

# THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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JUNE 2009

## CALENDAR:

June 6	Harbor Committee Work Party
June 7	Races
June 11	WVSC Board Meeting
June 13	Races
June 15	Summer Youth and Adult Sailing Programs begin
June 20	Capri 14.2 Orientation  Nautical Trivia Event Jamaican Vacation Party
June 21	Father's Day  Races
June 27	Practice session/meeting Races

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## From the Bow Pulpit – Again

Stuff – it's what Christie and I have dealt with for the past two weeks while cleaning out my parents' house, their home since 1964. Both are now deceased. One unabridged dictionary gave a total of 28 meanings for the word "stuff". Some of the stuff we found at my parents' home we could discard outright as trash (there was a lot of this; pack rat comes to mind). Some of the stuff was rare and valuable to our family as history, culture and legacy. Some of the stuff was not wanted or needed by our family but could be used by someone else, so we took it to the Salvation Army Thrift Store (there was a lot of this stuff, too).

One of the definitions relative to the above suggests things of value, personal possessions or property. Another pertaining to the above would indicate junk or useless things. Several of the other numerous definitions pertain to human qualities such as what a person believes in or stands for, or who they are and what they are made of, or what unique talents they possess.

From my most recent experience, I need to start looking at the material things we have and try to sort out the "valuable" ones to retain or mark for future generations to value, and try as we must to discard or "let go" the pieces and parts that do not have a true value – these will end up as junk our children will have to discard when we are gone. That will be, as you probably know, a real hard job to do, and continue the rest of my life.

Now, some of the other meanings of "stuff" tend to get a little more complicated, like what am I really made of. What do I believe in, strongly, and what are my core values. Things like cherishing the friendships and relationships we have with our fellow members at Walnut Valley Sailing Club. Respecting the value of the property of others, assisting another in time of need, helping out when a little inconvenience on my part will mean a definite benefit on the part of our whole membership for the long term. Safeguarding our physical facilities and personal property by closing the gate and locking the door when no one is around and I am ready to leave. That is respecting the rights and privileges of our fellow members. Making sure that our families and friends (guests) are safe when visiting our Club. Making sure that our personal conduct and the conduct of our guests respects the rights and feelings of other members and guests. Taking responsibility for ourselves and our obligations to our Club for the benefit of all, not just our immediate needs, preferences and wants. Ahhhh, if we could accomplish all of this, we could have a better sailing club and a better world!

I look forward to seeing you at our many social functions this season and out on the lake in our boats.

See You at The Lake.

*David O. Reynolds, Commodore*

# NAUTICAL ROUND-UP

**July 25th**

**Music by Unchained Band**

**Classic-Rock/Country**

**6pm Social, 7pm Dinner**

**(10 oz. Sirloin with Sides)**

**\$12.50 Adults \$6 "Kids" under 6**

**RSVP by July 20th**



# SPEND YOUR HOLIDAYS IN JAMAICA



## Jamaican Vacation Party

June 20

6:00pm until Way Late

Plan on spending the night on your boat  
You'll be having so much fun you won't want to go home

*Another Order of the Sleepless Knights Productions*

***And Remember Roadtrip ReggaeFest • August 1 • Bricktown, OKC***



# Come Sail with Us

## 2009 SUMMER ADULT SAILING PROGRAM

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

We will teach you how to sail in a Catalina 14.2 centerboard boat or improve your sailing ability in advanced classes. We also offer Basic Keelboat classes.

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 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 Sailing Course** - Covers beginning, intermediate and advanced sailing techniques. 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** - 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, basic navigation. The keelboat course requires a minimum of three students per boat.

**Prerequisite for Basic 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: This session is full
- 2nd session: July 6 through July 23

**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 \$155 for class fee and \$100 for ? annual WVSC club dues 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 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 2009 WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB STEP APPLICATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 15 - July 2 \_\_\_ Session 2- July 6 - July 23

Please enclose the non-refundable deposit of \$25 with this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signature

Please enclose the non-refundable deposit of \$25 with this application.

Mail to: WVSC Sailing Program c/o Gary Pierce  
1431 South 127th Street East, Wichita, Kansas 67207



# RACING STUFF

## JUNE 2009

### Schedule

**1:00 PM Competitors Meeting • 2:00 PM Start 1st Race**  
**Approx 3:30 PM Start 2nd Race**

<b>May 30</b>	<b>Sat</b>	RC John Carter, Gene Plehal	<b>June 27</b>	<b>Sat</b>	RC Gene Nold, Tedd Blankenship
<b>June 7</b>	<b>Sun</b>	RC Gary Pierce, Gary Mackey, Dave Leiker	<b>July 4 &amp; 5</b>	<b>Sat/Sun</b>	No official Races
<b>June 13</b>	<b>Sat</b>	RC Ed Webb	<b>July 12</b>	<b>Sun</b>	RC Ed Webb
<b>June 21</b>	<b>Sun</b>	RC Ernie Condon			



On **June 27th** there will be a practice session with an organizational meeting at 9:00 AM. Practice starts, boat & crew swapping, expert & not so expert advice, & lots more. At 1:00 PM will be the competitors meeting for the official races.

Of the 5 possible races as of this writing, we have had one race. Ernie Condon, Dave Leiker, & Gary Mackey finishing 1,2,3. Ernie's boat finished 13 minutes & 51 seconds ahead of Dave's boat—well over the entire windward leg, & almost lapping Gary. However, after the Portsmouth adjustment, Ernie won by only 28 seconds, of an adjusted 62½ minute race.

**Observation #1** – Don't be discouraged when you don't finish with the big boys.

**Observation #2** – A little better start, tacking on that shift, not overlaying the windward mark, or trimming the sails a little better, would certainly not be too difficult, & move you up 30 seconds.

**Observation #3** – While you're making your go-fast changes, so is Ernie (or whoever), so you still may not win.



The weather & water are getting warm so more boats are going to become active. The lake is humongous & there's enough room for everyone – racers & the rest who enjoy sailing.

## TO THE UNKNOWN SAILOR...

*who rescued my boat when the dock line broke during a recent storm. I would like to recognize and thank you for taking the time to notice and re-tie the line. If it weren't for you, the boat would have sustained major damage. This is just another example of how the outstanding folks in our club take care of one another, and I am proud to be a part of it. I salute you all.*

*With Great Appreciation,  
Wayne Hemmen*



## 2009 Road Trip

# Reggaeefest Bricktown

*Saturday Aug 1  
Oklahoma City*



# **CAPRI 14.2** **ORIENTATION**

*to be held June 20*

An orientation class for using the STEP Capri 14.2's in the Wednesday evening fun races and throughout the season will be held at 1pm on June 20. It is a 4-hour program designed to acquaint you with the Capri 14/2. **This is not a learn to sail program.** You must be a capable sailor.

The orientation will cover-

- ★ Rigging the boat
- ★ Storage of the boat and equipment
- ★ Ability to get away and return to the dock
- ★ This is being offered at no cost on this one-day orientation. Orientation at any other time has a \$40 fee.
- ★ The program qualification is good for one year and must be repeated each year.

If you would like to sail these boats in 2009, come join us on June 20th.

**RESERVATIONS ARE  
REQUIRED AND  
MUST BE MADE BEFORE  
June 15th**

For reservations please call Gene Nold (636-2091)  
or Gary Pierce (686-8823) before June 15  
for your reservation.



July 4  
Moonlight Sail

## Saturday - July 4th

Lasagna - Dinner / Social 5 to 7 pm

Model Sail Boat Racing 5 to 5:30

\*Moonlight Sail 7/8 to 12

Raft up

Yes a Full moon this year

Eldorado Fireworks

Eldorado WVSC

10.00 Adult

5.00 under 8 Years of age

Of Course this is weather permitting

This is a sailing activity event

\*Award will be available for the most Patriotic decorated boat. With a veteran of a foreign war on board. If case of tie a random drawing will be held.

If a boat has at least 4 visible items for a picture at a 20 ft distance from boat with a veteran of a foreign war on board.

An random drawing will be done. in case of tie.

# 2009 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.

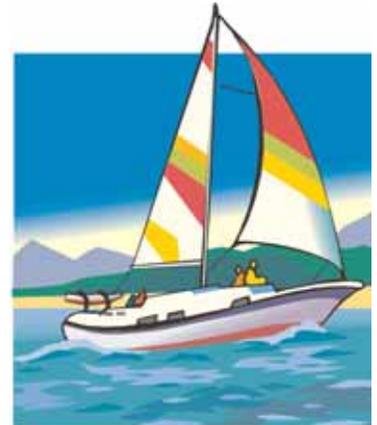
Our fleet consists of: Prams, Sabots, Optimists, Catalina 14.2's, Sunfish, Lasers, Sonar, Catalina 22 and Catalina 25's.

### 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 require-

**ments:** 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 15 through July 2
- 2nd session: July 6 through July 23

**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" or "Basic Keelboat" 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 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. Prerequisite for Keelboat instruction — proof of advanced sailing abilities. A minimum of three students are required for the Keelboat class to be held.

**Boats used:** Prams, Sabots, Optimist, Catalina 14.2, Sunfish, Laser, Sonar, Catalina 22 and Catalina 25

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

## SUMMER 2009 WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB STEP YOUTH SAILING APPLICATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 15 - July 2 \_\_\_\_ Session 2- July 6 - July 23

Please enclose the non-refundable deposit of \$25 with this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signature

**Parent's Signature if under 17 years old.**

Please enclose the non-refundable deposit of \$25 with this application.

Mail to: WVSC Sailing Program c/o Gary Pierce  
1431 South 127th Street East, Wichita, Kansas 67207



# May Meeting Minutes

WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

*Minutes Subject to Correction*

THURSDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

**Call to Order** Greg Rincker, Vice Commodore, called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. All members were present except Commodore Reynolds, who is out of town on family business.

**Approval of April Meeting Minutes** A motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting was made and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ernie Condon presented two new membership applications for the board to vote on. The applications are for John Nevils and family and Doug Albro and family. There were no questions regarding the applications. A motion to approve both applications was made and seconded and both were approved by unanimous vote. There was no further discussion and a motion to approve the report was made and approved.

## Old Business

**2009 Club Handbook update:** Debbie Chambers reported that the 2009 handbooks are completed and can be picked up at the Club House any time. Initial distribution is planned for the May social, the Shrimp Boil on May 23, 2009. If for some reason anyone is unable to collect their handbook at the club, Debbie Chambers requests that the person contact her and other arrangements will be made.

Mike Wasson reported that he had met with a contractor at the club to discuss and get an estimate for extending the shelter house pad. This project was discussed by the Board. At this time, there are several things that may need repairs due to the recent bad weather. Since the cost for these repairs has not been finalized, the Board voted to table moving forward on the shelter house project until such time as the final cost of the needed repairs has been determined and the Board has secured the funds for the needed repairs. A vote to table the plan was made and approved unanimously.

Debbie Chambers reported that Clark Chambers and Gene Plehal are continuing to work on locating a screen door for the Clubhouse that will be more durable than past doors have been. As soon as the door is located, Clark and Gene will complete this project.

Mike Wasson reported that he continues to work on securing bagged ice for members use. Mike provided the board with

information on the cost of the ice, the cost of renting the freezer, and the probable cost of the additional electricity used. Mike moved that a donation of \$1.50 per bag, based on the honor system, be requested by any member taking the bagged ice. The motion was approved. Mike is waiting on the paperwork from the company that will provide the freezer as well as the ice. After some discussion it was decided that Ernie Condon would contact Gene Nold to discuss any potential conflicts with our Concessionaire's license before any additional action is taken.

The Board discussed the recent swap meet. Attendance was poor, probably the result of bad weather and the swap meet occurring very early in the sailing season. The Board will discuss at a future time the possibility of having another swap meet later in the summer.

**New Business:** Due to recent storms battering the Clubhouse, the anchor system for the clubhouse has been damaged. Commodore Reynolds has requested Gene Nold make contact with Atlantic Meeco and secure an estimate of cost to repair the damage and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

James Rix, chairman of the security committee, was present and advised the Board that, due to the recent vandalism, the Security Committee will meet in the near future and discuss options for increasing security at Walnut Valley Sailing Club. The recent vandalism prompted a discussion regarding changing the security code for access to the Club's facilities. A number of the Board members felt that changing the code would not increase security enough to offset the inconvenience that changing the code would create. James Rix will provide a report to the Board at the next meeting with the committee's recommendations.

**Member Concerns:** No concerns were reported.

**Closing Remarks:** The June meeting of the Board will be Thursday, June 11, 2009, at the office of Steve Mardis, 9415 E. Harry, Suite 603. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Debbie Chambers, Secretary*

## WVSC member items

### **MacGregor Venture 21,**

1975. Trailer, anchor, life jackets, mainsail, jib, storm jib, 6 hp Johnson. New running rigging. \$1750. In dry dock at WVSC, El Dorado Lake. Clay Robarchek 316-799-2240.

### **CATALINA 22 -- 1973 --**

Good condition. Includes trailer with extension tongue; 6 hp Johnson with long shaft; 2 sets of sails; depth finder; cabin and cockpit cushions; halyards led to cockpit for easy single handed sailing. Located in space #338. \$2,750. Contact Bill Smith 316-733-2325, or Ed Webb.

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**J/24's For Sale.** Many great J/24's 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"

**Chrysler 26** - 1978 for sale by owner. Sails include both a full and an asymmetrical spinnaker, 150 genoa, jib, storm jib, and main. 9.9 hp 4 stroke outboard with electric start and cockpit controls. Cockpit cushions and a bimini for sailing in comfort. Depth, speed, and compass instruments are aged but functional. Halyards and jib sheets were new last year. This cruiser has both a swing keel and rudder that are perfect for those times when the water is not so deep. Below deck are spacious v-birth and aft cabins, a enclosed port-a-potty head, sink, and gas stove. Included is a tandem axle EZ Load trailer. She needs a little freshening up but is in overall good physical condition. NSA slip transfer with board approval. Asking \$6,000. Eric Palmquist 316-729-7241 or MEPalmquist@Cox.net.

**ERICSON 23'** - 1976 in good condition, comes with a dual axle trailer, 9.9 Mariner outboard, along with main, jib, and genoa. It has a roomy cockpit and a cabin that sleeps four. It comes with a slip pending BOG approval. Call 620-665-6510, \$4000. Thank you, Delmer Thibault.



**Hunter 260** - 2005. Well maintained 26' cruiser. Tandem trailer and 4 stroke engine. Sleeps 4 to 6. Marine head and galley. Garmin electronics and bulkhead compass. VHF marine radio. Cloth cushions inside, cockpit cushions outside. Bimini and other added canvas items. \$31,000. For more information bruce-david@cox.net or 316-204-8383

**J24** (1981) Hull #2564: Extensive paperwork available on this boat, including original manufacturer's order. Hull is flawless, with new professional paint in 2006. Exterior teak sanded and oiled in 2006. Deck professionally restored in 2007. All fabrics in very good condition and freshly dry-cleaned. Interior woodwork has fresh finish, and new paint throughout. Nissan 3.5hp (1998) in excellent condition—motor always garaged. Custom trailer (1981) in excellent condition; tires have very good tread, sidewalls weather-checked but solid. Additional equipment: Sailcomp 103AC digital compass/nav repeater. Sail inventory: full suit of sails in excellent condition. Spinnaker and pole. Several older but serviceable sails. Boat last measured by the J/24 class association in 1992. Other: Winches, lifelines, cabin lights, stereo available, outboard-bracket, two Coleman sailboxes bolted on trailer, new APS tiller. A new boat is over \$40,000. THIS BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED BOAT IS \$10,900. thomsond@ksu.edu or phone 785.764.3063.

**Hobie 16** Parts Wanted: Boom, Sails, main and jib. Battens, Both halyards. Mainsheet blocks, Forestay, Tiller Extension. 316-5191887. mblack@ou.edu

**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 system work 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 and 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 \$500. Damon Martin 316-204-7785 or 316-684-7213.

**Travel Trailer** - '91 Kit 22LT,AC, central heat, stove, ref/freezer, micro, bath with shower, awning. Sleeps 6. \$3,500.00 David 253-8576.

**Cal 9.2** (30ft). FOR SALE BY OWNER: 1982. Looking for a nice big boat with a slip and trailer? Check this out: New main and Jib in 2000. Spinnaker and Flexible Furler. Universal Diesel. New running rigging. Bimini and cockpit cushions, refrigerated icebox and suitcase A/C. CD player. Custom road trailer. Slip transfers with Board approval. Price reduced to \$27,500. To see this boat in the water, call Patrick at 540.3674

**S/2 7.3** -1984 24' cruiser. OMC Saildrive. Main, 100%, 150%, and storm jib. Tandem trailer. Slip transfers with BOG approval. \$5,000. Call 316-540-3674.

**24' Bruce Roberts** design hand-crafted wooden sloop. Inboard Volvo diesel 7.5 hp saildrive, trailer, Murray winches, winter cover. Lovingly built by the owner. Can be seen in the West boatyard. Call Patrick at 316 540 3674 to check this boat out and make an offer.



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

## Harbor Committee Work Party

**June 6, 9:00 AM**

The harbor committee will hold a work party on June 6. We will be replacing the dock bumpers on the main and dinghy docks so bring your cordless drills and get your work credits.

Contact Doug  
Johnson at 733-2289  
for more information.



## Nautical Trivia

A fun-filled family event for  
sailors of all ages.

**Saturday - June 20th**

**Time - 3:00 to 5:30 PM** (meet in the clubhouse)

**1st Prize - \$100 gift certificate**

**Objective** - a leisure sail to five different locations on the lake where you obtain special clues to answer nautical trivia questions. Skipper and crew with the most correct answers win the gift certificate.

**Sponsor** - John Carter (634-1050 or 250-5874)