

### The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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### OCTOBER 2005

#### **CALENDAR:**

October 1-2 2005 WVSC Championship Regatta

October 8 Fried Chicken Social

October 10 Columbus Day

October 13 Board Meeting

October 30 Daylight Saving Time Ends

October 31 Halloween

November 12 Annual Meeting

December 3 Annual Christmas Party

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wichwarfld@aol.com Gene Plehal 722-1037 '06 As I write this letter, I cannot dodge the thought that more of the 2005 sailing season is behind us than before us. With that thought, comes the realization that there is only one Club Regatta and three social events left in this year. The year has really gone by fast. It seems to me that the mission and smart thing to do at this point in time is to make the most of the remaining season. To that end I would like to encourage everyone to check coming issues of the Windword or the always current and up to date WVSC website for the calendar of events and attend the few remaining events scheduled this year. Do I need to remind everyone just how long the winter becomes by the time January or February roles around? Come on out to the lake and make use of the normally great fall sailing weather. I am also extending a personal invitation to all to join us at the Fried Chicken Social on October 8th, the Annual Meeting on November 12th, and the Christmas Party in December.

At this point, I need to shift gears for a moment. I would like to remind all of you of a couple of things.

First off, you may have noticed the phone located in the activity center. Despite its appearance, that phone is actually a cell phone. The sole purpose of that phone is to provide the WVSC membership with a means to make emergency or urgent phone calls only. It should be used for those purposes only as the fee structure is based on very limited use. This past month, the phone bill quadrupled in cost. Not a good thing. Please use the activity center phone responsibly and only for the purpose for which it was intended, i.e. for emergency, urgent or Club business only.

Secondly, please review the rules and regulations regarding the use of the dry storage yard. As we approach the end of the sailing season, many of you will be pulling your boat from the water and returning it to dry storage. There are several items in particular to which I would ask you to pay particular attention. Each member occupying space in the dry storage yard is responsible for tying down their boat and chocking their trailer. Boats have been known to blow over and trailers have been known to shift positions in the Kansas winds. Each space in the dry storage yard is assigned space. As such, each member should only park their trailer(s) in their own space. Lastly, each trailer must clearly indicate the owners name and assigned space.

Your cooperation on these two matters would be greatly appreciated.

See you at the lake

Clark Chambers, Commodore

# From Alan Huffman, Commodore of the Ninnescah Sailing Association...

Ninnescah Sailing Association is sponsoring a lecture by Gary Jobson on November 4, at 7:30 PM at the Bank of America Auditorium at Broadway and Douglas. We have seating for a little over 200, and would like to invite WVSC members to attend. Cost is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door if we are not sold out. I am getting tickets done now, and they will be available at Action Sailing Center or from NSA by mail at PO Box 1587, Wichita, 67202.

For those of you who haven't heard of Gary Jobson, below is a short bio and introduction:

In the Americais Cup and sailing, no voice is better known that of Gary Jobson. A champion sailor and Cup-winning tactician, Gary is better known world-wide as the warmly admired television commentator for six Cup matches carried by ESPN, beginning in 1987 at Perth. In his commentaries, he meets the demands both of racing sailors and of landlubbers alike, giving sailors an insightful (and often controversial) view of what is happening on the race course while at the same time conveying the excitement and romance of the sport.

Gary caught the Americaís Cup bug as a boy when he became mesmerized by two photographs of J Class Cup boats that were on display at his yacht club in Beachwood New Jersey. After college (where he was twice named College Sailor of the Year), he coached sailing at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and U.S. Naval Academy. He was tactician for Ted Turner on Courageous during the team's successful defense of the Cup in 1977 and also during the 1980 defender trials. In 1983, he was founder and tactician of the Courageous/Defender syndicate.

Gary became ESPN's sailing commentator in 1985. While covering the Cup and producing as many as 30 shows a year, he also has covered Olympic sailing for NBC, winning an Emmy Award for his work in Korea in 1988. He will again be covering sailing at the Athens Games in 2004.

Author of 13 books on sailing, Gary is Editor-at-Large of Sailing World and Cruising World magazines. Over the past 25 years Jobson has delivered over 1,900 lectures around the world.

In 1999 the United States Sailing Association awarded Gary its most prestigious award, the Nathanael G. Herreshoff Trophy, for his contributions to the sport of sailing.

Sounds like something worth going to doesn't it.

Clark



Come home to our last party on the water.

Down-home cooking like your mama made (or like you wish she'd made).

6pm: Social hour 7pm: Dinner

Adults: \$6 Children under 12: \$3

Serving fried chicken, of course. For those dieting, there will be chicken prepared another way.

## Sail Knot-Tying Contest:

Practice up and show us all how to do it.

e are rapidly approaching the fiscal year end (Oct. 31st). We will be finalizing the books soon so that the proposed budget for next year will be as accurate as possible. Membership billings will be sent out by the end of October.

If you have completed work for the club, it is very important that you contact your committee chairperson as soon as possible, for them to submit your hours for credit (up to 10 hours).

Thanks for your help,

Marilyn Kroupa, Treasurer

## Club Championship Races

#### **Dear Sailors:**

This is your invitation to the **last race of the year**, when all the marbles are in the ring, all the chips are on the table, the fate of the empire is at stake, etc. Here are the details.



Date: October 1 & 2, 2005

Time: 10:00-11:00am Registration on October 1

11:30am Skippers Meeting

Races: 3 races on Saturday (Oct 1)

1st race begins at 1:00pm each race approx 45 min

2 races on Sunday (Oct 2) races begin at 1:00pm

Dinner: 6:00pm on Saturday (Oct 1)

furnished to all race participants

Awards: 4:30pm on Sunday (Oct 2)

all boats will be given an award

John McCabe, Regatta Chair

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# SNIPE REGATTA

The Snipe Midwestern Championship & Snipe, 10 State, District 2 Championship Regatta, held Sept 10th & 11th was a great success. Because Saturday was too windy, (18 to 22, with gusts) it was decided to try for 3 or perhaps 4 races on Sunday morning. Winds started at about 15 and built through the morning to about 20mph.

Thirteen boats registered: 2 from Dallas, 2 from Omaha, 2 from Lincoln, 1 from Tulsa, 1 from Denver, 1 from Oklahoma City, 3 Rixes, & Sharon & Terry Lewis. Pat Boyarski from our club crewed for Andy Towles, and was the highest-ranking WVSC member, with a 4th place overall. Gene Soltero of Dallas won. James Rix with Daniel crewing the 1st race, & Mary Ann crewing for him the 2nd & 3rd race, finished 7th. Ken Rix managed to eke out an 8th overall. Sharon & Terry Lewis braved the high winds the 1st race & then decided to call it quits. They were braver than Mary Ann Rix & Marilyn Kroupa who chickened out after beating themselves to death before the 1st race start.

We want to thank the WVSC board, officers, & members for making everyone welcome and the regatta memorable. I had many very favorable comments on the hospitality, food, race committee, and facilities. Thank you all!

## SEPTEMBER CLUB REGATTA

The average wind in Kansas is great; sometimes it's too breezy, & sometimes there's not enough. Saturday was a "too breezy" day, but we sailed anyway. Race Committee was Ken Rix, who took over from Steve Kubin, who had a conflict. John Ellison & Tedd Blankenship assisted him.

The first race, in18-knot winds, was won by Gary Pierce, with Jayne, DeAun, & Steve as crew. In second place, corrected time, was Arnie Kroupa sailing his Ideal 18 with Ed Klima crewing. Third was John Aschbrenner with bride, Deb. Ron White with Bryan & Judy were 4th.

In the first race the centerboard boats toughed it out, with Brett Warfield sailing his Laser like a pro. In second place Pat Boyarski, with Marshall Nauck as crew, sailed as semipros. They capsized on the 4th leg but re-righted and finished the race. Reid Warfield, who was overpowered by his Laser, had capsized so often on the 4th leg that he was exhausted & retired.

The second race started at 2:00 PM saw John Aschbrenner withdraw, and Randy Malcom & Kathy joined the fun. The corrected finishes in this race were Pierce, Kroupa, Malcom, & White. No centerboard boats raced in the 15 to 21 knot wind.

Overall trophies, flashlights, were awarded to Brett Warfield & Pat Boyarski - 1st & 2nd in centerboards. Gary Pierce & Arnie Kroupa were 1st & 2nd in the keelboats, with a 3-way tie for third place. After a drawing to see who would get the 2 remaining flashlights, it was determined that John Ashbrenner who had left, had defaulted. After many generous transfers of flashlights almost everyone had an opportunity, or got a flashlight.

The next regatta on October 1 & 2, is for the Club Championship. Hopefully we'll have an average wind.

Ken Rix, for the Racing Committee

NOTICE OF RACE: TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA

# BIG TEX SHOOTOUT

Rush Creek Yacht Club on Lake Ray Hubbard, Heath, Texas • October 8-9, 2005

# TO ALL JUNIOR SAILORS!

My Texas sailors enjoyed sailing in the CSSA Junior Regattas during the summer. Now it's our turn to invite your juniors to sail with us. Our regatta is similar to your CSSA regattas, except we have a separate Opti line with a RWB (experienced) start and a separate Green (novice) fleet start. The Sunfish, Lasers (full & radial), and 420s share a course, but have separate fleet starts as well.

Rush Creek Yacht Club is located on Lake Ray Hubbard, east of Dallas. We have a great deck and lawn where spectators can enjoy the regatta.

Thanks,

**Dawn Nelson**RCYC Opti Team Mom

**RULES:** The regatta shall be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005-2008 (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the rules of each class concerned (except as altered by the Sailing Instructions), the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. The rules for all classes are altered so that membership in a class organization is not required.

**ELASSES:** Optimist, Sunfish, Laser (Full, Radial and 4.7) and Club 420. All classes are "bring your own boat." A minimum of three boats is required to form a class. All boats shall have identifiable sail numbers. Sail numbers meeting class standards are encouraged.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all persons who do not turn twenty years of age during this calendar year. Optimists are sailed in four fleets: Green Fleet: Open to all novice sailors; White Fleet: Age 10 and under; Blue Fleet: Age 11 - 12; and Red Fleet: Age 13 - 15. Skipper's age on the first day of the regatta determines his or her fleet. Skippers move fleets on their 11th and 13th birthdays. Those turning 15 may continue in Red fleet through 12/31 of that year. Membership in a class organization is not required.

ENTRY FEE: \$45.00 for each sailor, whether in single or double-handed boats. The entry fee includes the following meals for each sailor: breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Meal tickets will be available for non-competitors. Make all pre-registration checks payable to Rush Creek Yacht Club.

**REGISTRATION:** Pre-Registration is encouraged and may be done by sending the attached registration form to: John Bates, Big Tex Shootout, 2109 Indian Trail, Rowlett, TX 75088; (972) 463-5753 (phone); jlsail@aol.com (email).

Registration and check-in at the regatta will be conducted on Saturday, October 8, 2005, between 8:30 am and 11:00 am. Execution of a Liability Release Agreement as set forth in the Registration Form shall be required. Parents are urged to provide a signed Medical Consent Form to enable other adults to obtain emergency medical services in the event of the parents' unavailability during the regatta.

**EHECK IN:** All sailors are required to check in by 11:00 am on Saturday at the registration table, even if the sailor pre-registered by mail or other means.

Sailing Instructions: Will be provided at registration and at the Skipper's Meeting. If published in time, they may also be posted on the TSA website.

**SKIPPER'S MEETING:** The Skippers' Meeting will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday of the regatta at the Clubhouse.

**RACES:** Subject to the decisions of the Race Committee, six or more races are scheduled. One or more races will constitute a regatta. If six races are completed, there will be a throw out race for scoring purposes. No warning signal for a race will be given after 2:00 pm on Sunday.

**LIFE JACKETS/PFD'S:** All competitors shall be required to wear PFD's at all times while on the water. PFD's shall be worn outside all clothing.

**FURTHER INFORMATION: John Bates, Big Tex Shootout,** 2109 Indian Trail, Rowlett, TX 75088; (972) 463-5753 (phone); ilsail@aol.com (email).

For schedule, directions and lodging, see www.rcyc.org

See http://www.rcyc.org to download Big Tex registration form

## From the Chart Room!

What I did on my summer vacation...

Well, summer's just about over. Kids now back in school, older ones returning to college; Labor day's behind us. Hopefully, the real heat is also now behind us (though it's still scorching in Texas). I guess it's about time to step back and reflect on the last few months...

What a great time we've had at the lake this summer. We have had several great club events, interspersed with more opportunities to sail than ever since our little family joined the club a couple of years ago. Our middle daughter followed in her little brother's foot-"step"s this year by participating in both STEP programs and the youth racing course. Needless to say, she caught the sailing bug! A huge debt of thanks goes to Gary and Gene for putting on a terrific program, and to Tim, Evan and all the others who put in a lot of time making the experience so valuable!

And how can we forget to mention the great new friendships gained over this summer season? Hopefully, these relationships have only just begun, and will blossom and flourish in coming years.

Alas; those dog days of summer are now gone, and, for us, it's back to the old family grind (kids needing to be everywhere, all the time, and parents losing hair and sanity trying to get them there!). A couple of last club events for the sailing season, and the boats will start going back into dry storage. All in all, a very pleasant and memorable season!

Lastly, the weather events of the last few weeks seem to bring a sense of awe over those of us watching from afar. I'm sure that many of us know folks from the gulf coast states, specifically New Orleans and Houston. Many of our club members have sailed with and against sailors living in these areas. There is a personal touch at one level or another in each of our hearts. As your Windword editor, I would ask that each of us do whatever we can to help get these folks back on their feet. Whether it's through volunteer efforts, donating money and other resources, opening our homes, or simply praying passionately and regularly, our little club can make a difference. And may God bless us as we bless others. Thank you for all of your efforts!

Fair winds and following seas,



Marshall Nauck, Editor
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MacGreger 25 – 1986: One owner – very good condition. Depth finder-compass-sail cover-trailer and motor. \$5200 or OBO. Gary Pierce 686-8823 or Gene Nold 636-2091

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

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"

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

**7.5 H.P. Mercury** 2 cycle, long-shaft outboard motor with 3 gallon external fuel tank. Expertly maintained, runs perfect. Call Tom Olsen at 304-6569 and see on Screamin' Eagle, slip #C-15. Asking \$500.

Catalina 25' – (1981) Swing keel, 9.9 hp electric start outboard, brand new North 150% roller furling genoa w/ UV cover, good main sail, good spinnaker, private head, sleeps 6, 2 sinks, alcohol stove, icebox, no blisters, brand new VFH radio w/ stern antennae, brand new stereo, depth and speed instruments, flatbed trailer & cradle, several life jackets, buoys, dock lines and other extras. Needs bottom paint and exterior varnish. \$7,000. Call (620) 669-7278.

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

**HELP: Missing Rudder** - I recently discovered my rudder for my Sweet 16 was missing, that is to say, someone took it from my boat out at the yard without permission. As of August 9th it was still missing and I haven't seen it since mid-July. My yard space is #24 and my name is Tim McManamey. The rudder is a little unique for an S16 in that it is half metal half wood. If anyone has information on the rudder they can contact me at 304-2606 or at tim@timmcmanamey.com.

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2005

CALL TO ORDER Commodore
Clark Chambers called the meeting to
order at 7pm in the offices of Marilyn
Kroupa. Board members present were:

Clark Chambers, Ron White, Marilyn Kroupa, Mac Carter, Gene Plehal, DeAun Warfield, John McCabe Pat Boyarski and James Rix.

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES** The minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve as written by White, seconded by Boyarski. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT** Kroupa presented the current treasurer report. It was noted one minor expense item was charged the club that may be a STEP expense. That item will be researched and corrected if needed. Motion to accept the report as presented was made by Carter and seconded by Plehal. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**A.** Bruce Ward sent a memo to Commodore Chambers regarding the proposal to install a weather station/internet access device at the clubhouse. He suggested additional information was needed before presenting a formal proposal. The request was tabled until a later date

**B.** Ron White, Chair of Long Range Planning presented a summary of that committee meeting.

**Short term plans include:** 1. removal of unused items from the clubhouse and other areas to reduce the need for additional storage. 2. Placement and perhaps lighting of the club sign at the new entrance. 3. Striping of the parking area when paved.

**Mid term plans:** 1. Coordinate the placement of buoys on the lake marking new hazards with the Park and Wildlife Department. 2. Consider designing an area for younger members and children to use as a play area between the picnic area and the water line. Perhaps a beach area for swimming. 3. Design a hard surface area in the dry storage area for the purpose of cleaning or working on boats. 4. Repair/replace the cookers at the picnic area.

**Long Term plans:** 1. Design a boat lift or crane in the dry storage area for boat maintenance. 2. Consider a climate control system for the clubhouse to create opportu-

nities for expanded usage throughout the year and improve the comfort level when used during the regular season. 3. Expand the west side of the clubhouse area for storage purposes. 4. Begin planning for the 25th Anniversary of WVSC at El Dorado Lake.

Commodore Chambers reminded the board of the upcoming Annual Meeting. Each chairperson is responsible for submitting a report of its activities the board liaison by the October meeting. An agenda will be completed at that meeting.

Pat Boyarski and Marilyn Kroupa presented a summary of the financial status of the club. Pat recommended the Board review the following information annually: 1. Updated financial condition; 2. Establish club goals regarding membership and fees; 3. Establish a formal plan to reduce the outstanding debt over time; 4. Prepare a long range plan now to allow the club to react to unforeseen issues in a controlled manner.

Commodore Chambers noted that the Park Department Officials and other political people will be using our clubhouse on October 2, 2005 from 2pm to 5pm. A regatta is planned for that day, but the two will not conflict.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Members need to have access to the items for sale in the clubhouse. It was suggested once again to have the cabinet "open for business" in some manner. Carter will coordinate that matter with the Public Relations Chair.

**NEW BUSINESS** The Park Department officials will be notified to contact any Board Member beginning with the Commodore regarding any emergency that may occur on the lake on an as needed basis.

Commodore Chambers will be gathering a nominating committee for the purpose of replacing Board Members whose terms expire this year.

#### **MEMBER CONCERNS** None

The next meeting will be at 7pm, October 13, 2005 at the offices of Marilyn Kroupa.

Motion to adjourn by Plehal was seconded by Boyarski. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mac Carter, Secretary

## Tips from the Rear: PICKING TACKS

This is probably the one subject that's the most difficult to cover as there are so many factors that enter into the decision and there are at least as many opinions as there are sailors. Here's an attempt to capture some of my method(s) for determining which tack to be on.

- 1) Form your plan All these factors can play into your plan. Stick to your plan as much as possible.
  - a) Watch the weather forecast. Is the wind supposed to clock to a different direction through the day? If so plan on taking the side of the course that puts you on the header first.
  - b) Who is the competition at your level? If this is the last race in a series, what boat(s) do you need to beat that you are capable of beating? Who has local knowledge? Stay close to your competition.
  - c) Take several compass readings on both tacks before the race. Is the wind oscillating or steady? Can you see a pattern in shifts? Is it coming in puffs and lulls? Determine an average heading for both tacks. They should be 90 degrees apart. These are your baseline headings and all tacks in the race should be between these headings. This will always put you on the lifted tack. If the wind is at the baseline, get back towards the middle of the course. As the day progresses you may need to re-establish new baseline headings. We write them down in pencil on the deck to keep track.
  - d) If you're getting gradual knocks wait about 5-10 seconds before tacking to see if it stays. Sometimes in light air it is difficult to tell a knock from a lull as both will result in the sail luffing. If you get a knock that hits hard, tack immediately.
- 2) Start See May's Windward for getting a good start. Use your game plan above to help determine which end of the line to start if it is square with the wind. Always be on starboard at the gun.
- 3) First Windward leg of the race keep clear air. Avoid tacking much immediately after the start. Boats that take tacks or have dirty air will fall back within the first couple minutes and are likely to not recover. Never tack under a boat because it puts you in dirty air and doesn't leave your options open. If the other tack is not favored, then don't tack, just duck if you can't cross. If the other tack is favored, either duck then tack, or tack before the other boat can affect your air.
- 4) Approaching the Windward mark As you get closer to the windward mark, you want to work your way to the right side of the course where you will be starboard

- coming into the mark. If there are any other boats around, don't sail the port lay line. If you're on starboard, but not quite at the lay line, don't let a port boat duck you as he will force you to tack or duck him when he's on the lay line. Instead, tack onto port next to him as he ducks you. He will then be too close to you to tack when you reach the lay line. This will force him to go past the lay line.
- 5) Middle of the race Depending on where you're at with your competition, determine how aggressive you want to be with splitting from them. Balance the potential gains with the risks.
- 6) Last third of the race Cover. Take opportunities to split tacks with boats ahead, but don't let boats directly behind you get outside of your coverage area (from directly behind to directly to leeward) where they could possibly get to the next shift before you.
  - a) Tight Cover If you want to be on the other tack, force the boat behind you to be on the other tack by covering him closely (be directly in his wind). He will tack to get out of the bad air.
  - b) Loose Cover If you want the boat behind you to stay on a tack, cover him loosely (let him be directly behind or to leeward of you where they still have clear air).

The best way to absorb all these guidelines is to gain experience racing. Practice is what makes great sailors.

James Rix, Rear Commodore



The Aschbrenners take time for cake before embarking on the Love Boat of life.



## NOTICE

We are nearing that time when boats will soon be pulled from the wet slips and parked in the Dry Storage Slots. The members who rent Dry Storage Slots need to be sure that they park their boats in their assigned slots. If one person ignores this responsibility it has a domino effect on everyone else. You have an assigned slot and you must be in it. If you are unsure of your slot number, have forgotten it, or even if you think you know:

PLEASE check the slot "map" that is posted on the board beside the walk-in door on the dry storage garage.

Please make sure you are not hanging over the slot boundaries in back of or to the sides. If your trailer is centered between the tie-down stakes at the side boundaries of your slot and your rudder is not beyond the back boundary line, you should be good.

Make sure you have tied your boat and trailer securely to the tie-down stakes on the slot boundary lines to prevent our strong Kansas winds from rocking, moving, or even tipping your boat over. (These things have happened in our dry storage area in the past.)

As you are preparing your boat and trailer for their winter home in your dry storage slot be sure to have your name printed plainly on your trailer tongue (it's a Club regulation).

The Club Treasurer and Dry Storage Committee thank you in advance for your cooperation on all of these issues.

