

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

MAY 2009

Website: www.wvsailing.com

CALENDAR:

May 2	1st Official Race Swap Meet
May 8	WVSC Board Meeting
May 10	Races Mother's Day
May 16	Races
May 23	Annual Shrimp Boil
May 24	Races Cooper's Island Theater
May 25	Memorial Day
May 30	Races

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From the Bow Pulpit – Again

As you may have noticed from a visit to the Lake or from the Board Minutes in the Windword, we have made some improvements to the road surfaces in the Dry Storage area. Under the direction of John Ellison and Gene Nold, we have added gravel to the driveways to build them up and level them to provide a better surface for vehicles to move and pull trailers. In the long term, we will need to plan for a major modification to the west end of our Dry Storage area due to the flooding of the lake and the erosion that occurs with each flood to that end of the storage area. Greg Rincker, Vice Commodore and Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee, will be taking a look at this item for a future major project. One solution would be to expand the Dry Storage area to the South, away from the flood prone area and draw in the fence from the West to get away from the flood prone area. If you would like to work on this long-term project, contact Greg or me.

The Wednesday Morning Breakfast Club restored water service to our facilities on April 15th for the season and, by the time you read this, we will have had several early season functions in the Activities Center, including a major start-of-season cleaning Work Party on April 25th. If you were there, many thanks from your fellow club members. If you couldn't make it, there will be more opportunities for Work Credits in the months to come.

Our first formal activity will be the Swap Meet on Saturday, May 2nd from 1000 to 1400, followed by the first club race of the season. The first party will be the Annual Shrimp Boil on May 23rd and we plan to have the 2009 Member Handbook inserts available for distribution to members at this party as well.

Check out your newsletter for other interesting items and news about activities at Your Club. Check out our website for social and racing calendars, and visit the website regularly for news and weather around Wichita and El Dorado.

See You at The Lake.

David O. Reynolds, Commodore



March Meeting Minutes

WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Minutes Subject to Correction

THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH, 2009

Call to Order: Commodore Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. Board members present were Greg Rincker, John Ellison, John Carter, Jerry Brady, Mike Wasson, Debbie Chambers, and David Reynolds. Ken Rix was absent. The Commodore noted the recent death of long time member Al Salle in Florida around the first of April and expressed condolences to his family and many friends in the Wichita area.

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

Treasurer's Report: Ernie Condon presented the current balance in the checking account and also a list of all checks written in March. The 2009 insurance premium has been paid and will appear on the April report. There was no further discussion and a motion to approve the report was made and approved.

Old Business:

- a. Commodore Reynolds reported that the insurance has been renewed per above.
- b. Commodore Reynolds reported that he had been in contact with Deaun Warfield and the new membership handbook is most likely at the printer now. The handbook will be distributed at the first social in May.
- c. John Ellison reported that rock has been laid down in the dry storage area and the project was completed for \$1,800.00.
- d. Mike Wasson stated he had been unable to get an estimate for work to be done on the picnic shelter concrete slab extension. He is to contact someone that he knows that does concrete work to get an estimate. He will report back to Commodore Reynolds. It may be possible to have the work completed prior to the first social of the season.
- e. Debbie Chambers reported that Clark Chambers and Gene Plehal have been looking for a replacement screen door for the Activity Center but have not yet found something that they think will solve the problems that we have previously had. They will continue to look and replace the door as soon as possible.

- f. Mike Wasson reported that he has been in contact again with the Friends of El Dorado regarding bagged ice for club use. He also reported that there are other options for ice that the Board may want to consider. A discussion of all options followed. Mike Wasson will finalize his recommendation and present at the next Board meeting.

New Business:

- a. Commodore Reynolds reported that the issue of the removal of submerged trees is not an option due to the Corp of Engineers and Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks objecting as it would affect fishing at the lake. The cost of removal and liability issues are also a major factor.
- b. John Carter reported that a correction to the 2008 Annual meeting minutes is needed. The 2008 Annual Meeting minutes failed to make note of the fact that the recipients of the Commodore's Award were John McCabe, Mike Hand and Steve Mardis.
- c. Commodore Reynolds reported that Gene Nold had requested that the Board consider a donation to The Friends of El Dorado Lake for the July 4th fireworks. This organization supports activities and programs promoted by the City of El Dorado. Due to finances, the city is not able to provide as much money as in the past. After discussion a motion to approve a \$500.00 donation was voted on and approved with one dissenting vote.
- d. John Ellison reported that he is in the process of obtaining vinyl nametags for boat trailers in Dry Storage. As stated in the club regulations, all boat trailers must be identified by owner name and this has been an ongoing problem – members do not follow these guidelines.

Member Concerns: No concerns were reported.

Closing Remarks: Commodore Reynolds reported a Swap Meet will be held on May 2, 2009. He recommends anyone who has any items that they wish to sell, swap or trade be encouraged to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Chambers, Secretary

Sat. May 23rd
ISLAND PARTY
SHRIMP BOIL

and Cooper's Island Casino



Social
6pm
Dinner
7pm

Join us under the Canopy for
all you can eat peel & eat
shrimp, green beans, corn
on the cob & potatoes.

Deadline for Reservations, Monday May 18th

\$12.50 Adults \$6 Kids under 10

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

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

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

- 1st session: June 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"

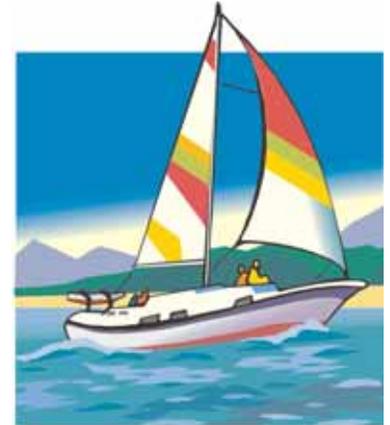
instruction manual, use of a boat for the summer, T-shirt and awards. For participants between the ages of 8 and 17, the fee also includes a Youth Membership to Walnut Valley Sailing Club which begins at the beginning of class and continues for the remainder of the year. Drinks are furnished. Student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

Entry form on back cover



2009 Membership Handbook is now available!

It will be distributed at the May 23 social. If anyone wants the handbook before that date, please contact DeAun Warfield at 681-3592.

UNCLE GENE'S FIRST ANNUAL SAILING SWAP MEET

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

SATURDAY, MAY 02, 2009

from **1000** to **1400**

(That's 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM for you novices!)

at

**WALNUT VALLEY
SAILING CLUB**

El Dorado Lake, Kansas, USA

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

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

Call **UNCLE GENE PLEHAL**
for more information **316-722-1037**



First - Upcoming Stuff

- May 2**, Sat, 1st official RacesRC - Ken Rix, Dan Barlett, Tedd Blankenship
1:00 p.m. competitors meeting – 2:00 p.m. Start
- May 10**, Sun, RacesRC - Mary Ann Rix, Patti Mackey, Jacque Holloway
- May 16**, Sat, RacesRC - Ken Rix, Steve Kubin
- May 24**, Sun, RacesRC - James Rix, Paul McCausland
- May 30**, Sat, RacesRC – John Carter, Gene Plehal
- June 7**, Sun, RacesRC – Gary Pierce, Gary Mackey, Dave Leiker

Second - Rules Stuff

Don't be intimidated by the racing rules. 99% of situations are covered by these 4 rules:

- If boats are on opposite tacks the starboard boat always has ROW. On starboard tack the boom is on the port side. Be careful when you round marks & tack.
- If boats are on the same tack the leeward boat has ROW, but he must give opportunity for the windward boat to keep clear.
- You must have an overlap on the windward boat as he enters the three-boat length zone in order to claim inside room at the mark.
- The committee boat at approximately 1 minute before the start is not an obstruction, & does not justify calling for room. Don't barge at the start.

Third - Fleet Growth Stuff

Ernie Condon had his Snipe damaged in the windstorm that went thru the dry storage area last year. He contacted Scott Dimick who also had a Snipe but has never sailed it in El Dorado, although he was a WVSC member & rented dry storage space for 7 or 8 years. Ernie's intention was to buy Scott's boat and use its mast to replace Ernie's bent one. Scott's boat had badly deteriorated, so he just gave it to Ernie.

Ernie bought his new Hobie & wanted to play with it rather than 2 derelict Snipes, so he offered them to me to provide a "Starter" Snipe for anyone interested. A member of the Lincoln, Neb. Fleet had such a boat, "Road Kill", which was available for sale but must be sold back at the same price if not actively used, or the new buyer so desires.

Anyway, I'm going to try it here. I have spent mega bucks, & mega man-hours on Scott Dimick's old boat

& brought it up to a competitive configuration, very comparable to Mary Ann's boat. Tedd Blankenship & Janet Van Epps have decided to buy the boat with the following restrictions:

- They be WVSC members. They have been for 3 or 4 years.
- They must rent a dry storage space & keep the boat there during the summer.
- They must race it at least 5 days per year.
- They must improve the boat by approx. \$100. per year.
- They must give me the opportunity to buy it back at 120% of their cost if they want out.

Anyway, it looks good so far, except both Mary Ann & I have lost our regular crews. It may be worthwhile if it stimulates "One Design" racing.

Fourth - Love Stuff

Tell your crew that you love them (or appreciate them, if it's more appropriate).



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: June 15 through July 2
- 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)

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Theater

Grab your sweetie, some fast food and join your Yacht club friends

Cooper's Island Theater

Sundown

May 24 – Sunday

Memorial Day Weekend

A cartoon and Old Uncle Gene's Famous Popcorn

Bring your own Chair and beverage

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 Road trip June 27



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

SUMMER 2009 WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB/STEP APPLICATION

STEP YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM

Last Name First Name

Street Address City Zip

Home Phone Age T-Shirt
Size

Emergency Contact Person Phone

E-Mail address

I am a ____ member ____ non-member of Walnut Valley Sailing Club

I wish to enroll in the Youth Program:

____ Session 1- June 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.

STEP ADULT SAILING PROGRAM

Last Name First Name

Street Address City Zip

Home Phone Age T-Shirt Size

Emergency Contact Person Phone

E-Mail address

I am a ____ member ____ non-member of Walnut Valley Sailing Club

I wish to enroll in the ____ Centerboard Program ____ Keelboat Program

____ Session 1- June 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