

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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AUGUST 2007

CALENDAR:

August 5	Club Regatta
August 7	Election Day
August 9	Board Meeting
August 10	Movie Night
August 11-12	CSSA Juniors Championship
August 18	Club Regatta
August 25	Caribbean Island Fantasies
September 3	Labor Day
September 8-9	CSSA Masters Championship
September 15	Club Regatta

From the Bow Pulpit

So far this summer, the months of June and July have been busy times at Walnut Valley Sailing Club. We completed the first session of the STEP program in late June and the July session will be completed next week (I am writing this column on the evening of July 20). Both classes – youth and adult – were filled at the start with enthusiastic new and re-training sailors. The weather cooperated beautifully for the June session, but, as you know from our lake level alerts, the July session has been continued through the 5+-foot flood stage at the Club. It has been a “wade through the water” event throughout the session. However, our instructors and staff, as well as their students, have maintained a positive attitude and enjoyed the sail training and learning experience in spite of the odds. Our hats are off to all who made this a success.

Our June social – Shrimp Boil Party - was a rousing success again this year and we had the biggest turnout ever for a Club event – about 130 or more reservations, I am told. Gene Plehal and his Army of Boilers are to be commended for their efforts. And, by the time you read this, we will have celebrated our July social – the Jimmy Buffett Cheeseburger in Paradise Party, hosted by Mike Hand and his Merry Band. This party will be a record for the Club – we will be at about a 5-foot flood stage above pool level and without restroom facilities in the Activities Center. We were back to using Prairie Pots for a few days since our sewer pump failed on Thursday, July 19, and will not be repaired until early next week (July 23?). We will “wade in” to the docks for the party and “wade out” to the restrooms in the parking as necessary. What an effort we sailors go to for some interesting fun! As I write this on the eve before the party, I predict this will also be a success. It just takes a good group of people who like to have fun in a sailing environment. That’s the WVSC.

Speaking of the lake level, we are currently at 1344 feet above sea level (July 20). That’s 5 feet above normal pool level. The lake leveled off on July 10 at 1344.76 feet and started a slow decline after that. Since there are still serious flood problems downstream of El Dorado Lake, the Army Corps of Engineers has been “holding back” the water to prevent further damage to our South. On July 19, the Corps started opening the gates a little and the lake has been dropping about 0.3 feet per day. At this rate, it will take between 12 to 15 days to get us back to normal pool, providing we do not get substantial rain to our Northeast. You can check my predictions when you read this around August 01.

Your Board of Governors has been watching the lake level and the effects on our facilities and equipment. We appreciate your patience during this time and thank you for your consideration in circumstances when STEP equipment and training supplies have been stored in the Activities Center or on the walkways to make life a little easier for the training program and promote safety in gaining access to boats and equipment. We also thank you for ensuring that our physical facilities are maintained in good order, the lights are turned off and the doors/gates are locked when you leave. And don’t forget to keep those anchor pipe chains swinging free! This promotes safety and security for all members and guests as well as preventing damage to our facilities.

We look forward to good weather for the remainder of the sailing season and the parties yet to come. If you would like to give a hand to the racing or social committees during the remainder of the season, they would welcome your support. We will probably have a work party or two to clean up after the lake level recedes to what we are used to as “normal” so get ready to work a little, too.

Looking forward to seeing you at the lake.

David O. Reynolds, Commodore

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RACING ROUNDUP



The July 8th regatta was contested by three keelboats and six centerboards. Race Committee duties for the day were ably performed by Paul McCausland, John Ellison and Gene Plehal. Gary Pierce and Ken Rix were the winning skippers in the keelboat and centerboard fleets, respectively.

The second regatta of the month, held on Saturday, July 21st had an unremarkable start as the first race was cancelled because of a lack of wind. All boats returned to the clubhouse for lunch, hoping for a breeze to build in the afternoon. Fortune smiled on the racers and the Race Committee, made

up of John Ellison and Ed Klima, got two races off in the afternoon. The breeze did build nicely and made for a great afternoon of competition. Clouds provided some welcome patches of shade and a light shower proved to be refreshing. Gene Nold turned out to be the winning skipper among three keelboats, while Pat Boyarski led the five centerboard boats. And what better way to cap off a day of racing than with a fantastic club social in the evening.

The full racing results are found separately in this issue.

Check the racing calendar for August events. Our club will be hosting the C.S.S.A. Junior Championship on August 11th and 12th. If you would like to volunteer to help put on this event, please call Tom Burgin at 258-4206. Our normal club regattas will be held on August 5th and 18th. See you on the water!

Pat Boyarski for the Racing Committee



WELCOME ABOARD!

New Members:
Michael & Angie Redick

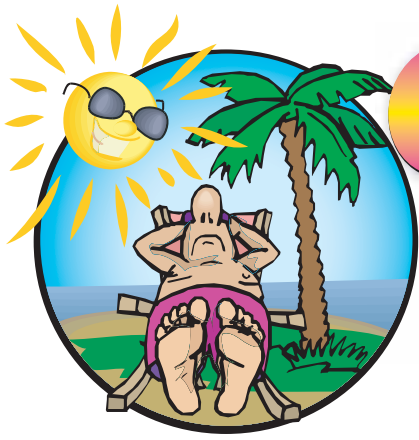
RACING CALENDAR FOR JULY & AUGUST

AUGUST

August 5	Sunday	Club Regatta
August 11	Saturday	C.S.S.A. Junior Championship
August 12	Sunday	C.S.S.A. Junior Championship
August 18	Saturday	Club Regatta

SEPTEMBER

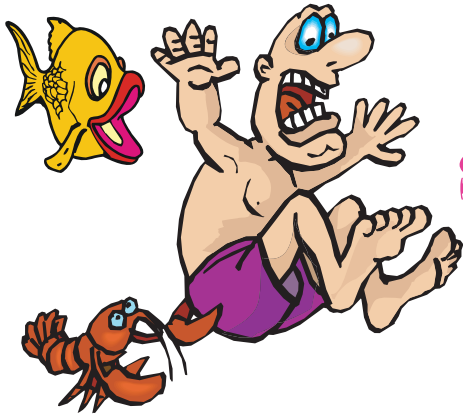
September 8	Saturday	C.S.S.A. Masters Championship
September 9	Sunday	C.S.S.A. Masters Championship
September 15	Saturday	Club Regatta
September 29	Saturday	W.V.S.C. Club Championship
September 30	Sunday	W.V.S.C. Club Championship



Caribbean Island Fantasies

Saturday, August 25, 2007

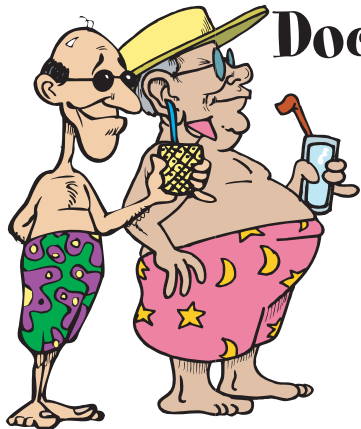
The last great party of the Summer



Social Hour: 5pm

Steel Drum Band: 6pm

**Seafood & Fish
Extravaganza: 7pm**



Dockside Bar Painkiller Mix (no alcohol)

**Island attire expected
FREE photo
for everyone in costume**



Cost

\$12.50 for adults

\$5.00 for children (under 12)

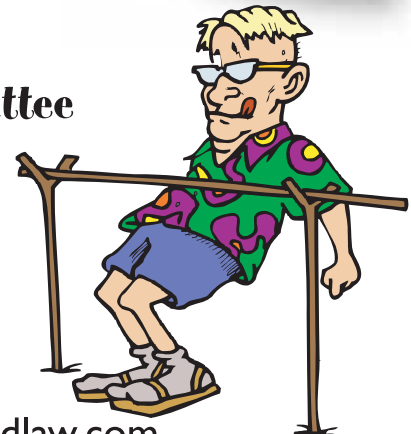
reservations required through calling committee



Party Hosts:

Bruce & Alice Ward

Mac Carter & Marion McElroy



Contact Bruce Ward - 250-4479 - bruce@brucewardlaw.com

A Day in the Life of BRUCE WARD

Paparazzi, Private Eye, or Stalker?



He spots her face in a crowd...he aims his camera, and his day begins.



She makes polite conversation while her grass skirt dries in the wind.



Abh, the money shot...caught in a smooch with the Big Kabuna.

26' Classic - 1993 Custom built, well-maintained cruiser with great features. Custom tandem trailer with 10' tongue extension. Neil Pryde sails with Furlex 150% jib roller furling and mainsail reefing system, Harken HiBeam heavy-duty traveler system. Johnson 9.9hp outboard with alternator and remote start. Edison Pedestal 816 helm with 24" wheel, transmission & throttle controls and lighted Richie compass. Electrical system can accommodate 2 12-volt batteries with Perko battery switch to power cabin and deck lights and 2 outlets. Shore power through 50' Marincor cable for supply of 110 volts to 4 outlets. 9 bronze opening ports with screens and shades, bronze cleats and winches. Sunbrella dodger and bimini with side curtains to allow total enclosure of the cockpit. Cabin sleeps 6 with 6'2" headroom. The teak/maple floor has recently been refinished and most of the cushions are new. Separate head compartment with self contained head, galley with stainless steel sink with 23 gal tank and electric/manual pump and 2 burner Origo 4000 alcohol stove. This is a beautiful boat and has had great care. Many extras too numerous to list. Currently at WVSC dry dock #107 "Linger Longer". \$23,000. Chris Hearn 316-253-4489.

Hunter 26 - 1995. Water ballast and swing keel make this boat easily trailerable. Dual axle trailer in excellent condition. Tohatsu engine with electric start and inboard controls. Cabin includes forward and aft berths, newly installed CD player, two burner stove, counter with cooler storage and sink. Also has head with sink, 5 gallon tank and hanging locker. Cockpit has bimini top, cat bird seats, and easy access to all lines and halyards. Halyards are equipped with clutch cleats. Many more extras. Boat is in great condition and ready to sail. \$16,950. For more information or to see this boat in the water, contact Dan Barlett at 316-733-2754 or thebarletts@earthlink.net.



San Juan 21 (1973) with trailer. Main; Jib, 130 Genoa, and Spinnaker. Boat has Mid-boom sheeting with a traveler. This boat is race ready. \$1800.00 for boat, \$2300.00 with a Late 90's 5 HP. Mercury. (316) 775-3163.

McGregor 25 ft 1986, clean and good maintenance. Main and jib sails, not used since over-winter expert total refurbishing by SailCare, have years of extended life. All new running rigging, with new hardware for easy single-handed sailing. Rebuilt tiller and rudder. Swing keel provides very

stable sailing yet the added flexibility of shallow draft capability. Cabin has pop-up aft roof and tarp. Sleeps four comfortably, cushions in good shape. Enclosed head. Trailer, anchor, outboard motor included. Ready to sail. Southeast Dry Storage WVSC. \$5500 Call Doug Woolley 641-4063, dwoolley@kumc.edu or Gene Nold 636-2091

MacGregor 22 - 1982 Trailer, anchor, life jackets, sails (sails in good condition) Motor- Nissan 5hp 1984, very few hours \$2800 Call Gary Pierce 686-8823 or Gene Nold 636-2091

New Catalina "SPORT 22" Sailed only Seven times. **PRICE REDUCED TO \$13,500.** (Was \$14,700 - 33% LESS than New Price.) Fully equipped with all new Harken hardware and two suits of sails. One suit of seldom used Club racing sails and a New National Cat 22 Regatta Suit. All sails made by GUS Sails in Dallas (the leading sailmaker in the Southwest). Bottom is still gelcoat, and was kept on a boat hoist last summer. Price includes a ten year old 4hp Nissan outboard, and a two year old factory trailer. Contact Don Chism ph # 630-9389

SATURDAY JULY 21
JIMMY BUFFETT'S
CHEESEBURGER
IN PARADISE
PARTY



My name is Earl and I believe I have you on my list.



The Big Kabuna has his grog — let the party begin!



...You got a fin to the left....

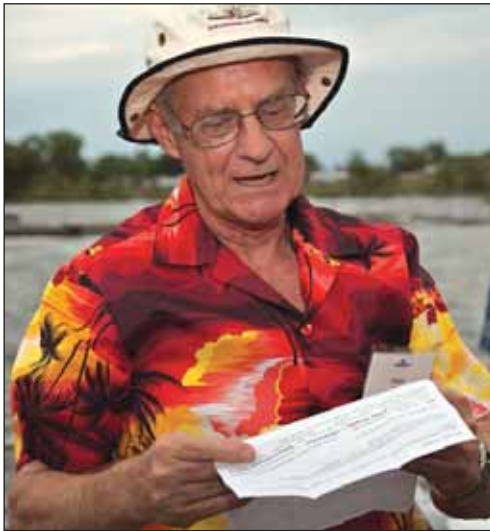


Captain... pirate... or Paul Revere — sans the Raiders?



All hail the Big Kabuna!

Photos by Bruce Ward



Mr. Howell examines a message found in a bottle.



Funny now, but wait until she discovers the moth that just flew in.



There's the cheeseburger but this just isn't how I pictured paradise. (Notice, Alice is once again in the shot.)



A salute to the late Don Ho.



Simon says, "Hold your hands up." Simon says "Bend to the left." Simon says, "Walk the plank."



I thought you were supposed to wear a costume.



That doesn't look like anything the rest of the world puts on a cheeseburger.



The crew received their share of the booty.



Wasted away in Margaritaville....



Quit poking my polka dots.



MaryAnn, Mr. Howell and Mrs. Howell toast their up-coming sail.

Windword 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: Nikki Rincker / phone 832-0477 / tensfan@cox.net
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 tensfan@cox.net. 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 grammatical 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. List the name of the author or contact person at the end of the article or notice and appropriated contact phone numbers and email addresses.

Thank you.

Bruce Ward, *Public Relations Committee*



MOVIE NIGHT

August 10, 8:30p.m.

**Grab your sweetie, some fast food,
and join your friends for a true tale of:**

**YOUNG MEN
COMING OF AGE,
A BRIGANTINE
SCHOOL SHIP AND
A WHITE SQUALL**

Bring a Chair and Beverage

**Popcorn As Only Uncle Gene Can Make It
A Nutrition-Free Food**

**(Recommended by Doctors everywhere for those
needing more salt and fat in their diet)**



President Gerald Ford's Service in the U.S. Navy

With the recent death of former President Ford, it is fitting that his military service to our nation be honored and recognized. Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr. our country's 38th President, served with distinction in the U.S. Navy from April, 1942 until February, 1946. Ford received his commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1942 when he reported for active duty to the V-5 instructor school at Annapolis, Maryland. After a month of training he reported to the Navy Preflight School in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where he taught elementary seamanship, ordnance, gunnery, first aid and military drill. He also coached in all nine sports that were offered, but mostly swimming, boxing and football. In June, 1942 he was promoted to Lieutenant (junior grade) and to Lieutenant in March, 1943, while assigned to Preflight School.

In May, 1943 Ford was sent to the pre-commissioning detachment for a new light aircraft carrier, the USS Monterrey (CVL-26) at the New York Shipbuilding Corporation in Camden, New Jersey. He served on the USS Monterrey from June, 1943 until the end of December, 1944 in several capacities including assistant navigator, athletic officer and anti-aircraft battery officer. While on duty in the Pacific, the USS Monterrey participated in many actions with the 3rd and 5th Fleets during the fall of 1943 and throughout 1944.

In December, 1944 Admiral Bull Halsey's 3rd Fleet was supporting General Douglas MacArthur's invasion of the Philippine Islands when a massive typhoon unexpectedly struck the fleet. This storm, named Typhoon Cobra, had winds in excess of 100mph and produced waves up to 90 feet in height. Many of the naval vessels experienced 45 degree rolls during the height of the typhoon. Planes on board the USS Monterrey were secured with steel cables on the flight deck and also on the hanger deck, immediately below the



flight deck. Because of the violence of the wind and waves these cables were broken, resulting in planes on the flight deck being blown into the ocean. The planes stored on the hanger deck were tossed about, causing several fires. Gerald Ford was instrumental in directing fire-fighting crews on the hanger deck. Because of his courageous leadership, the fires were put out and the USS Monterrey survived the typhoon. During the typhoon, three destroyers foundered and more than 800 naval personnel died. A full description of this typhoon and the damage it produced to the ships of Admiral Halsey's 3rd Fleet has recently been published in a new book entitled *Halsey's Typhoon*.

On Christmas Eve, 1944, Ford was detached from the USS Monterrey and sent to the Athletic Department of the Navy Pre-Flight School at St. Mary's College, California, where one of his duties was to coach football. From April, 1945 to January, 1946, he was on the staff of the Naval Reserve Training Command at the Naval Air Station in Glenview, Illinois, as the staff physical and military training officer. He was promoted to Lieutenant Commander on October 3, 1945. During World War II he earned the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with nine engagements stars. He also received the Philippine Liberation award with two bronze stars as well as the American Campaign award and World War II Victory Medals. In February, 1946 Ford

was released from active duty under honorable conditions and on June 28, 1963 the Secretary of the Navy accepted his resignation from the Naval Reserve.

Starting in 1944 the Navy Department began naming their super aircraft carriers after U.S. presidents, with the first one being the USS Franklin Roosevelt. Since then, there have been eight other carriers named for both living and deceased presidents. The next nuclear powered super aircraft carrier will be named the USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN-78). This vessel will be the first of a new design joining the current Nimitz-class nuclear powered carriers. The cost for development and construction for this new carrier will be \$8.1 billion with an expected delivery date of 2014. The crew will consist of 800 fewer members than the Nimitz-class carriers and the air wing will require 400 fewer personnel. There will be two nuclear reactors and four propeller shafts, which can generate speeds in excess of 30 knots. The 75+ aircraft will be launched by four electromagnetic catapults. The hull will be 1092 feet long with a beam of 134 feet. The flight deck will be 1092 feet long with a width of 256 feet. This ship's displacement will be approximately 100,000 tons fully loaded. The service life of these nuclear powered carriers is 50 years.

Contributed by John Carter

WVSC Club Regatta Results

Sunday, July 8, 2007

Keelboats

Skipper	Boat	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total Points	Final Rank
Gary Pierce	C25	1	1	1	3	1
Ron White	SJ21	2	2	3	7	2
Gene Nold	C25/Sonar	3	3	2	8	3

Centerboards

Skipper	Boat	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total Points	Final Rank
Ken Rix	Snipe	1	1	6 (DNS)	8	1
Dakota Harms	Laser	2	2	6 (DNS)	10	2
Ernie Condon	Snipe	3	3	6 (DNS)	12	3
Mary Ann Rix	Snipe	4 (DNF)	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	16	4
Dan Barlett	Snipe	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	18	5
DJ Harms	Snipe	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	18	5

Saturday, July 21, 2007

Keelboats

Skipper	Boat	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total Points	Final Rank
Gene Nold	C25	2	1	x	3	1
Steve Kubin	Capri 22	1	2	x	3	2
Paul McCausland	C22	3	3	x	6	3

Centerboards

Skipper	Boat	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total Points	Final Rank
Pat Boyarski	Fusion 15	1	1	x	3	1
Arnie Kroupa	C14.2	3	2	x	5	2
Dan Barlett	Snipe	2	5 (DNS)	x	7	3
Sharon Lewis	Snipe	4	5 (DNS)	x	9	4
Ernie Condon	Snipe	5 (DNF)	5 (DNS)	x	10	5

DNF = Did Not Finish

DNS = Did Not Start



We are in the process of getting some new chairs for the clubhouse and are discarding the white plastic ones. If you would be interested in buying some of these @ \$2.00 each, please contact Jerry Brady @ 775-3163 or David Reynolds @ 778-1056.

We still have some of the old style logo T-shirts available. If you would like to add one of these to your sailing wardrobe, contact David Reynolds by phone: 778-1056 or e-mail: david4100@sbcglobal.net

WORK PARTY

The Harbor Committee is planning its final work party for **Saturday, Sept. 22.**

Watch for details in next month's newsletter. Don't miss this chance to accumulate work credits!



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available
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If you would like to save the club the cost of postage, contact Bruce Ward at bruce@brucewardlaw.com

Board Meeting Minutes

WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Minutes Subject to Correction

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2007

Call to Order: Commodore Reynolds called the meeting to order at 1904 hours at the office of Steve Mardis, 9415 East Harry, Suite 603, Wichita, Ks. Board members present were David Reynolds, Steve Mardis, Kathy Malcom, John Carter, Jerry Brady, John McCabe, and DeAun Warfield. Members absent: Pat Boyarski and Ken Rix.

Approval of the June 2007

Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the June 14, 2007, meeting were reviewed and submitted for discussion. A motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

June Treasurer's Report:

Kathy Malcom reported the cash balance for June 2007 was \$26,201. We currently have 111 regular members. New memberships of Dan and Cari Barlett/Family and Michael and Angie Redick/Family were approved electronically prior to meeting. Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed. Kathy noted the registered letter of resignation sent to a member with a boat in dry storage had been returned from the post office. Further follow up will be made to contact this member. A motion was made by John Carter to accept the Treasurer's report. Jerry Brady seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports: No committee reports

Old Business:

Clark Chambers reported for the clubhouse floatation project status. At this time, we are still having discussions with Atlantic Meeco over the original contract. David Reynolds has volunteered to help with discussions.

The current lake level is 5.75 feet above pool level. We have been in contact with the Army Corps of Engineers. Currently, they are holding water until flooding south of the lake has stopped. It will take at least a week before lake levels drop when they start releasing water.

The apparel sale at the June social received 13 orders.

Members of wood dock boxes have been contacted about painting and keeping them in good repair.

New Business:

Seat cushions on the Committee Boat are in need of repair. It was determined that the repairs could wait until fall when boat use is less. Steve Mardis will contact the parties concerned with contacting the repair shop.

The electrical wiring in the picnic shelter area needs to be repaired and relocated due to past and present water levels. Building and Grounds will make sure this project insures safety and reliability.

Member Concerns: John Carter announced that member Dave Bonifield had a heart attack recently. He is hoping to return to work in a few weeks.

John also asked about two dates for the annual WSU student lake party. Aug. 18 and Sept. 1 were cleared on the calendar. He will check with the students to see which date will work best.

Mike Hand voiced a concern, via e-mail, of ventilation in the clubhouse during socials. Discussion was held and the long-range plans were reviewed for priority. Jerry Brady volunteered to research some alternatives for ventilation.

Closing Remarks: The July Social will be July 21. Concerns have been made about the high water levels. We will continue with social regardless of water levels. Measures will be taken to help people wade through the water to the clubhouse. The Board will consult with Mike Hand who is in charge of the social about logistics of BBQ grill cooking.

The STEP program is also working with the unusual high water levels. They will be using dock walkway space and the clubhouse for storage through the week. The general membership is being asked to work with them on this issue.

Plans are underway for the August Youth Regatta and the September Masters Regatta. Ken Rix will be contacting the Social Committee to line up events concerning the scheduled party in September with the Masters Regatta so they will be included in the NOR.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 9, 2007, at 1900 at the office of Steve Mardis, 9415 East Harry, Suite 603, Wichita, Ks.

Adjournment: Having no further business, Jerry Brady motioned to adjourn. John McCabe seconded. Meeting adjourned at 21:25.

Respectfully submitted,

DeAun Warfield, Secretary

