

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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JANUARY 2008

CALENDAR:

January 1	New Year's Day
January 10	Board Meeting
January 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 29	Kansas Day
February 2	Groundhog Day
February 10	General Race Meeting

From the Binnacle

One of the admirable characteristics of Walnut Valley Sailing Club members is their selfless gift of time and talent to respond to various situations that arise either on a member's boat or with the club's facilities. Such an example occurred on the second day after I became Commodore. A member called to inform me that there was a problem with the dock lights staying on during the daytime. After contacting the harbor liaison, Jerry Brady, the problem was quickly corrected utilizing the talents of Mike Hand. Thanks Mike, I knew we could count on your expertise.

We all owe a big THANK YOU to David and Christie Reynolds for hosting our annual Holiday Party in their lovely home. Everyone had a memorable experience enjoying the fine food and festivities. Speaking of food – Marilyn and David Grisham did an excellent job arranging for the culinary delights we all enjoyed – THANKS from all of us.

Our Board members have been busy recruiting numerous chairpersons to coordinate the work of our standing committees in 2008. These volunteers play a vital role in the ongoing success of our club, and let me personally say that we all really appreciate your willingness to accept and complete these important assignments. An update on the new committee chairpersons is published elsewhere in this edition. And now a special message to our other club members – when you are contacted to serve on one of our standing committees, be willing to give of your time and talent to make an important contribution to what I believe will be an outstanding sailing season.

The Race Committee power boat has been in need of repairs to its upholstery for some time. Those repairs were completed as of December 14. In the spring, a VHF radio will be permanently installed on this boat. In addition, at the December Board meeting it was decided to make some needed repairs to the pontoon boat. These repairs will be completed by our members in early 2008.

During the first week of December representatives from three committees (Racing Activities, Social and Sailing Activities) met at Ken and Mary Ann Rix's home to coordinate their committee sponsored events for 2008. The dates for these upcoming events will be published in the Windword and also listed in the new membership directory. A master calendar of club sponsored events will be listed on our web site and prominently displayed in our Activities Center.

Most of the exhilarating moments I have experienced in life have been on the water, either on Lake Keystone in Oklahoma or on Lake El Dorado. The most unforgettable day I experienced on Lake Keystone was when I took two friends from work on an afternoon sail on my previous boat, a Merit 23. We sailed west from the dock at Windycrest Sailing Club for about two miles, where there was a shelter from the southerly wind. When we sailed back east it was apparent that the wind had increased from about 10 mph to 18-23 mph, producing waves 2-3 feet tall. I had never sailed in these conditions and was somewhat apprehensive. So what did we do – we lowered the jib, put it below deck and sailed with a flattened mainsail. We crossed over to the east side of the lake without any difficulty, although we got a little wet from spray that came into the cockpit. Would you look forward to an opportunity to sail in these conditions? If this sailing adventure sounds exciting, but you do not feel confident to venture out, then there will be training opportunities for you and your crew in 2008 to prepare for just such a challenge.

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Board Meeting Minutes

WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Minutes Subject to Correction

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2007

December meeting minutes: The meeting was held at Bruce Ward's office so new pictures of the board could be taken to add to the web site. Call to order at 7:00p.m. All board members were present. Commodore Carter expressed thanks to David and Christie Reynolds for hosting the Christmas party in their home. Commodore Carter made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes. It was seconded and approved.

Treasurer Report: Ernie Condon presented the treasurer's report and provided a handout documenting the financials for the club. A motion to approve a request for membership by Fernando Saldago, who has completed the Step program, paid dry storage fees and membership dues was approved. Ernie provided a list of membership changes as follows.

Peter Conley has resigned.

Greg Joyce has resigned.

Chris Hearn has requested to be moved from a regular member to an Affiliate.

Will Dirks has moved to inactive status.

Ernie reported that there are still 28 members that have not paid their dues for the coming year. Kathy Malcom presented a letter that she and the bookkeeper developed last year that will be sent out on the 15th requesting dues be paid.

Committee Reports: Below is a list of members that have agreed to act as chairpersons for the following committees.

Membership: DeAun Warfield

Calling tree: Cheryl Wertheimer

Step Program: Gary Pierce

Dry Storage: Ron Dreiling

Building and Grounds: Ed Klima

Finance: Paul Schye

Sailing Activities: Chuck Lynden

Activities Center: Clark Chambers

The board liaisons will work on filling the remaining committee chairs and will be presented at the January meeting.

Commodore Carter reported on the repairs being made to the powerboat. Some upholstery and the VHF radio needs to be replaced. Estimated cost is \$962 dollars.

John Ellison provided a brief report on the Step program. Ken Rix reported on the Race Committee meeting that was held at his home.

A motion to approve the committee chairs was voted on and approved.

Old Business: Ken Rix reported that he plans to contact Ninescah Yacht Club to collaborate in bringing Dawn Riley to Wichita as a guest speaker. Ken will report at the next meeting any further development on this item.

Commodore Carter reported on progress, or lack thereof, in resolving the matter of a few boats in the yard that appear to have been abandoned. David reported that all regular channels have been tried with no success. Therefore, the plan is to refer the matter to Butler County Small Claims court for resolution.

New Business: Commodore Carter reported on the repairs needed on the pontoon boat. The estimate for these repairs is approximately \$750. However, Mike Hand had expressed a willingness to work on the boat reducing the cost of the repairs. Some discussion followed and a plan will be developed at a later time.

The expense approval process was discussed and all agreed that the new treasurer and the new Commodore needed to be added for signature approval at the bank to authorize payment of checks. Kathy Malcom will get a form from the bank to have those additional names added. Further, the board felt that member requests for payment to cover club expenses needed approval from either the respective Committee Chair or the Board Liaison.

Discussion of how often the treasurer needs to present financial reports resulted in the board agreeing that the report needs to be provided to the board monthly. Ernie Condon felt that due to the large number of expenses being presented for payment each month, and the number of financial matters needing to be addressed by the board, that to provide a financial report on a quarterly basis would be difficult and leave room for things to be overlooked or not addressed in a timely fashion. The conclusion of the board was that the report should be provided to the board on a monthly basis.

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JOAN WAGNON, SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
DIVISION OF PROPERTY VALUATION

KATHLEEN SEBELUS, GOVERNOR

NOTICE TO ALL BOAT OWNERS

To avoid personal property tax penalties, please be certain to list your watercraft each year with the county appraiser on or before March 15th.

State law requires watercraft located in Kansas to be listed and taxed as personal property. These taxes help support the cost of providing local services such as fire and police protection, ambulance services, good roads and streets, schools, etc. These items, like homes, are valued for property tax purposes based upon their market value.

Owners of watercraft are required to list boats, motor and trailers each year on or before March 15th with the county appraiser in the county where the property was located on January 1st. If a taxpayer fails to do so by March 15th of each year, the law imposes a late filing penalty of 3% per month up to a maximum of 23%. If a taxpayer completely fails to list their taxable personal property, a 50% penalty must be applied pursuant to Kansas Statute 79-1422.

Also please note that in accordance with K.S.A. 79-306e, the value of a watercraft will now be prorated onto or off the tax roll in the year it is acquired or sold. The owner of record must notify the county appraiser's office within 30 days of a sale or acquisition of a watercraft. The county appraiser will then use that information for a basis of prorating the value for the buyer and/or the seller.

If you need any further assistance, contact your local county appraiser's office. A list of telephone numbers for each county appraiser's office is located on the back of this form.

DOCKING STATE OFFICE BUILDING, 915 SW HARRISON ST., ROOM 400, TOPERA, KS 66612-1585
Voice 785-296-2365 Fax 785-296-2320 <http://www.brevenue.org/>

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Most of us enjoy a good mystery, right? Well, this spring and summer we will be visited by the Ancient Mariner, an "old salt" with many years of experience and a boatload of talent. Will you have an opportunity to benefit from his wealth of knowledge? Absolutely, because he is going to share his expertise and sailing wisdom with any of us who desire to become more proficient and confident sailors. Does this mean he will go with you on your boat and teach you and your crew members how to handle wind and wave conditions with which you are not currently comfortable? YES, definitely.

So keep a sharp eye open to spot the Ancient Mariner some beautiful day soon on our docks. But how will I know him when I see him, you ask? You will easily recognize him by the unique clothes he wears, his friendly smile and his special kind of walk.

And remember, the most fun you can have going 7 mph in Kansas is sailing on Lake El Dorado.

John W. Carter, Commodore

GENERAL RACING MEETING

FOR ALL WVSC MEMBERS SUPER INTERESTED, INTERESTED, SEMI-INTERESTED, SOMEWHAT INTERESTED OR WHATEVER

This meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 10, at 2:00 P.M.** We have reserved a room at Gander Mountain.

Tentatively, subject to the meetings attendees, the race schedule for 2008 will be:

April 20 – Sunday	July 27 – Sunday
May 3 – Saturday	August 9 – Saturday
May 18 – Sunday	August 24 – Sunday
June 7 – Saturday	September 6 – Saturday
June 22 – Sunday	September 21 – Sunday
July 12 – Saturday	October 4 – Saturday

Being discussed will be lots of other neat stuff, like what races constitute the WVSC keel & centerboard championship. Maybe races in the cove on some Wednesday evenings in the Catalina 14.2 (STEP) boats. These races would be open to STEP students, WVSC members that have attended the STEP program in the past, & any WVSC member that has taken the qualifying or checkout test. Also, we will give attendees an opportunity to volunteer (as opposed to drafting) to help on Race Committee & food details. We probably will talk about other weird & wonderful things.

— **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** —

Board Officers for 2008

Commodore — John W. Carter
 Vice-Commodore — Steve Mardis
 Treasurer — Ernie Condon
 Secretary — Debbie Chambers

Committee and Liaison Assignments for 2008

Committee	Chair	Liaison
Social		Debbie Chambers
Racing	Ken Rix	Ken Rix
Sailing Program	Charles Lynden	Ernie Condon
Finance	Paul Schye	Ernie Condon
Building & Grounds	Ed Klima	Kathy Malcom
Harbor	Jerry Brady	Jerry Brady
Public Relations	Bruce Ward	Steve Mardis
Security	James Rix	Ken Rix
Archivist	Janice Cooper	Jerry Brady
Long-Range Planning	Steve Mardis	Steve Mardis
Calling	Cheryl Wertheimer	David Reynolds
Activities Center	Clark Chambers	Debbie Chambers
Powerboat Maintenance	John McCabe	John Carter
Dry Storage	Ron Dreiling	Kathy Malcom
Government Relations	Gene Nold	John Carter
STEP Program	Gary Pierce	John Ellison
Membership	DeAun Warfield	David Reynolds

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Finally, the problem of late payment for annual dues was discussed again, but no plans for changing the method currently being used to secure payment of dues was put forth. All agreed that this has been an annual issue.

Commodore Carter requested that the board formulate and annually review the rules and regulations concerning areas of responsibilities of each committee and submit to the Board for approval. Since this information is currently covered on the web site, it was felt by the majority

of the board that no new plan was needed at this time.

Kathy Malcom reported that the current bookkeeper has given notice that she will be quitting within the next few weeks. However she will be willing to work with whoever is hired to insure a smooth transition. Commodore Carter will work with Steve Mardis and Ernie Condon to secure someone or some company willing to provide these services and will report back at the next Board meeting on the 10th of January.

Member Concerns: No member concerns were address at this time.

Closing comments: A master calendar of scheduled events will be posted on the web site and in the Activities center in the spring.

A motion to adjourn was made and approved. The next board meeting will be at Steve Mardis' office on January 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Deborah Chambers, Secretary

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). NEW PRICE \$21,000. FOR SALE BY OWNER: 1982. Looking for a nice big boat with a slip and trailer? Check this out: New main and Jib in 2000. Spinnaker and Flexible Furler. Universal Diesel. New running rigging. Bimini and cockpit cushions, refrigerated ice-box. CD player. Custom road trailer. Slip transfers with Board approval. To see this boat in the water, call Patrick at 540.3674

Cape Dory Typhoon. 1973 – This rare, classic 19' full keel boat is in excellent shape and has been lovingly taken care of. The hull topsides, Deck, and bottom are in excellent shape. All running rigging replaced in 2007. Comes with newly restored set of sails (2007-Sailcare), Main, Jib, Genoa, Spinnaker, and a brand new storm triad-sail. The boat comes with a beautiful 2004 Triad Trailer with the float off package and tongue extension. The trailer is galvanized with stainless brakes and brand new 'D' rated heavy load tires. The boat trails easily! The boat is a joy to sail and launches and loads easily at any ramp. The boat also includes a 2005 Nissan 3.5 HP outboard. My family has grown so much that the five of us cannot sail in her comfortably any more, so we are moving up to a larger boat. The boat is in the water and may be viewed on C Dock. Have \$10,000 invested, but will consider any reasonable offer. Make offer. Call Matt @ 316-708-2800 or email me at matt@titieng.com.

24' Bruce Roberts design hand-crafted wooden sloop. Inboard Volvo diesel 7.5hp 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.



Catalina 22 – 1976 – with trailer. 4 horse outboard in near new condition. Boat is clean and in dry storage in the east yard. Good solid boat. \$3000 OBO Contact Dave or Tony at (316) 691-9405 or (316) 772-1216 Email: dave.theother-side@hotmail.com

Hobie 20. 1998. Excellent Condition, 2007 Main and Jib, Full trailerable cover \$5900, icsam-mis@yahoo.com, 316-371-7809

South Coast 23 – STARDUST – Original Carl Alberg design. 1969. Completely rebuilt in 2002. Original red gelcoat hull. New teak. New Schaeffer roller furler and 130% genoa. New mainsail cover. Lazy jacks. Spinnaker & pole on deck chocks. New Harken traveler and main-sheet. New Harken boom vang. Two halyard winches on mast. All new running rigging. New rubber rub strip. Automatic bilge pump. Three anchors, new rode and chain on each. Marine head. 5hp Seagull Silver Century+ F/N/R outboard. Tandem axle trailer. Full cabin & cockpit cushions in good shape. Also includes two sets of foul weather gear. Hand held marine band VHF radio, hand held Magellen GPS and several good quality life jackets. \$6000.00 FOB Wichita, Kansas (316) 722-8983

Hobie Outback SUV Kayak – 2006 - with TrailEx aluminum trailer. The boat with options cost \$2000, the Trailer \$800. Asking \$1800 for both. The Kayak includes beach wheels, sail kit, and outriggers. This is the sit-upon kayak with peddles, paddle, and sail. Go to Hobie.com to see a movie about the peddle feature, it is remarkable. Call or email, Frank Hopper, 316-641-6136, fhopper@cox.net

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

Winter storage. I'm looking for someplace to store my boat for several months during the winter inside, hopefully near Wichita. I want to do some work on it. Please call or email me any info you have on inside storage, please? Thanks, Jeff Lane tel 650-4660, email: drjlane@hotmail.com

Dinghy trailer with mast crutch. \$300 or \$250. You decide. Jon Zehnder. 620-245-1776

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

Oday 25 – 1975. Ready to sail; good condition; swing keel; 9.9 Evinrude; full set of sails; nice cabin; trailer; anchor; two-way VHF marine radio; port-a-potty; life jackets; refrigerator; CD player. Includes slip at NSA (per Board approval). \$4,500. Call Doug at 316.773.0246 or 316.305.4091.

E-mail, Windword & the Web

The club maintains a general E-mail list which pretty much has every member on it, at least those who have E-mail. This list is used for a variety of communications which can't otherwise be done timely in a more traditional way. If you have E-mail and don't believe you are on the list, and want to be, please send E-mail to me and I will add you to the list if needed.

Each month the club publishes a newsletter called The Windword. We mail this through the post office to some users and by E-mail to others. Over the next year, we will continue to encourage members to switch to the E-mail version, to save the club some money. The E-mail version is sent in PDF format which is easy to open and read, displays full color throughout, and usually arrives a couple of days before the printed version. If you are not receiving The Windword by E-mail, but would like to, please E-mail me and I'll get you on the fast track.

New members who furnish an E-mail address when they join, will automatically be added to both lists (General and Windword) unless I am advised to the contrary.

Last, but not least, the club maintains a website. The goal is to make the website the one place you can go to find out almost anything about your sailing club. The address for the site is:



<http://www.wvsailing.com> We try to keep this site up to date and stocked with correct information. If you have questions about the website, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks for your cooperation and support, as we look forward to a great new year for the club.

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Newsletter 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:

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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

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5. Please proofread your material for spelling and grammar errors.

6. If you want the same material repeated a second time or more, don't assume that this will happen. 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. If your article includes a picture, two files need to be sent—the text document and the picture. List the name of the author or contact person at the end of the article or notice and appropriate contact phone numbers and email addresses.

Thank you.

Bruce Ward, Public Relations Committee

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- Submit by e-mail the 20th of each month.**
- Document has been created & saved in Microsoft Word. Any graphics in the document also need to be sent separately.**
- Document has been proofread and spell-checked.**
- Document has been named descriptively.**
- Supporting files, such as pictures or illustrations have been attached to your email.**

