

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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MARCH 2005

CALENDAR:

- March 13** Racing Education Session
- March 15** Social Committee Planning
- March 17** Board Meeting
St. Patrick's Day
- March 20 First Day of Spring
- March 25 Good Friday
- March 27 Easter Sunday
- April 2** Launch Day
- April 11** Racing Education Session

Social Committee Planning

March 15 • 7:30pm
1241 Burning Tree Dr.

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Letter from the Commodore

Well, the count down continues. Only forty days until the official launch day on April 2nd. It is becoming more spring like every day. You may have noticed that the sun is setting later in the evening, rising earlier in the morning and the daily temperatures; both the lows and the highs are slowly rising. All a good sign.

For those of you who have been out to the Club recently, you may have noticed that the ground is still quite saturated with moisture. Because of the soil composition, rains and moderate temperatures, a lot of moisture is still being held in the ground. While the access road may be a bit muddy, yet passable, the storage yard is a different story. At present, the main drive through areas in the yard are extremely soggy and the limited vehicle traffic that has occurred since the ground thaw has caused deep ruts through the yard. Off of the drive through, the boat parking areas are even worse. Please check out the soil conditions prior to driving into the yard and if necessary, consider walking into the yard rather than driving in order to minimize the amount of ruts due to vehicle traffic. Your patience is appreciated.

The membership surveys have been tallied and the results have been presented to the Board for review. It is this Board's intent to fully consider all of the opinions and suggestions submitted by the responding membership and every attempt will given to incorporate your comments into the future activities of the club. I would like to express my thanks to all of you who took the time to respond to the survey. I would also like to express a particular sense of gratitude to Terry and Sharon Lewis who volunteered to construct the survey and to summarize the results of the survey into clear and meaningful terms. I would also like to thank Mike Wasson for taking the time to not only respond to the survey but to take it one step further and write what can only be described as a most colorful and informative letter.

As you read through this issue of the Windword, you should get the sense that there are a lot of changes in the wind for the Club this season. Watch for a new look to the WVSC Website and Membership Handbook. Stay tuned for the unveiling.

Lastly, because of its importance to the Club, I have included the following notice as part of this letter for your consideration. The information was based on a memo by Park officials to interested parties and is provided here by Gene Nold.

Clark Chambers, Commodore

Kansas Legislation: We Need Your Help

Senate Bill 87 will make significant changes to vehicle registration which will affect our Club, our facilities and us personally.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks is promoting some legislation to alter the way State parks and lakes are funded. Currently a large amount of funding is from the vehicle registration fees collected by either daily or annual permits. This bill (Senate Bill 87) will eliminate the vehicle entrance fee and will replace it with a \$5.00 charge to vehicle registrations. See "Talking Points" in this newsletter.

The Department is asking for assistance in supporting this important legislation. Due to the potential positive impact on our Club, the Board has endorsed this bill and is asking each member to contact their legislator to voice their support.

The value, usefulness and attractiveness of our Club can be significantly affected by the condition of the El Dorado State Park facilities. This bill will go a long way toward providing the funds necessary to maintain and improve the Park for the future. The lake is now twenty years old and original facilities are in much need of repair. This bill will provide the funds to do just that.

To read or print a copy of SB 87, click on the following and enter 87.

<http://www.kslegislature.org/legsrv-bills/index.do>

To find out how to contact your senator or representative, click on the following

<http://www.kslegislature.org/currenthappenings/>

Once there, click on the House or Senate and then click on "Find your Representative/Senator"

Gene Nold, Government Relations Committee

Change to Windword

I was appointed as the chair of the Public Relations Committee. One of the jobs of that committee is oversight of the Newsletter, the Windword. The Commodore has asked that I change the procedure for submission of material to the Windword. To accomplish this, the position of Newsletter Editor has been created. Actually, recreated is the better term. You long time members will remember that Bill Rutherford was the editor for many years.

All material for publication in the Windword is to be submitted to the editor. The editor will then review, collate, edit if necessary, then package all of the material and send it to the publisher. CS&S Graphics will continue to publish and distribute the Windword as in the past.

Shown elsewhere in this issue are the new Submission Guidelines. Please take a moment to review these and cut them out and save them in a handy spot for later use. Please note the change to the submission deadline. All material must be submitted to the editor by the 20th of each month.

It is hoped that this new procedure will produce an even better Windword for you.

Thanks for your support of the Windword.

Bruce Ward, Public Relations Committee

INSTRUCTOR SEARCH

The youth and adult sail training program of Walnut Valley Sailing Club is looking for a qualified instructor to fill a summer position (June through July). This person will work with other sailing instructors in the program.

The basic requirements are:

- Minimum age of 18
- Be a competent sailor
- Out-going personality
- Have the ability to do some minor boat repair and maintenance
- Have a valid drivers license
- Be a good organizer
- USSA certified level 1 instructor rating (or will be certified through USSA training)

For more information or to apply for these positions contact Gary Pierce (316) 686-8823

Senate Bill 87 Talking Points

Why we need it

SB 87 is a good idea because:

- The previously allocated amount from the State General Fund could be used for other things.
- Part of the fee would support local parks.
- This system would VASTLY simplify park access for state residents. Anybody driving a vehicle with current state tags would have free admission to the state parks. This could significantly increase visitation to the parks.
- Anyone who doesn't want to pay the fee could ask for his or her money back.

Here is an outline of what SB 87 would do.

Proposal: \$5 outdoor recreation registration fee attached to motor vehicle registration fee:

- \$4 to fund state parks
- \$1 to fund the Local Government Outdoor Recreation Grant Program
- Refund option will be available to anyone wanting a refund
- State of Montana has successfully implemented this type of funding system for their State parks.

Impact:

- FREE state park entrance for Kansas residents
- \$3 million in SGF support within the KDWP for operation of the parks would no longer be needed.

State parks and the state's economy:

The KDWP currently operates 23 state parks and Prairie Spirit Rail Trail. A 24th state park, located in Topeka, was designated by the 2004 state legislature. Most of the parks are on land surrounding Army Corps of Engineer or Bureau of Reclamation lakes, with the state

park land actually leased from one of those federal agencies.

- 7.5 million annual visits
- Estimated annual economic impact is \$685 million
- More than 2/3 of Kansas residents visit one or more state parks annually and spend about \$20 per day
- Non-residents which comprise more than a quarter of all park visitors spend about \$35 per day
- More than \$13 million in sales taxes
- More than 1,850 jobs
- 7 of the top 10 Kansas tourist attractions are state parks
- Increases the general quality of life of Kansas residents by providing public access to many outdoor recreation opportunities.

Estimated Revenue from Outdoor Recreation Registration Fee

- \$11 million total
- \$1.7 million to the Local Government Outdoor Recreation Grant Program, after 20% refund deduction (based on Montana's refund rate)
- \$6.98 million to state parks operating budget, after 20% refund deduction (current parks operating budget is about \$8.2 million—remainder of budget will come

from non-resident entrance, camping and other fees)

Members of the Ways & Means Committee and their email addresses are:

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Gene Nold

Government Relations Committee

Coming to You Soon

In the near future you will be receiving a brand new MEMBERSHIP CARD to carry with you identifying you as a member of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club. This card will also state the current year of membership and contain your NEW combination code. It will be mailed to you along with your new membership handbook. We will be announcing the code change effective date in a later newsletter and in the handbook. So be sure to read your April newsletter to look for more information about your new cards and codes.



Bitten by the Racing Bug?

It sneaks up on you, the racing bug, and it bites some people harder than others. Everyone eventually gets bitten, but the reaction differs. Some sailors scratch it a bit and get over it. Others get an extreme reaction and can be consumed by racing fever. Here's a story about a couple of the club's own sailors and their experience with the bug's bite.

Back in the days before the club had been set up at the lake (goes to show how long these guys have been around) Gene Nold and Steve Kubin would take their boats out to go sailing. They didn't know each other at the time, but they found themselves on the lake together pretty regularly. Do you know what you call two sailboats on the lake at the same time? A RACE! That racing bug was nibbling at these boys and they didn't know it.

To hear Gene tell it, he would see Steve's boat out there and sail toward it. As they drew closer, Gene would adjust his course to parallel Steve and trim the sails. Pretty soon Steve would glance over at the approaching boat, trim his sails and hunker down over the tiller. Of course, this would elicit from Gene an even more aggressive trim and the two boats would go charging up and down the lake. Before you knew it, the racing bug had its chompers clamped down hard on both these boys. They soon found themselves reading about sailing techniques and trying out different things on their boats to go faster. The rest is history, as

a glance at the names on the racing plaques at the club will tell you.

Does any of that sound familiar? Have you felt the bug bite? Have you ever been out for a relaxing sail, but as soon as you get close to another boat, something starts to come over you? Do you find yourself tugging at the mainsheet and barking at crew to trim the jib as you gain on ol' Joe who is just fifty yards ahead of you? Whether or not you realize it, you've been bitten and the itch is building.

Have no fear! Your club has just the remedy for what ails you. A newly overhauled racing program for this year promises to help you scratch that itch with some education, coaching and a series of monthly one-day regattas. Also on the schedule are one-design centerboard races using STEP's Catalina 14.2 boats. Don't be bashful; all sailors are welcome regardless of experience level. The race committee wants to introduce more sailors to racing. You'll find that it is not only a lot of fun, it also builds sailing skills that you can use in any kind of sailing.

So take a look at the racing schedule and upcoming events in this issue of Windword and join us for what promises to be a fun season. Looking forward to seeing you!

*Gene Nold & Steve Kubin
Racing Committee*

2005 Racing Calendar Walnut Valley Sailing Club

The Racing Committee has established the following schedule for the 2005 racing season:

March 13	Racing Education/Development Session; 3:00-4:30 PM, Flight Safety Learning Center, 9720 E Central	June 19	3rd regatta
April 2	Organized launch day	July 2	Centerboard races
April 10	Racing Education/Development Session; 3:00-4:30 PM, Flight Safety Learning Center, 9720 E Central	July 16	4th regatta
April 17	1st regatta	August 6	Centerboard regatta
May 7	Centerboard races	August 20	5th regatta
May 22	2nd regatta	September 3	Centerboard races
June 4	Centerboard races	September 10	Snipe Regatta
June 11	Racing Education/Development Session; 11:00 AM, on the water at WVSC	September 17	6th regatta
		October 1-2	7th regatta

Off weekends will be used as "rain out days".

BRING A BUDDY AND LEARN TO SAIL 2005

The Walnut Valley Sailing Club/STEP program is offering two youth and adult sailing programs this summer. So get your buddy that would like to sail with you and join us this summer for a fun time on the water. We have a fleet of new Prams, Sabots and Optimists.

Youth Class Structure

Prerequisites: Must be 7-17, have an interest in sailing, and swim 25 yards without a life jacket (PFD) (swimming will be tested).

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

Course Content: Three levels of sailing instruction, safety, weather, self rescue skills, basic rules of the road, courtesy, and nomenclature. Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced sailing offered.

Schedule: 3 days per week (Mon. Tues. Thurs) for 3 weeks, 10am to 4pm.

2 sessions: 1st session June 13 through June 30
2nd session July 5 through July 21
(1st week will be held Tues, Wed, Thurs)

Cost per Student: \$25 non-refundable Registration Fee, plus \$45 Class Fee for member, \$70 for non-member.

Fee Includes: USSA "Start Sailing Right" instruction manual, use of a boat for the summer, T-shirt and awards. For participants age 16 and over, the fee also includes a Junior Membership to Walnut Valley Sailing Club that begins at the beginning of class and continues for the remainder of the year, if not a member. For participants between the ages of 7 and 15, 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, if not a member. Drinks are furnished. Student brings lunch.

Class Size: 20 students per session.

Boats: Capri 14.2, Vanguard Prams, Sabots, Optimists and Sunfish

Adult Class Structure

Prerequisites: must be 18 years or older, have an interest in sailing, and swim 25 yards without a life jacket (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, and age-appropriate size), sunscreen hat, and water shoes,

Course Content: Safety, weather, man-overboard skills, boat related skills, boat handling skills, basic rules of the road, and nomenclature. Beginner, intermediate and advanced centerboard and keelboat offered.

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 5 through July 21
(1st week will be held Tues, Wed, Thurs.)

Class Size: 10 students per session

Cost per Student: \$25 non-refundable Registration Fee, plus \$55 Class Fee for members, \$255 for non-member (Spouse \$80).

Fee Includes: USSA "Start Sailing Right" or "Basic Cruising" instruction manual, instruction, membership to Walnut Valley Sailing Club which begins at the beginning of class and continues for the remainder of the year, if not a member, and use of the training boats for the summer.

Boats: Capri 14.2, keelboats, Sunfish

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

2005 WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB / STEP SAILING APPLICATION

Name (Last) _____ First _____ Age _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ E-Mail address _____

Emergency Contact Person _____ Phone _____

I am currently a

____ Jr. Member ____ Non- member

____ Family Member of WVSC

My sailing experience is in

Capri 14.2 ____ Laser ____ Sabot ____

Optimist ____ Sonar ____

Other _____

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

Date _____ Signature _____ Parents Signature
if under 17 years old _____

Newsletter Submission Guidelines

1. All submissions for the Newsletter are to be submitted to the editor no later than the 20th of each month. The editor for the Newsletter is:

Bruce Ward
239 S Pattie, Suite 1
Wichita KS 67211
ph: 316-683-5637 fax: 316-683-5630
E-mail: bruce@brucewardlaw.com

2. Please note the change in the submission deadline. The editor must have your material by the 20th of the month so the material can be reviewed, edited if necessary, packaged and sent to the publisher by the 25th of the month. Any material submitted after the deadline, may not appear in the next issue.

3. All material submitted should be prepared in electronic form and emailed to the editor at bruce@brucewardlaw.com. Documents should be written in Microsoft Word and attached to the E-mail message. Graphics, photos, artwork, charts, etc, should be prepared in JPG, TIF, or PDF format and attached to the E-mail message.

4. Please name your document with a descriptive title. (Example: Midnight Sail.doc) When documents coming in from multiple sources with a generic name (Example: doc1_.doc), there is a risk that something may be seen as a duplicate and missed.

5. Please proofread your material for spelling and grammar errors.

6. If you want the same material repeated a second time or more, don't assume that this will happen automatically. You must re-submit the material for each month you want the material published.

7. When you submit material, please give clear instructions on how you wish the material to be published. Please submit your material as close to final form as possible.

Windword Checklist

- ✓ Submit by e-mail the **20th** of each month.
- ✓ Document has been created & saved in Microsoft Word.
- ✓ Document has been proofread and spellchecked.
- ✓ Document has been named descriptively.
- ✓ **Supporting files, such as pictures or illustrations have been attached to your email.**

Thank you.

Bruce Ward, Windword Editor

Wish List 2005

WVSC would like your help in acquiring the items listed below that will be used at your club. The items need not be new but they do need to be useable.

So look around at work, at your home, crammed in the closets, lost in the garage or stored in the basement. Look high and low to see if you might have any of these items.

Place your name with the item(s) and put them on the cabinet beside the television in the activities center.

Each month we will update our wish list with recognition of who gave what and more items as needed.

For help or more information please contact Gene Plehal at 722-1037.

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| 1.) Old halyard lines | 11.) DVD video disc player |
| 2.) Boat fenders | 12.) Sailing videos |
| 3.) Boat anchors | 13.) Surround sound equipment |
| 4.) Life jackets for youths | 14.) Intercom sound equipment & speakers |
| 5.) Handheld VHF radios | 15.) Weather station equipment |
| 6.) Camcorder/Video camera | 16.) Kitchen tea towels |
| 7.) Big screen TV | 17.) Cloth hot pads |
| 8.) Projection TV | 18.) Kitchen wash cloths |
| 9.) Movie screen 6 feet wide or larger | 19.) Electric coffee maker (12-15 cup) |
| 10.) VHS video tape player | |

Racing Activities

Upcoming Events

The racing activities group has a very aggressive plan for the 2005 season. The activities have been completely revamped and should have something to offer nearly everyone in the Club. The program this year will de-emphasize the competition and focus on having fun, meeting other sailors and improving our sailing skills. All sailors from the novice to the experienced will share each other's experiences and questions about rigging and sailing their boats.

Beginning on Sunday, March 13 – 3 pm:

We will meet at 3:00 at the Flight Safety Training Center located at 9720 East Central next to the Raytheon Activities Center to hold several interactive sessions designed to help sailors improve their sailing skills and to introduce them to the sport of racing. The agenda will be determined by the interest of attendees of the February 27th meeting and will be tailored to those attending the March 13 get together.

Saturday, April 2 – 10 am:

The racing group will host a launching party where everyone in the Club is invited to come out and rig and launch their boats. We will have vehicles and equipment available to help step masts, tune rigging, and get the boats on the water. Even if you don't want to put

your boat in the water this early, come out and get some help in getting it ready for the season (we don't do windows, bottom paint or scrubbing).

In case of foul weather our rain date will be April 9th at 10 am.

Sunday, April 10 – 3 pm:

The second in the series of learning sessions will be held at the same location as on March 13th. This session will, once again, be tailored to the interests of the participants and to follow-up on discussions from the 13th and questions that might have been raised during the launch day.

Sunday April 17 – 10 am:

Opening of the racing season.

For additional activities, please see the Racing Calendar in this newsletter.

We encourage everyone to take advantage of these opportunities

*Gene Nold
Steve Kubin
Racing Committee.*

ICE BREAKER



It's the Captain and Tenille.



Dude, take it to the shower.

2005 YOUTH RACE CAMP

July 25th through July 28th

This summer the STEP program is going to offer a race camp to the advanced sailor that would like to move into the racing world and really develop their sailing skills.

This will be a four days of racing, including:

- A comprehensive study of the racing rules
- Tactics on the race course
- Developing a strategy for the race
- Go fast techniques for the boat
- Single handed racing and skipper/crew responsibilities in crewed boats
- **FUN-FUN-FUN**

Whether you have been racing or are just beginning, you will find this to be a very in depth course. You will be in class and on the water for five hours each day and will be encouraged to improve daily.

There will be a minimum of 6 students and a maximum of 15. First come first served. So come join us and see what fun racing sailboats can be.

CLASS STRUCTURE

- **Age Prerequisites:** Must be 14 years old or be approved by an Instructor and be an advanced sailor
- **Equipment Requirements:** Participants must have a US Coast Guard approved PFD, sunscreen, hat, and water shoes.
- **Course Content:** All aspects of racing will be taught.
- **Schedule:** 4 continuous days for one week
10am to 4pm, July 25th through July 28th.
- **Cost per Student:** \$25 non-refundable Registration Fee, plus \$65 Class Fee. \$25 additional for non-members.
- **Fee Includes:** USSA Racing Rules book, Jr. Membership (if not a member), Access to Club boats for continuing to develop racing skills by practice and participation in organized Club racing for the balance of the sailing season, drinks furnished, student brings lunch.
- **Class Size:** minimum- 6 maximum 15
- **Boats:** Capri 14.2, Laser, Sabot, Optimist and Sonar
- **Registration and Questions:** Call Gary Pierce (316) 686-8823 or Gene Nold (316) 636-2091

2005 WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB STEP RACING CAMP

Name (Last) _____ First _____ Age _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ E-Mail address _____

Emergency Contact Person _____ Phone _____

I am currently a

____ Jr. Member ____ Non- member

____ Family Member of WVSC

My sailing experience is in

Capri 14.2 ____ Laser ____ Sabot ____

Optimist ____ Sonar ____

Other _____

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

Date _____ Signature _____ Parents Signature
if under 17 years old _____

RACING!!!

IT'S A WHOLE LOT BETTER THAN YOU THINK IF KANSAS CAN SAY IT WHY CAN'T WE

We know racing has a bad name among some, but it can really be a lot of fun. This year it will be just that. Come to one of the scheduled events to find out why this dimension of sailing has so much to offer. Look for related items in other parts of the newsletter.

Gene Nold, Racing Committee

Crew Wanted

Looking for an enthusiastic person to crew during the 2005 WVSC racing season. I anticipate racing April through October. Boat is a Fusion 15 dinghy with asymmetric spinnaker. Willing to sail with a new or novice sailor...focus is to have fun. Call Pat Boyarski for more information at 634-2826.

New Look to Website

The Public Relations Committee is redesigning the look to the club's website. The new site will be available on March 15. The address for the site will remain the same (www.wvsailing.com).

The website is meant to be an up to date source for all kinds of information for club members. It also serves a way to promote the club to the public and recruit new members.

Please visit the website often. If you have ideas for the website, please don't hesitate to submit them. Thanks for your support of the website.

Bruce Ward, Public Relations Committee

E-mail: bruce@brucewardlaw.com

Website: www.wvsailing.com

ALERT!!

WE NEED YOUR HELP IMMEDIATELY

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks is facing an unprecedented funding crisis. The Department is quickly running out of money to operate. If the vehicle registration bill (SB 87) does not pass, we are at risk of having State parks close by mid-summer and the Club losing access to the facilities for all activities other than maintenance and security.

The Senate Ways and Means Committee will be voting on this bill within the next few days. We need to make every effort to contact committee members to let our wishes be known. Please read related articles in this newsletter for more details. In the article entitled: "Senate Bill 87, Why We Need It" we have given you a list of Committee members and a means to contact them. If you can support this legislation, please let them know how you feel.

*Clark Chambers,
Commodore*



The following ads are from the December issue of the Ninescah Sailing Club Mainsheet.

Santana 25' Quarter ton boat and trailer \$7000, or with all the extras \$12,000. Great boat for pleasure and racing. Make offer. Boat located at 3416 W. University, Wichita, KS. 316- 946-0745

Wooden Windmill. Trailer and sails.

\$400. Chrysler Buccaneer. Trailer and sails. \$300. Need: International Fireball and parts. Tony Scuka 316-942-1990.

For Sale: Now is the time to fix up your boat, and save money. Two unopened quarts of Blue Micron CSC Extra Bottom paint \$30.00 each. One used Davis Tiller Tamer with new line 10.00. Lots of new and used lines and hardware, call Steve Wright 316-540-3526 or 253-3684

S2, 7.3(24 ft), 1978 "Pumpkin", good sails, needs a little TLC, 9.5 Yamaha, Trailer...worth \$6500.00 must sell... \$4900.00 Mike 312-491-2800

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 onedesign racers. J/24 "The Ultimate One-Design"

Catalina 25' wing keel 135% roller furling genoa Hummingbird depth guage new 2003 - new black hull paint April 2004-6000 lb trailer , double axle with surge braking, Galvanized. Nissan 5hp 4-stroke engine used less than two gallons of gas all season this year. Current name "Forgiveness" Really a good deal, available in plenty of time to hone your sailing skills and sail the Catalina 25 Nationals at Cheney this next year! \$17500 Call Vic Carter at 773-3534

Board Meeting Minutes

WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB
FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

FEBRUARY 17, 2005



CALL TO ORDER Commodore Clark Chambers call the meeting to order at 7pm. Board members present were Clark Chambers, John McCabe, Ron White, Marilyn Kroupa, Pat Boyarski, DeAun Warfield, James Rix, Gene Plehal and Mac Carter

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Commodore Chambers called for approval of the minutes. Rix asked for a correction to reflect the cost of the membership Handbook did not include a 3 ring binder and Commodore Chambers noted one of the unfilled chairs was for sailing activities not racing activities. There being no other corrections, Plehal moved for approval as corrected. Second by McCabe. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE TREASURERS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY Treasurer Kroupa reviewed the quarterly financials noting nothing out of the ordinary. A copy of this report is made a part of the written minutes. Motion to approve report made by Carter, seconded by Plehal. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT The following chair positions have been filled:

- Sailing ActivitiesJames Rix
- Harbor CommitteeGreg Rincker
- Activity Center CommitteeJerry Brady

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE Commodore Chambers reported that Bruce Ward, chair of Public Relations, will oversee the development of our new website. A letter from Bruce outlining the task to be performed is made a part of the minutes. The new website, when completed, will be an important communications tool for both members and other interested parties.

WINDWORD DEVELOPMENT UPDATE Commodore Chambers reported that Bruce Ward will also be acting as the temporary editor of the Windword. Bruce asked that all items for the monthly newsletter be to him for editing by the 20th of each month so he can have it completed for our printer by the 25th.

MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS Commodore Chambers reported that the survey results have been compiled and summarized. Thanks to all who

responded and especially to Sharon Lewis for the time she spent completing the summary for the board. The board will distribute the survey comments to the chair person of each committee. Each chair will be held accountable for reviewing the comments applicable to their committee and report back to the board by the March 20 meeting any action they plan to take as a result of the survey. The board also acknowledged the comments of Mike Wasson. His thoughtful response was most appreciated.

OLD BUSINESS Gene Plehal is compiling a wish list of specific items members can donate to the club for general use. The list will be published in the Windword beginning in March. In the meantime, anyone having questions can call Gene at 722-1037.

NEW BUSINESS Commodore Chambers suggested the board meeting be held on the second (2nd) Thursday each month in order to provide a greater window for time sensitive information needing to be in the Windword. A motion to approve the meeting date on the second (2nd) Thursday was made by White. Seconded by Rix. Motion carried.

Commodore Chambers noted that the access code to our facilities will be changing. Watch for future announcements in the Windword. A device to help members remember the code will be provided prior to the change.

MCCabe reported the social committee will be setting the social event dates by mid March for publication in the new Membership Handbook. Questions or interest in helping with social events should be directed to Genee Kubin at 733-1295 or by email kubinova@cs.com.

MEMBER CONCERNS None

The next board meeting will be March 10, 2005 at the offices of Marilyn Kroupa.

A motion to adjourn by Carter was seconded by Plehal. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mac Carter, Secretary

Tips from the Rear

Here's a short explanation on why, how, and when you should bend your mast.

Why: Mast bend is a method for controlling the camber (fullness) of a sail. When a mast bends, it stretches sail material beyond the straight line between the boom and the top of the mast. This causes the main sail to become flatter, thus reducing the camber of the airfoil. The camber is the best adjustment for controlling power and pointing ability.

This allows adjustments to be made for differing conditions without changing sails. I view it like changing gears on a bicycle. Sail makers will build in a certain amount of curvature based on a nominal mast bend. Depending on the rig and the flexibility of the mast, you can get it to bend more in gusts on its own to automatically self correct for the increased wind speed.

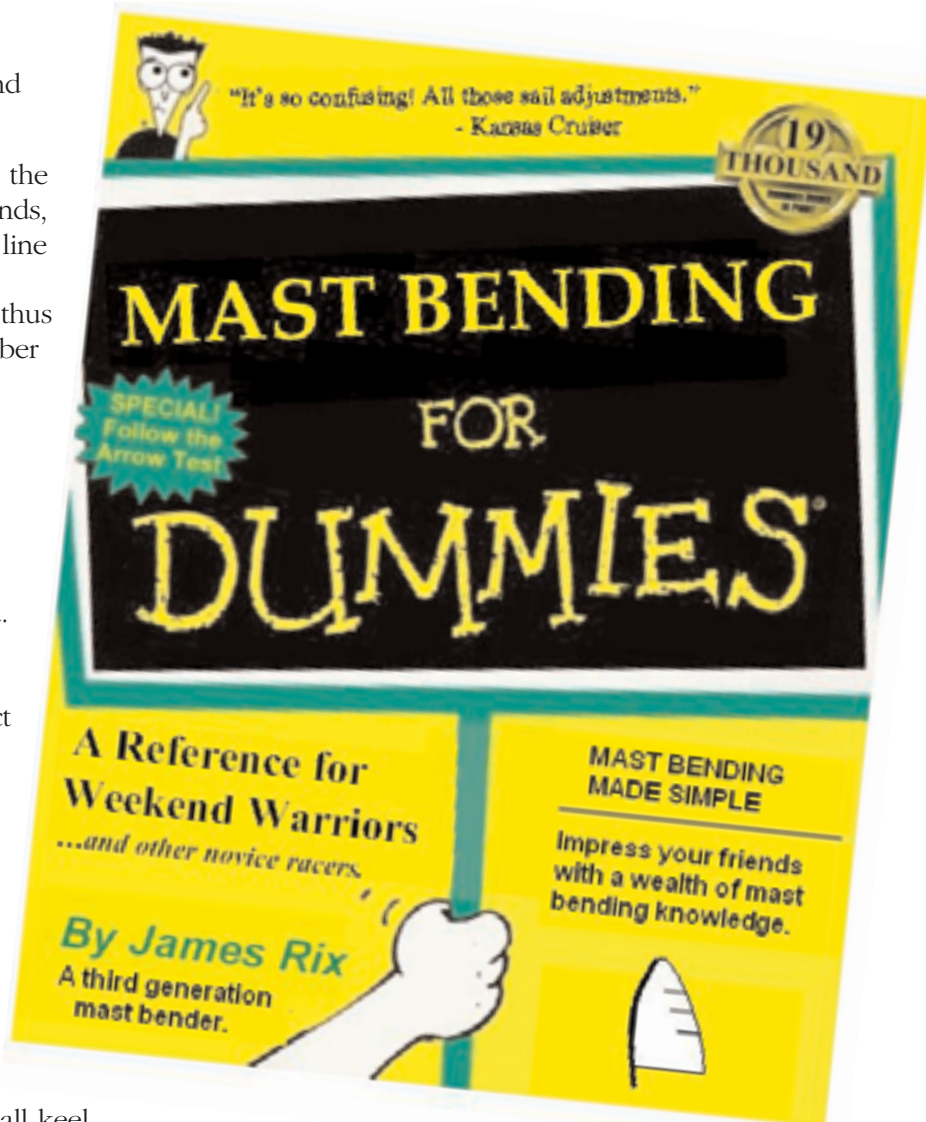
How: There are several methods for mast pre-bending depending on the size and type of boat. Small cat rigged boats like the laser use the boom vang and main sheet for bending the mast. Small fractional (jib doesn't go to top of mast) boats like the snipe use a block and tackle on the jib halyard to create a high tension on the side shrouds. This causes the spreaders to push the mast forward. Small keel boats like the Catalina 22 use back stay adjusters in combination with tension on the forward lower side stays. Big racing boats like IACC boats use big hydraulic cylinders called mast rams that induce bend from within the boat. They must be careful and not apply too much load and break the mast (or boat) so they have load cells in the shrouds to monitor tension.

When: On the snipe, we measure bend from the top of the mast to the transom and use the jib halyard block and tackle to set it to the numbers given to us by the sail makers tuning guide. There is a number for nominal conditions and ones for light, high, and very high winds. We then mark the halyard position for each of these conditions. As a general rule we set it to those numbers based on wind speed. Light is 0-5 mph, nominal is 5-12 mph, high is 12-20 mph, and very high is above 20 mph. Sometimes we want more cam-

ber (lower gear) in large waves to keep it driving through the waves. With a light weight crew like my Emily, I will set it to a higher gear to de-power further, which reduces heeling. On the runs, we push the mast forward and let off the jib halyard, Cunningham, and outhaul completely which lets the main be as full as possible and the head of the jib to fly forward which will make the jib more perpendicular to the wind and also take a much fuller shape.

If you have the ability to bend your mast, check with your sail maker to find how much mast bend your sail was pre-cut for and how to tune it for differing conditions.

James Rix, Rear Commodore





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for first vehicle
\$17.75 for additional vehicles

April 1st permit costs = \$45.50
for first vehicle
\$22.75 for additional vehicles

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Welcome New Members!

We would like to welcome these new members who have joined these past few months:

HARMS, DAKOTA 744-9441
2617 S. EAST LAKE RD.
NEWTON, KS 67114 (Junior Member)

DAVID, BRUCE & LEAH 204-8383
1627 PRESCOTT CIRCLE
WICHITA, KS 67212 JOINED SEPTEMBER 2004

HLAVACEK, JOE & KATHLEEN (NO PHONE LISTED)
4553 WESTLAKE CT.
WICHITA, KS 67220 JOINED OCTOBER 2004

SIGWARTH, DEBORA 522-4936
5510 SOUTH GOLD #100
WICHITA, KS 67217 *Renewed with Ron Alderman*

REINTJES, JOSEPH E. & TINA M.
4553 WESTLAKE CT.
WICHITA, KS 67220 JOINED OCTOBER 2004

TERRY COX 644-4612
1441 N. ROCK ROAD #1901
WICHITA, KS 67206 JOINED JANUARY 2005