don't like going downwind...I'm not as good straight downwind.

TW: I noticed on one of the regatta races, as you sailed away from me, that you were really working the tiller. Lots of little steering inputs. What were you doing there?

Ken: I was adjusting to the wind gusts. When a gust would hit and the boat would start to heel, I'd steer into the wind to counteract the heel. And when the boat would start to come upright, I'd fall off a bit. It's really an unconscious action, like steering a bicycle. The ideal result is to keep the boat at a constant heel angle with your steering inputs. You know, it takes a long time to develop a true feel for what the boat is doing, but when you do, a lot of actions become instinctive. A really good Snipe sailor would probably counter heeling in gusty winds by working the mainsheet, but I do it with the rudder.

TW: Have you ever tried keelboat racing?

Ken: Oh, I've sailed with Mike Hand a few times, crewed for him at long distance races. I've also sailed with James on his big boat.

TW: What's the difference for you between centerboard and keelboat racing? Why have you stuck with centerboards all these years?



Ken: Well, centerboards or keelboats aside, I like one-design racing most. I'd rather race in a one-design race than a handicap race any day. I think centerboards just fit me better. Their smaller size and weight makes them easier to launch and retrieve; one person can raise the mast and rig the boat. Things happen faster on a centerboard, and I like that. When a keelboat heels and I can't lean over the rail to flatten it, that makes me uncomfortable. It just seems unnatural, somehow.

TW: How can WVSC develop new racers and improve its racing program?

Ken: The STEP program is a great benefit in that regard, bringing in new young and adult sailors to sailing. The race program that was started this year allows them to emphasize racing more. I'd like to see them continue their racing program and perhaps include one for adults next year in addition to one for the kids. The club might try to offer junior racing as a separate event.

TW: Congratulations, Ken, on your '05 club championship and thank you for sharing your thoughts and opinions with us.

Ken: You are welcome.

Pat Boyarski, for the Racing Committee

From the Chart Room!

'Tis the season, once again! Not exactly the sailing season (which many of us already look forward to), but the season to celebrate the closing of one more year and the opening of a new one! While snow flurries fill the sky with frosty brilliance, our hearts are filled with the warmth that comes from Christmas joy and the peace that passes understanding.

As our family sits down to feast on the Christmas turkey, prior to our retiring to the tree to open the traditional colorfully bound packages, we will think of all the things that make Christmas special. Friends, family, cherished memories, the warmth of a fully stoked fireplace, the scent of a freshly cut and beautifully decked tree... these will all fill our minds and hearts with gladness. Yet above all these, we will pause to remember the blessings bestowed on us by our Father above, blessings which make life worth living, and without which Christmas is reduced to just another cold day in December. We will remember that little Christ-child born without the accoutrements of our modern world, wrapped in cloths and laid in a manger. The child hailed by shepherds and worshiped by kings. His was only one of many births in Judea that year, but the one that would ultimately turn the world on its end. The baby for whom myriads of songs and carols have been penned, and in whom we place our faith, will fill us with peace, joy and thanksgiving.

Our friends, we wish the very same for each of you. May the undeserved and undiminished love that was bestowed on mankind two thousand years ago pervade your home during this Christmas season. And, in the timeless words of tiny Tim, "God bless us, every one!"

Fair winds and following seas,



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**Marshall's email has changed to:
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**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**



Board Meeting Minutes

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2005

CALL TO ORDER:

Commodore Clark Chambers called the meeting to order at 7:05pm at the office of Marilyn Kroupa. Board

Members present were Pat Boyarski,

Clark Chambers, Marilyn Kroupa, Kathy Malcom, John McCabe, Gene Plehal, David Reynolds, DeAun Warfield and Ron White.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES:

The minutes of the October 13 meeting were reviewed. Boyarski made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Plehal. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Kroupa stated that the November financial reports and annual summary of financial activity was published in the report to members at the annual meeting on November 12 and is unchanged. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented to the general membership.

OLD BUSINESS: Commodore Chambers noted that a member had a mechanical boatlift installed without prior approval of the board as required in the Slip Facilities Regulations. The installation does not conform to current mechanical boatlift installation requirements. After discussion, Chambers stated that he would draft a letter to the member reminding him of the regulations as published in the members' handbook, and the requirement for a deposit and contract after receiving approval of the board for the installation. Chamber said he would state a time limit for applying for approval for the installation and for a request for variance from the regulations.

NEW BUSINESS: Election of Officers: Commodore Chambers presented a list of the nominations for consideration. After discussion the following members were elected by acclamation: Commodore–Pat Boyarski, Vice-Commodore–David Reynolds Treasurer–Kathy Malcom Secretary–Steve Mardis.

Bank Account Resolution: Motion by White, second by Plehal to change the persons allowed to sign checks on the account at Emprise Bank to Pat Boyarski (Commodore), David Reynolds (Vice-Commodore) and Kathy Malcom (Treasurer). Motion approved.

Assignment of Board Liaisons to

Committees: The board members accepted the following assignments as liaison to the standing committees:

- Activity Committee C Chambers
- Archive D Reynolds
- Building & Grounds R White
- Calling Committee D Warfield
- Dry Storage J McCabe
- Finance Committee K Malcom
- Government Relations P Boyarski
- Harbor Committee R White
- Long Range Planning D Reynolds
- Membership S Mardis
- Powerboat G Plehal
- Public Relations C Chambers
- Racing Committee G Plehal
- Sailing Activities S Mardis
- Security Committee D Warfield
- Social Committee J McCabe
- STEP & Sailing Classes P Boyarski

The Liaisons will recruit chairpersons for their respective committee assignments. The Members' Preference Sheets will be returned with dues payments and should be available in December or later for recruiting chairpersons and committee members.

Expenses Related to Parking Lot Paving:

G. Plehal questioned the bill submitted by Harder in the amount of \$2,250 for contacted excavation and dirt work. Originally this was estimated at \$1,500. After discussion it was decided that the scope of the work assigned to Harder had increased and he had to perform some things that the State originally said they would do. Plehal is to discuss this project with Gene Nold.

MEMBER CONCERNS: None Discussed. The next Board Meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday, December 8th at Ryan Aviation, 266 N Main (Parking on south side of building). Future Board Meetings are scheduled for 7pm on the 2nd Thursday evening of each month.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm was made by McCabe, seconded by Plehal. Passed with a cheer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron White, (A poor excuse for an) Acting Secretary



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