

# THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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MAY 2011

## CALENDAR:

May 1	Regular Race
May 7	Race Training Seminar
May 9	Mother's Day
May 12	WVSC Board Meeting
May 14	Race Training Seminar
May 14	Spring Fling
May 15	Regular Race
May 29	Regular Race
May 31	Memorial Day
June 4	Swap Meet

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## From the Commodore

Let the sailing begin.

Tedd and his team have the Activity Center ready for sailing activities with a cleaned up facility, a newly painted floor and a new stove, oven and microwave. The Wednesday morning breakfast group have moved their meetings back to the lake, so clearly the season has begun. The water is on at the lake, so those who wish may make their boats ship shape in Bristol fashion for the season to come.

Planning work continues on the picnic shelter expansion. All is going well and we are hopeful we will get to use the facility sometime this year.

The racing schedule is under way with a couple of races already under our belts. Two race training seminars remain for the spring to bring those who have signed up into prime form for the season. Saturdays May 7th and 14th the racing committee is scheduled to offer classroom work as well as on the water practice for those looking to tune up their racing skills.

Our first social event for the season is set for May 14th as we kick off the full season of activities for all members. We Look forward to seeing everyone at the lake.

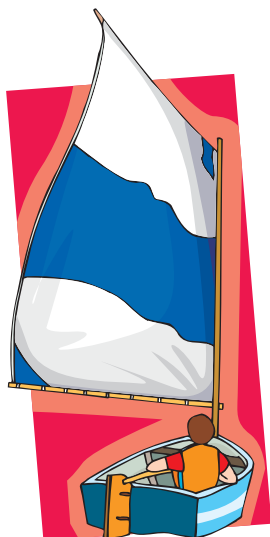
Let the fun begin.

Good sailing,

*Rob Brown, Commodore*



## 2011 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 13 through June 30
- 2nd session: July 11 through July 28

**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" 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 Provisional 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.

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

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

### SUMMER 2011 WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB/STEP APPLICATION

## STEP YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City Zip

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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 13 - June 30 \_\_\_\_ Session 2- July 11 - July 28

Please enclose the non-refundable deposit of \$25, made out to WVSC/STEP with this application. Mail to: WVSC Sailing Program c/o Gary Pierce, 1431 South 127th Street East, Wichita, Kansas 67207

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

# Spring Fling at WVSC

May 14, 2011

Social Hour:  
6PM

Dinner served:  
7PM

Menu:

SMOKED MEATS  
(BEEF BRISKET & PULLED PORK)

24-HR SALAD

CORN ON THE COB

BAKED BEANS

CHOCOLATE & VANILLA DREAM  
LAYERED DESSERT

BARBEQUE BY BUD

COST TO ATTEND IS \$12.50 A PERSON  
CHILDREN (8 YEARS AND UNDER) \$1.00

# Come Sail with Us

## 2011 SUMMER ADULT SAILING PROGRAM



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

We will teach you how to sail or improve your sailing abilities in a centerboard boat or a keelboat. We offer both Basic Keelboat and Basic Centerboard classes. Advanced classes in Centerboard and Keelboat may also be offered.

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 or improve your sailing abilities 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 Centerboard Sailing Course –

Covers beginning, intermediate and advanced sailing techniques in a centerboard boat that includes 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 Sailing Course – 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 and basic navigation. The keelboat course requires a minimum of three students per boat both in Basic and Advanced Keelboat.

Prerequisite for Advanced Centerboard or 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 13 through June 30

2nd session: July 11 through July 28

**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 \$255. 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 Provisional 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 2011 WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB/STEP APPLICATION STEP ADULT SAILING PROGRAM

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T-Shirt Size

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Emergency Contact Person

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Phone

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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 13 - June 30 \_\_\_\_ Session 2- July 11 - July 28

Please enclose the non-refundable deposit of \$25, made out to WVSC/STEP with this application. Mail to: WVSC Sailing Program c/o Gary Pierce, 1431 South 127th Street East, Wichita, Kansas 67207

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

...**Boater's Swap Meet**...



# **Uncle Gene's Third 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, June 4th 2011**

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, 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**



# Bring a Friend Party!

May 14th is the first WVSC Social of 2011. What a great opportunity to bring friends to El Dorado Lake! The "Spring Fling at the WVSC with Barbecue by Bud" the evening of May 14th will reunite you with old friends and give you a chance to showcase the Walnut Valley Sailing Club to others with an interest in sailing.

Details of the Spring Fling can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Plan on attending and Bring a Friend, too!

## May Racing Schedule:

MAY 1	SUNDAY	RACE (Race Committee-Don Chism)
MAY 7	SATURDAY	TRAINING DAY (No Race)
MAY 14	SATURDAY	TRAINING DAY
MAY 15	SUNDAY	RACE (Race Committee-Rob & Ginger Brown)
MAY 21	SATURDAY	RACE (Race Committee-John Carter)
MAY 29	SUNDAY	RACE (Race Committee needed)

There are no races the weekend of May 7-8. Mark your calendars for the first of two Women's/Youth Regattas which will be Sunday, June 5.

*Here's to a fun and competitive racing season!*

## Membership Chair Still Open!

You still have the opportunity to serve your *volunteer organization* - your sailing club - by taking on the job of Membership Chair for 2011 and beyond. Your Work Credits are done - no more worries. You can hob-nob with our potential new members and welcome them into our Club. You will receive personal recognition for your Board of Governors members. And you will be providing a vital need in your Sailing Club. If you don't want to take it all on just now, give me a call and you can be my "Understudy" for part of the year and take over the reins later (I've done most of the work for 2011 anyway - the Handbook; it's done!). Come along for the ride, or sail. I know you are out there!!

Contact David O. Reynolds, 316.621.0009;  
david4100@pixius.net

## Membership Handbook 2011 Update - They're Done!

Membership Handbooks for 2011 are ready for distribution. We will have them at the first Social Event, The Spring Fling, on May 14. If you really neeeeed yours earlier, call me and we can arrange a clandestine meeting in a public place for the handoff, or just let me know and I will see what I can do. Also, I have had several requests for additional copies of the Handbook. We will make them available in a spiral bound copy for \$5.00 each. Please place your orders with me ASAP so that we can have the printer prepare the copies. A special Thanks to Sunflower Directories (aka Kimberly Rix) for their support.

David O. Reynolds, "Acting" Membership Chair for 2011, 316.621.0009; david4100@pixius.net

# Racing Activities



This year is shaping up to be a busy year at WVSC. Once the season gets rolling, there will be few weekend days that there isn't something to do at the lake.

The Sailing Activities Committee met and added many events to the club calendar to compliment the plans from Racing Activities and Social Activities committees. We have a lot of fun planned for racers and non-racers alike, for all members of the family, and to introduce people to the club.

The sailing events planned are listed below. We have some old ideas and a surprising number of great new events.

Anyone interested in sponsoring (or helping with) an event should call Ernie Condon, 630-8951 (erniec53@gmail.com). We have most of the details figured out, and just need some helping hands (nothing very hard at all, and certainly not complicated).

## May 28: Blind Sailing (Billy Clark sponsor)

One person on each boat will be able to see. All others on the boat will be blind folded. Marks will be set and sailed around. The sighted person will not be allowed to do any physical work (no steering, grinding, tailing, etc) only verbal instructions (except in emergency).

## June 4: Swap Meet (Gene Plehal sponsor)

Same as last year – everyone bring things to sell/trade with fellow sailors. Will be advertised at Ninnescah as well.

## June 11: Long Distance Race #1

(Mackey's sponsor) Instructions to be same as last year and provided as race approaches.

**June 19: Sunday Sail** (to include "Invite a Friend to Sail" and "Invite your Father to Sail on Father's day"). A sail followed by ice cream sundaes and introducing friends.

## July 4: Cardboard Boat Race and Radio Controlled Sailing (Ernie sponsor):

Each team will be given a few cardboard boxes and a roll of duck tape. One hour to build something that floats. Winner is the person who can paddle out the furthest before it sinks.

In the meantime, we will be sailing Radio Controlled Sailboats for fun, sharing with and helping kids of all sizes.

**July 9: Pirate day** Same theme as last year: Boats anchored on the water with prizes for answering clues, all while a water fight is underway. Everyone is invited to wear pirate costumes, etc.

## July 17: Photo-day, and honoring STEP

**graduates** A boat will be stationed on the lake with a digital camera. All club members, and all 2011 STEP graduates, are encouraged to sail by and get their photo taken on the water.

## July 23: Long Distance Race #2

**July 31: Alternate date for long distance race.**

## August 6: Long Distance Race #3

**August 14: Alternate date for long distance race**

**August 20: Triple Tennis Toss** (John Carter sponsor) Instructions to be provided as event approaches.

## September 17: Long Distance Race #4

## Sail with Friends of Eldorado Lake

**Date TBD** WVSC members will be invited to come and give a sailboat ride to members of the Friends of Eldorado Lake organization. Gene Nold has a cookout with these folks each year, so we will add sailing to the event.

**Moonlight Sails** After each social.

# March Meeting Minutes



## WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2011  
THE BENTON CHURCH, BENTON, KS

*Minutes Subject to Correction*

### Attendees:

**Board:** Rob Brown-Commodore, David Bonifield-Vice Commodore, Paul Schye-Treasurer, Gary Mackey-Secretary, Greg Rincker-Rear Commodore, Doug Johnson, Tedd Blankenship, David Reynolds, Paul McCausland

**Members:** Terry and Sharon Lewis, Gene Phehal, Ginger Brown, Clark and Debbie Chambers, Ken and Mary Ann Rix, James Rix

- ♦ Call to Order at 7:15 p.m. by Commodore Brown.
- ♦ Quorum is present.
- ♦ March Meeting Minutes approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Paul Schye presented the Treasurer's Report.

- ♦ Motion to pay attorney fees, seconded and passed.
- ♦ \$100 bond question- Paul asked for details from Board. Paul will hold for a week and attempt to discover details.
- ♦ WVSC Insurance Report by Sharon Lewis, Financial Chairman- Sharon reviewed several recommendations by our Insurance agent. She will be formalizing some proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations. She clarified with our agent that our Property & Liability Insurance and /or our Workmen's Comp policy provides cover for members performing work at the Club, STEP Instructors and STEP students.
- ♦ Generally the Club is ahead on slip rentals and behind on dry storage and on budget.
- ♦ Treasurer's Report accepted.

### Committee reports:

- ♦ **Membership Committee:** David Reynolds reports that the New Membership Handbooks are available. The Membership Handbook is also on line, except for membership info.

- ♦ **Dry Storage:** Dave Bonifield reports that Vegetrol Inc has been contacted to provide vegetation control for the Club and will be on contract shortly.

- ♦ **Building & Grounds:** Paul McCausland reports that the mowing will be done by Brian Nelson of Air Capital Property Management on a schedule that supports the Club's activities.

Covered Picnic Area progress updates- Paul provided some estimates and options. More detailed estimates will be obtained.

- ♦ **Security Committee:** Greg Rincker reports that he and Bill Fonger have completed repairs on the Activity Center security system. They will document the information they have collected on the security system for future use.

- ♦ **Activity Center:** Tedd Blankenship reports the Activity Center floor has been painted. He will investigate getting a larger oven. The refrigerator seems to be working this year as reported by Gene Phehal. David Pullen has repaired the northwest corner of the Activity Center.

**Unfinished Business:** Friends of El Dorado Lake advertisement banner- Motion to spend \$250 for the banner that will advertise the Club, seconded and passed.

**May Meeting Notice:** May 14, 2011.  
Location: The Benton Church, Benton, Kansas



**For Sale:** Hydrolift \$1,000 Currently in slip B6. 4,000# capacity. Dave Bonifield 722-8765

**Cal 9.2** (30ft) - 1982. \$17,000. A nice big boat with trailer? New mainsail, and Jib in 2000. Spinnaker and Flexible Furler. Universal Diesel. New running rigging. Bimini and cockpit cushions, refrigerated icebox CD player. Custom road trailer. To see this boat, call Patrick at 540.3674

**Catalina 25** -1981 Swing keel, trailer, slip with board approval. VHF radio, radio/CD player, microwave, air conditioner, head with holding tank. Good main, rollerfurling North genoa, spinnaker with ATK sock, new Lewmar self-tailing winches. Bimini top, new cockpit and cabin cushions, 9.9 outboard, and more. \$9,500. Call Tony Scuka at 316-942-1990.

**SNIPER** -Fiberglass Balsa core, alum. mast and boom, sails maroon hull clear natural mahogany deck. \$1,500.00 CONTACT Dick @ 316-685-8611

**Wanted:** a 9.9 or 8 hp outboard motor long shaft. Call Tim Peppard at 316-838-8214.

**Old Laser**- good parts for sale. Hobie 14 boat or parts for sale. Trailers call Dan @ 687-2471 dacridge23@yahoo.com

**Helsen 22** – 1973. \$4,000- see full ad at helsen22forsale.com – Ready to sail, ballasted keel, swing centerboard, shallow draft (14" w/board up,) foam flotation, trailer (2007,) 6hp Evinrude (1976,) depth finder, VHF radio, 2 main sails, 2 jibs, 1 genoa, pop-top, swim ladder, located at Snyder's Marina, Cheney Lake. 316-680-8339. Nick.

**Lido 14 w/trailer** – 1960ish \$450 Firm. Ready to sail, family day sailor, 2 mains, 2 jibs, hit some rocks once but glassed together since, still needs TLC, seats up to 4, running rigging good condition. This boat offers a lot of fun. Sold as is. 316-680-8339 Nick.

**Phoenix Snipe 16** -1982, boat # 25196, completely renovated, & race competitive. It has minimum weight, flexible mast, & can be capsized, re-righted & continue sailing. Includes 2 suits of sails, large face compass, & pole launcher, & all sail controls. The trailer alone is worth the \$1,500. price. Ken Rix, 316-684-6086, sail4it@att.net



**Sweet Sixteen** Approx. 1977 Trailer & cover, light wind sails in good condition. Asking \$1,200. See at small boat yard #32. Contact Barney.Anderson@cox.net.

**Catalina 25** – 1989 Mark IV, sail #5883, wing keel, tall rig, in-board Universal M-12 diesel, trailer and slip with board approval. Good original main, 150 genoa, jib, roller furler. Updated cabin upholstery, stereo CD player, new alcohol stove, new head. 13,000. Call Steve Perry at 316-680-6445 or Patrick at 316-540-3674 Email: patrickadams1587@hotmail.c

**Hunter 260** - 2000 includes trailer, water ballast with centerboard and popup rudder, 20 inch draft with centerboard and rudder up, enclosed head with holding tank, large imini, popular wheel steering, 9.8 Nissan outboard with electric start, teak stern rail seats, VHF radio, Wheel autopilot, more info and photos at yachtworld.com \$19,900 OBO. Eric Price 316.260.5929.

**Want to buy:** Large Dock Box Dale Gronniger 316 265-6224 days cell 316 371-7891 or dale@cityblue.com

**Hobie 18** -1979 \$1500. Fast? Yes. Sexy? Absolutely. Includes: Original "red rocket" sails, in good shape; roller furling jib; carbon fiber tipped mast; Hobie Bob; vinyl tramp; sail bags; jib snorkel; Harken block; carbon fiber tiller; trailer; cat box on the trailer for storage; two dagger boards; two orig. harnesses, one new Hobie "captain's seat". This boat has spent its life well cared for and under a cover. Ready to sail. If you want to go fast, this is your boat. Call Charlie Hobbs at 316.519.9037 or email at woodywagon89@hotmail.com

**Found:** Whisker pole rolling loose on ADock near dock edge. It is a three-tube, twist and lock type. It was not near any boat and I was concerned it would fall into the water and be lost. Call me and I will get it to you. Jack - 316-619-4584.

**For Sale:** 2 pair synthetic rubber spreader boots. One pair is West Marine "Medium", fits spreader tips up to approximately 2 1/4" x 11/16", about 6" long & fits shrouds to 3/16", new in blister pack. The other set fits spreaders about 2" x 1", about 8" long for shrouds up to 1/4", not in package (but unused.) \$15/pair Rob Fresh, 744-0062.

**Ranger 23**- 1976 Gary Mull design. New bottom paint, reconditioned sails, new running rigging, teak wood reconditioned, new mast and boom paint all in 2009-10. Cradle and trailer for launch and storage use only. Two motors available, 7.5 hp Mercury with electric start, and 5hp Tohatsu, both 2 stroke. Overall a very great sailing, fast, roomy boat. Slip exchange with B.O.G. approval. #C24. \$4,500. Call Chris 209-8060, chris@zacharyins.com

**Corsair F 27 Trimaran** -1993 Que Tal, exceptionally well maintained, in great condition with all the bells and whistles for 48k. Visit Que Tal Website for more details and photos Jim Smith (316)305-2030.

**Irwin 25** -1974 She is 25' with an 8' beam. She has mainsail, heavy duty hinged mast step, cabin will sleep 6. Her foresail is on a roller furling with lines to cockpit. She has a table, sink, closet storage, head and tandem trailer. Sailboat and trailer together are \$3,500. For more information contact Gil Nye at gnye2@cox.net 316-788-3454.

**For Sale** – Two, 12" dia., Taylor, corner dock wheels. \$60 for the pair. Ron Knak 722-2949

**Vivacity 24** - With trailer. \$1,500 OR BEST OFFER. Call (316) 200-7642 for details.



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*Save the Date for:*

*Cucina  
Italiana*

*June 11, 2011*