

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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SEPTEMBER 2008

CALENDAR:

September 1	Labor Day
September 11	Board Meeting
September 13	Moonlight Sail
September 20	Mongolian Barbecue
September 22	1st Day of Autumn

From the Binnacle

August provided many sailing opportunities for many of our members and their guests. It has been very encouraging to see so many people enjoying our club facilities. For example, on August 17th as my wife and I were leaving the cove around 4 PM, we sailed passed eight sailboats returning to WVSC. This was not an organized event, just members out enjoying a Sunday afternoon sail. What a great way to relax and enjoy Lake El Dorado.

Have you seen our picnic tables recently? Their appearance has greatly improved since an enthusiastic work party tackled the important job of repainting them. Thanks to Randy and Kathy Malcom for organizing this event, and to all of the volunteers who worked so hard to accomplish a job well done.

Sometime on either August 6th or 7th several vandals broke into eight of our members' boats and stole various objects. This incident was reported to a park ranger who filed a report. The ranger told me that vandals have been very busy at our state park this summer and the rangers will do everything in their power to apprehend the culprits. Our security committee has now posted signs offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of anyone who vandalizes our facilities.

On Tuesday, August 12th, WVSC was inspected by the Corp of Engineers. I happened to be present at that time and provided a tour of our facilities. At the conclusion of the tour, our club passed with "flying colors" and was complimented by the inspector for maintaining an "excellent facility."

Saturday, August 16th, was the most notable day on our monthly calendar. That afternoon, beginning around 2 PM, the Pirates' Treasure Hunt commenced. There were eight boats from our club that sailed to five locations where pirate ships were anchored, waiting to do battle (with water balloons and water guns) with the treasure hunters. After answering mystery questions and obtaining confirmation of correct answers from the pirates, the contestants sailed back to WVSC for final clues in search for the pirates' treasure chest. The winner of the contest received two free dinner tickets to that night's social. Thanks so much to Gene Plehal for organizing and sponsoring a truly outstanding event and to the skippers who provided the pirate boats – Mike Hand, Clarke Chambers, Ernie Condon, Arnie Kroupa and John Carter.

After the Pirates' Treasure Hunt was concluded there were 80-85 members and guests who attended our "Pirates Social." The food and decorations were great and the gifts were fantastic. Thanks so much to Marilyn Potter and Ardie Condon for organizing and sponsoring this great party.

As we look forward to events scheduled in September, mark your calendars for Saturday, September 13th – a Moonlight Sail is scheduled. Then on September 20th our next social will occur.

Donations for our on-site defibrillator have reached the half-way point. During the next two months let's encourage further contributions from all our members to successfully complete this fund raising effort. All contributions are appreciated regardless of the amount.

With anticipation of the upcoming events this fall, it is important for our club members to sustain the outstanding organization we enjoy. To accomplish this important goal, I trust that each of you will give serious thought to serving on our board or a committee. In my humble opinion, there is no greater way to serve our members and no greater reward for a job well done.

John W. Carter, Commodore

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2008 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

Keel Boat Finishes									
	April 20	May 3	May 18	June 7	June 22	July12	July 27	Aug 9	Aug 24
Brett Warfield						1	1 1 1		
Steve Kubin					1 2				
Paul Mc Causland					3		3 3 3		
Robert Brown							2 2 2		
Mike Wasson			2 2		3				
Ed Webb					1		4		
Ernie Condon					4 4	2			
Gary Mackey					2 5	3	4 5 4		
Mike Hand			3 3		5 5				

Centerboard Finishes									
	April 20	May 3	May 18	June 7	June 22	July12	July 27	Aug 9	Aug 24
Ken Rix			1		1 2		2 2 2		
Mary Ann Rix			2		2 3		1 1		
James Rix					3 1		1		
Sharon Lewis							3 3		
Dan Barlett			2		4 5		3		
Tedd Blankenship							4 4		
Kyle Brady					5 4				
Ed Klima					6 5				
D.J. Harms					7				

Keel Boat Finishes			
	Ave Pts	Bonus Pts	Total Pts
Brett Warfield	625	20	645
Steve Kubin	601	10	611
Paul Mc Causland	561	30	591
Robert Brown	576	15	591
Mike Wasson	560	15	575
Ed Webb	555	10	565
Ernie Condon	515	15	530
Gary Mackey	493	30	523
Mike Hand	485	20	505

Centerboard Finishes			
	Ave Pts	Bonus Pts	Total Pts
Ken Rix	592	30	622
Mary Ann Rix	586	25	611
James Rix	593	15	608
Sharon Lewis	529	10	539
Dan Barlett	508	20	528
Tedd Blankenship	484	10	494
Kyle Brady	463	10	473
Ed Klima	421	10	431
D.J. Harms	361	5	366

Last Blast of Summer

Come to the final social event of the season and enjoy the taste of

MONGOLIAN BAR-B-QUE



September
20th

Social hour begins at 6:00 p.M.

Dinner at 7:00 p.M.

\$12.00 adults

\$6.00 kids 10 and under

Walnut Valley Sailing Club



Board Meeting Minutes

WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Minutes Subject to Correction

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14th, 2008

August Meeting Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. The following Board members attended: John Carter, Ken Rix, Kathy Malcom, Ernie Condon, Steve Mardis, Debbie Chambers, John Ellison, and David Reynolds. The minutes of the July meeting were approved as written.

Opening Remarks: Commodore Carter stated that responses he has received on the Luau party have been favorable and attendance was the highest of all the parties so far this year. A recent work party repainted the picnic tables at the shelter house. Commodore Carter also reported that on August 12th an unannounced, on-site inspection of the facilities was made and went very well. WVSC passed the inspection with no problems noted. Finally, eight boats were recently vandalized. The park ranger who responded to the call inspected all boats involved and believes that it was most likely teenagers looking for alcohol and electronics. Many of the boat owners affected reported that there were a number of items in plain view that could have been easily stolen but were not touched. The signs offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of people vandalizing our premises are being posted at various locations on the club grounds. The club will see if this action will stop future attempts at vandalism; however, if more incidents occur the board will explore additional options for curbing vandalism.

Approval of July meeting minutes: A motion to approve the July minutes was made and seconded and the minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report for August was approved as presented. There are no new members or requests for membership at this time.

Committee Reports: Buildings and Grounds - Kathy Malcom reported that due to the high waters last season the electrical outlets in the shelter house have been damaged and are in need of replacement. The board discussed options for this project and it was decided that a licensed electrician will be hired to complete this work.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

New Business: Commodore Carter reported that he and the treasurer, Ernie Condon, have been looking at the budget to see what money remains in each committee's budget. The board discussed a number of options for utilizing this money, including funding as many of the special projects identified previously as there is money currently available. The Board voted to approve funding for the following Activities Center projects: (1) repair or

replace screen doors, (2) replace leaking faucets in restrooms, (3) replace canvas backs and seats on wooden chairs, and (4) refinish the ceiling.

Member Concerns: Commodore Carter reported talking with some of the membership who expressed their concerns regarding the club providing alcoholic beverages at socials. A lengthy discussion of regulations related to alcohol consumption in state parks culminated in a motion that no alcoholic beverages will be provided to the general membership, or their guests and that no WVSC funds will be used to purchase any alcoholic beverages. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Closing Remarks: Commodore Carter reminded everyone of the upcoming social on September 20th. Debbie Chambers reported that a theme for the September social is still in the making; however, the membership will be notified as soon as plans are finalized. Anyone having questions or concerns may contact Debbie Chambers.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
David O. Reynolds – Acting Secretary

SEPTEMBER RACING STUFF

At the last monthly meeting of the Racing Activities Committee it was decided that a minimum of three races sailed this season would be required for consideration in this year's WVSC Club Championship. For those of you who don't have 3 races now is the time to get in gear, or more appropriately, in sail.

Last year no trophies, other than the perpetual trophies, were awarded because of the large financial losses over budget. This was due to the CSSA Youth and Masters Regattas. This year we have money for trophies so race often and hard. You may be a winner. The current finishes and standings are listed in this newsletter.

Thanks, Ken

Catalina 22, 7.5 Mercury, and trailer (1974). In very good condition, ready for the lake (currently in a boat slip). \$2,500. Gary Wilson 322-0089 or 322-2005. Reason for selling, too busy to use.

For Sale: Macgregor 26X. 1997, with trailer. 50 hp Mercury four-stroke – also 1997. Spinnaker, furling genoa, mainsail with reefs, unused jib. Mainsail cover, bimini and cover, sink and alcohol stove in cabin, private head with sink, cockpit cushions, solar panel, dual batteries, GPS, new compass. \$16,000. Call Ernie at 316-733-8920.

J/24's For Sale. Many great J/24's are available for sale both Regionally and Nationally for very reasonable prices. If you are interested, contact Schoen Fitzgerald at 316-685-9225 or Dan Acridge at 316-687-2471. Call us or stop by the slips, we'd be happy to take you out to test drive one of these great one-design racers. J/24 "The ultimate One-Design"

Cal 9.2 (30ft). PRICE REDUCED to \$19,000. FOR SALE BY OWNER: 1982. Looking for a nice big boat with trailer? Check this out: New main and Jib in 2000. Spinnaker and Flexible Furler. Universal Diesel. New running rigging. Bimini and cockpit cushions, refrigerated icebox CD player. Custom road trailer. To see this boat, call Patrick at 540.3674

Catalina 30 tall rig - 1982 with trailer and transferable slip. Inboard gasoline engine, roller furling headsail, wheel steering, stereo, cockpit cushions. For sale by owner. \$19,000. To see this boat in the water, call Patrick at 316.540.3674.

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

Old Town tandem kayak-2003 -T-160. Rudder, paddles and Trailax aluminum trailer with spare tire. Great shape. Used very little. \$900 or \$850. You decide. Jon Zehnder. 620-245-1776

14' Hobie One, 1994, \$500. This is a very sturdy boat for 2 or 3 people. Call Texie Randle, 729-6358 for details or view in the NSA Yard by the youth boats. The two sails are in good condition.



Catalina 25 - Kansas Twister- 2005 over-all national champion. Fin keel 4' draft. Very nice, well maintained. One owner. Complete set both racing and cruising sails including spinners and spinnaker gear. Tandem road trailer, 8 HP Mariner outboard., many upgrades have been made. Asking \$12,000 contact Gary Shepard 316-259-3074 or 685-1624

Hobie 18SX, 1990 - 3 mainsails, colors: Marti Gras, Sky Blue & White & Pink & White, 2 sets of dagger boards 1 brand new race rudder & Spinnaker rigged. Rolco trailer with fiberglass sailbox & sailtube! \$2950 NADA wholesale priced. Contact Al Pinaire at 316-262-1210.

Oday 26 – 1984- Dual axle trailer (great tires and spare), 9.9 HP Yamaha with electric start, shoal draft with centerboard, Roller furling 130 Genoa, additional jib, main sail w/ cover. Bimini, ice box, propane 2 burner stove, enclosed marine head, radio, AM/FM cassette stereo, depth finder, knot meter, compass, cockpit cushions, bow railing, stern railing, life lines, tiller cover, stern rail seat covers. Cabin Top hand rail covers, anchor and rode, shore power connection and cable, fire extinguishers, companionway and hatch screens, marine head with new "Y" valve plus hanging locker, sink, and opening ports. Spacious enough for 4-6 adults, folding table in main cabin, galley with sink, hand pump for water, large icebox with extra insulation, 15-20 gal fresh water capacity, 10 gallon "Blackwater" capacity. LOA 25' 8.5in. LWL 21' 7in. Beam 8'. Draft 2'6in / 6'. Displacement 4800. Ballast 1850. Sail Area 278 sq ft. Mast Height 33' 8in. \$11,000 - Edward E Evans - edward.evans@ka-group.com Cell – 316-841-2734.

Wooden Sunfish with trailer for sale- \$100.00. Call Steve at (316) 540-0462.

Tohatsu 3.5 hp outboard long shaft, 2007, only used 4 times last summer, basically like new, just broken in. \$500.00 call 721-1050

COLUMBIA 26 Mk II w/ trailer - WENDIGO III. Fully restored in 2006. All new halyards, lines, Stays & electrics. New gauges (Wind Apparent/Speed, Knotmeter, Depth Finder & Compass). All new interior & exterior cushions. Sails w/ bags - 2 Mains, 4 Jibs & a 4 color Spinnaker. AM/FM CD & Aux MP3 jack stereo w/ interior & cockpit speakers. 6 hp Johnson outboard or new 2007, 6 hp Nissan 4 stroke for additional \$2000. Asking \$8000 for boat, trailer & Johnson motor. OBO Call 316-619-0003

Tartan 28 - Konia Too- 1987 with trailer. 9'10" beam draws 3'11" with 8,000 lb displacement. Double spreader rig with Harken roller furler, 150% and 135% genoas. Raymarine instruments including autopilot. Bimini. New teak and holly cabin sole. Beautiful teak and upholstery below. CNG range with oven; stereo; VHF. Drop-in air conditioning. Yanmar diesel inboard. Slip transfers to new owner with Board Approval. \$35,000. To see this lovely yacht in the water, call Patrick at 540.3674.

Chrysler 26: Complete sail-away package for sale by owner! Experienced 1978 Cheney cruiser has main, jib and storm jib in good shape, bimini, cockpit cushions, Sony stereo, alcohol stove. Excellent Class 4 slip on A Dock transfers with BOG approval to new owner. Tandem EZ Load trailer. 1989 9.9 Yamaha 4-stroke electric start outboard runs great. New barrier coat not too long ago, no blisters now. Halyards are rigged back to the cockpit for easy single-handing. Needs some TLC from the new owner, \$5,500. To see the boat, call 316.540.3674.

O'Day 27. 1979 True Love for Sale - Available for immediate possession: Can be seen on "A" Dock by appt. The boat is very clean and sails nicely. The engine has had a recent overhaul and always starts. The batteries were replaced with 440cca Diehard Platinum dual purpose batteries in '07. All the instruments were replaced in '06. The boat comes with a trailer and slip with board approval. Asking price is \$10,500.00. Yes, you can buy True Love!!! Contact Allen Hale at 316-461-4253



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Zebra Mussel Reminder

Zebra Mussels continue to plague area lakes. If you have not seen recent articles in the paper, mussels are now infesting Marion Reservoir and Lake Afton. The mussels are transported by boaters who are not complying with Wildlife and Parks guidelines relating to proper cleaning of watercraft when going from one lake to another.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks has provided us with a gasoline driven power washer so that we can clean our boats as we pull them out of the water. The washer is located in the dry storage building and has instructions for its use on the unit.

Please review the following guidelines:

By following 3 simple steps, you can be sure that you are not part of the problem.

CLEAN

Before leaving: Inspect equipment for any attached plants, animals, or mud and remove anything found.

DRAIN

Drain all water from equipment (boat, motor, bait buckets, livewells, holding tanks, water toys, etc.)

DRY

Before launching: Completely dry equipment for 5 days prior to launching. If you need to launch sooner, wash with high pressure, hot water.

We have some boats with water ballast. It is particularly important for these owners to follow the instructions relating to internal "holding tanks" such as ballast tanks, live wells on fishing boats, etc.

