

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

Website: www.wvsailing.com

JULY 2003

CALENDAR:

- July 4** Boat Decoration Contest, Cookout & Group Sail to Fireworks
- July 6** Club Races
- July 12** Long Distance Race
9 am
- July 17** Board Meeting, 7 pm
2020 N. Webb Rd, #203
- July 21** 2nd session Step Classes begin
- July 26** Club Regatta
1st Race 9:30 am
- August 2** Fun Day
- August 9** Annual Pig Roast, 7pm
- August 23 & 24** CSSA Jr. Regatta
- Sept. 28** Ladies' Day at the Lake

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The July 4 weekend is right around the corner as I write this. My wife, Alice, always says that the sailing season is half over at that point. For us this year, it has barely begun. We were plagued with motor problems this Spring, but thanks to Action Ed Webb, that problem is solved and we made our maiden voyage in mid-June.

There is a full plate of activities planned at the club for July 4. There is a boat decorating contest, RC sailboat races, Family Picnic, and a group sail to the dam in the evening to watch the fireworks. Club races are on July 6. It will be a long weekend, and maybe not so hot and dry, so plan on spending time at the lake to celebrate your country's birthday.

A reminder about trash (always an exciting subject). When you leave the lake after a day's sail, take your trash to the large trash dumpster in the parking lot. When I last spied it, it was sitting on the west edge of the parking area. We've installed a new concrete pad on the south edge of the lot which will be the permanent home for the dumpster. I know it's tempting to drop off this stuff in the clubhouse, but please do us all a big favor and take it on up to the parking lot. Better yet, take it home and store it in your backyard like I do. Thanks for your cooperation.

The STEP classes for youth and adults begin on June 30. The adult session is full and the youth is almost full. Last year I had the pleasure of photographing the kids several days. This year I will be doing both sessions. The kids' lessons begin at 10:00 a.m. and the adults at 6:00 p.m., on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The youth program is training the sailors of tomorrow and the adult program is already putting new members in the club. For those born after 1988, the course makes it real easy to pass the required Kansas Boater Safety Course. It is refreshing to watch someone come into this program with little or no knowledge about sailing and leave the program three weeks later with a solid foundation in sailing. We have two great instructors, Curtis Gibson & Tim Fitzgerald. Additional help from club members is always welcome. A lot of the activity can be seen from the docks, so come out and watch how this program works.

I get questions about the boats in the STEP program and how or if club members may use them. The boats consisting of Capri 14.2s, JY trainers, Sabots and Sunfish, are owned by the STEP program which is a separate charitable corporation wholly owned by the club. The boats are primarily for the use of the STEP program during the training sessions, but when not in use in the program may be used by club members for safety, educational and training purposes. There are two ways a club member can qualify to use the boats. One is to sign up for and take the adult training course at a cost of \$80. Two sessions are offered this

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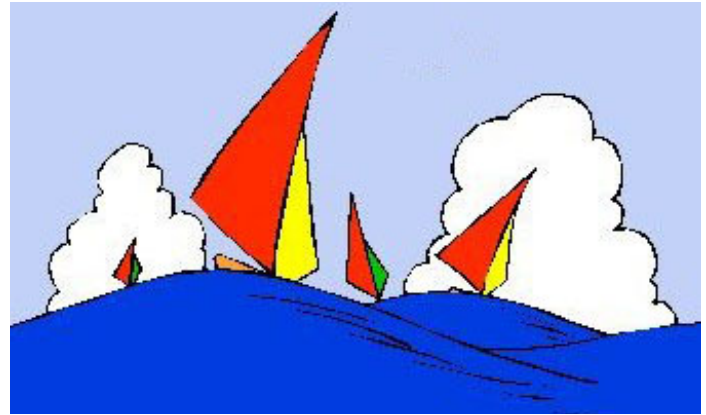
WVSC Racing Spring Series

We had a great start to the racing season this year. Out of eight race days we had races on six. Not bad for the spring series—not at all. We had thirteen skippers and crew venturing out.

Placing for the Spring Series:

<u>Skippers</u>	<u>Points %</u>
Steve Kubin	92.59%
Bill Sorensen	86.11%
Tom Burgin	45.45%

As always we want to encourage anyone that has a desire to improve their sailing abilities and knowledge of their boat and of sailing to come join us. This isn't rocket science; you don't have to memorize US Sailing 'The Racing Rules of Sailing' to participate. I have detailed starting sequence handouts at the bulletin board to help you with starts. Other than starboard



and port rules, that will get you started. We have a great group of racers that can answer your questions. We are ready to have starts for center boarders and cruisers alike.

Come join us.

Randy Malcom

Regatta Notice

WVSC One Day Club Regatta

When: Saturday, July 26, 2003

Time: Harbor Gun 9:00AM first race 9:30

Who: Any member who wants to have a good time.

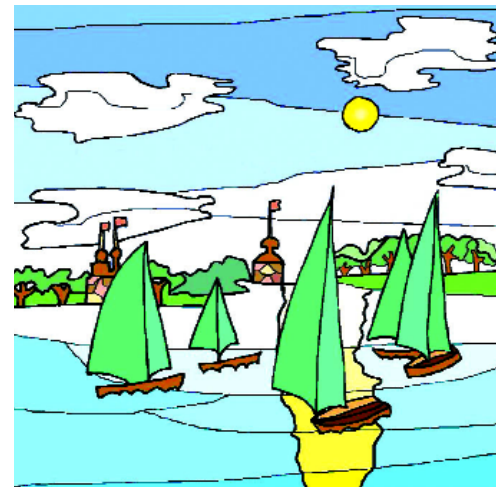
Schedule

7:30-8:30 am	Registration
7:30-8:45 am	Breakfast
8:45-9:00 am	Skippers Meeting
9:00 am	Harbor Gun
9:30 am	1st race
	2nd race-immediately following 1st race
Lunch	immediately following 2nd race
1:30 pm	3rd race
	4th race-immediately following 3rd race
	Awards, tall stories, and beverages
6:30 pm	Dinner

That's right — it's time for the annual WVSC one-day club regatta. This will be a great time had by all. Registrations may be done by contacting me via e-mail, phone, or on day of race by 8:30. We encourage anyone who would like to have a good time to join in.

We want to have as many fleets as possible: center board, handi-cap keel, one design, and cruisers. Each fleet will have its own start – cruiser fleet can have a minimum of two boats, all other fleets will require three. Breakfast (juice, coffee, and donuts) and dinner (burgers and dogs) provided. Bring your own sack lunch.

Trophies will be given for the top three finishers in each fleet. To cap off the day we'll have dinner. You don't even have to race to participate just let me know if you would like to join us.



Randy Malcom,

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CSSA JR. REGATTA

AUGUST 23rd & 24th, 2003

SCHEDULE

Saturday

9-11:30 AM	Final Registration
11:30	Lunch
12:30	Skipper's Meeting
1:00	Harbor Gun
1:30	1st Race; 2nd & 3rd to follow
6:00 PM	Dinner

Sunday

8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:30	Skipper's Meeting
9:45	Harbor Gun
10:15	4th Race; 5th to follow
1:00 PM	Trophy Presentation (Est. time)

CLASSES

- OPTIMIST/JY TRAINER/US SABOT – **Kendall Award to Champion**
- CAPRI 14.2
- LASER
- LATEEN RIGGED CENTERBOARDS (SUNFISH, STARFISH & PHANTOM etc) – **Pardee Cup to Champion**



RULES & HANDICAPPING

All races will be governed by the US Sailing 2001-2004 Racing Rules of Sailing and the Sailing Instructions. Low point scoring under Appendix A will apply.

ELIGIBILITY

Any male or female sailor preparing to enter 3rd through 12th grade in the Fall of 2003 allowed to compete. CSSA Membership is not required.

TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded to 1st through 5th place in each Class.

ENTRY FEES

None. The regatta is free to all eligible Juniors.

EXTRAS

Free framed photos of each boat competing will be provided to the competitors. Loaner boats may be available; contact James Rix.

DIRECTIONS

Kansas Turnpike to El Dorado North Exit; US 77 South to El Dorado State Park Entrance; East to Permit Station; North to Boulder Bluff Area & WVSC

CAMPING AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Primitive Camp Sites will be available on the WVSC grounds, with limited electrical hook-up. Restrooms & showers in clubhouse. Park fees required. Motels are available in El Dorado.

MEALS

WVSC will offer Lunch and Dinner on Saturday, and Breakfast on Sunday. No charge to competitors, and small fee to non-competitors.

REGISTRATION

Return the registration form to:
James Rix, Regatta Chairman
1227 North Rutland Street
Wichita, Kansas 67206
Phone (316) 636-9664
krix1@cox.net

CSSA JR REGATTA AT WVSC REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

CLASS _____

AGE/GRADE NEXT FALL _____

MEAL RESERVATION (# OF PEOPLE) _____

Saturday Lunch _____ Dinner _____

Sunday Breakfast _____



Sailing Events in July

4TH OF JULY EVENTS

1:00 to 1:30 PM

This year our Fourth of July sailing events will start off with a boat decoration contest. Each boat will be judged on its ship-shape appearance and nautical appearance. Any item can

be used to decorate. Flags and burgees are always welcome. This year snack food can be used to buy votes. No complex entry forms are needed. Just have your boat at dockside between 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM on July 4, 2003.

The judges' decision will be final. Who are the judges? Any member can vote, but they can only vote once. The boat with the most votes wins. What do they win? You must be there to see. I understand that Martha Stewart will not be in the contest this year. She has other engagements.

1:30 PM

Ernie Condon will head up the radio control sailing this year. The race or demolition will take place in the Walnut Valley Sailing pond. The pond is located just east of the clubhouse. This race around the pond can

be seen from either dock or shore. These boats are great to watch and you can sail them from a easy chair with a drink in the other hand. The presentation will take place at 1:30 PM.

7:00 PM

About 7:00 PM boats will leave the dock to sail or motor (what a bad thought) to the old dam. Each year the City of El Dorado has a fireworks display. In the past several boats have rafted to watch this display. I also have learned that some boats carry cool drinks aboard. I wonder if some of these drinks have the cute umbrella?



After the Remote Control Boat Races

ALL-AMERICAN COOKOUT

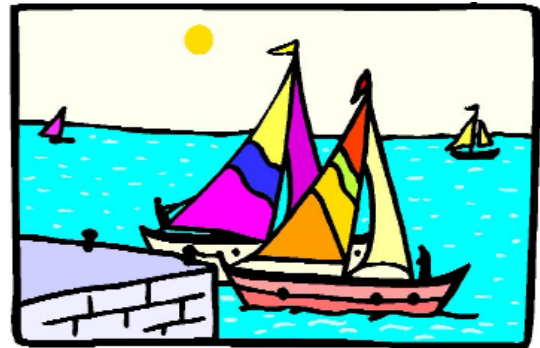
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Chips.

Lemonade and Ice tea will be available

\$5.00 adult

\$2.50 child
(12 & under)

Reservations need to be turned in by Wednesday evening (July 2)



JULY 12

Starting at 10:00 AM a cruiser race will start at the end of the Walnut Valley

Sailing Club dock. This race will be limited to 12 hours. The race will be about 25 miles long. The legs and the length of each leg will be shown at the skipper meeting at 9:00 AM in the clubhouse. This race will be a handicap race. Any boat you want to stay on for 12 hours can race. You are permitted to stop for breaks, food, and drinks. Make sure that your boat has running lights or finish before dark. The finish line will be at the clubhouse dock.

Volunteers are needed for the July 12 event. Please call Thomas L. Burgin at 258-4206.

Father's Day Festivities



Nobody told me it was "Dark Glasses Day."



No matter where you are, if you wear a hat you're going to get your picture taken.



Another Father's Day and all I got was this flowery shirt.

Board Meeting Minutes

WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB
May Meeting of the Board of Governors

Thursday, June 12th, 2003



CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Commodore Bruce Ward at 7:00pm at Kroupa's office. Board members present were Bruce Ward, Commodore, James Rix, Steve Warfield, Eric Wertheimer, Charlie Volk, Marilyn Kroupa and Mac Carter. Also present were Bob Carlini, Sandy Woodrow and Arnie Kroupa.

Sandy Woodrow proposed that a flagpole be installed in memory of Glenn Fickle. Discussion followed related to the location, height, and cost. A memorial of \$804 is available for the pole. It was moved by Charlie Volk and seconded by Marilyn Kroupa that a 20' flagpole be installed in the grass area between the parking lot and the storage area. Electricity is available for lighting purposes if needed. A Plaque will be located nearby in memory of Glenn Fickle with room for future similar uses. The cost is to be paid by the club with the memorial amount going to the general club memorial fund. Motion passed without objection. A copy of the proposal is made a part of these minutes.

MINUTES: Minutes of the May 9 meeting were read. Approved with minor change related to motion related to STEP being moved by Steve Warfield. Moved by Steve Warfield, seconded by Charlie Volk.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Steve Warfield presented the Treasurer's Report. He indicated there is no need for any club borrowing to complete the dock project in view of the fact that the club has approximately \$31,000 in cash after all bills paid. The balance of the dock cost is \$18,000 since the first of three installments has already been paid. It was moved by Marilyn Kroupa and seconded by Eric Wertheimer that the Treasurers report be accepted. Motion carried without objection. A copy of the report is made a part of these minutes.

Steve Warfield reported that there were no new member applications to present.

Commodore Ward reported that the application for Tax Exemption for all STEP property was successful. The boats are exempt from Ad Valorem Taxation as long as

- they are not used for personal or pleasure use
- they are owned by STEP
- they are used for the purpose of Safety, Training and Education by club members

He clarified that STEP offers members a training session for a fee. Following the training session, and during that season only, club members are permitted to use the boats when available and reserved in advance only for the purpose of improving their skills as related to safety, training and education.

The club pays an annual maintenance fee of \$2,000 that is applied toward the payment of the annual payment due from STEP in a like amount.

It was moved by Steve Warfield and seconded by Charlie Volk that the 2004 Member Handbook will be modified to clarify this detail. Motion passed without objection.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Commodore Ward also presented the proposed budget for 2003 from the STEP Program Committee. It appears there will be sufficient enrollment this season to meet the budget. Steve Warfield moved and Preston Brammer seconded the motion to accept. Motion carried without objection. A copy of the budget is made a part of these minutes.

Commodore Ward reported that the dock repair and expansion is on schedule and is expected to be completed by July 14, 2003.

The current approval process to add corners and dock boxes was discussed briefly the process will remain the same.

A copy of the Hydro hoist Policy already in place was reviewed. It was determined the policy is sufficient for the present. This policy is in the Member Handbook and is made a part of the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS: Marilyn Kroupa reported her study related to work credit toward dues. Several years ago it was determined that a credit of \$10 per hour for 10 hours work was to be the standard.

The current Member Handbook shows \$20 for 5 hours and will stand for the balance of this year. The standard will be reviewed a later date.

Marilyn also inquired about a leak in the sewage tank. Preston Brammer will contact Rob Brown, chair of the grounds committee to determine the status of the repair.

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MEMBER CONCERNS: Arnie Kroupa noted that the grass is well beyond needing to be mowed. Preston Brammer will contact the person responsible for mowing and ask for the job to be done immediately.

The next meeting will be July 17, at 7 pm at Kroupa's office.

Commodore Ward reminded the Board that of the Steak cookout headed by the Racing Committee on Saturday, June 14 and the Father's Day breakfast the following morning.

It was moved by Steve Warfield and seconded by Eric Wertheimer that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Mac Carter, Acting Secretary



Nope, Nemo's not here either.

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Letter from the Commodore...

year, June 30 - July 18, and July 21 - August 8. The second way is take a four hour orientation course which will be given on June 28 & 29 and by special appointment. The cost of the orientation course is \$40. Either way is good only for one year. If you wish to use the boats again next year, then you must again do one of the two things noted above. Gary Pierce and Gene Nold are in charge of this program and can answer any specific questions you may have. Or call me.

The Father's Day events were a smashing success. No, nothing was broken. The steak dinner filled the clubhouse on Saturday and the Sunday breakfast was scrumptious as always. When you see them, please thank those who made this possible: Bob & Michele Carlini, Randy & Kathy Malcom, Steve & Genee Kubin, Ed & Ruth Bush, Arnie & Marilyn Kroupa, Don & Gwenn Chism, Bill & Lou Anne Sorensen, and Gene Plehal.

The dock repair & improvement work has been moved back a couple of weeks. You should start seeing activity on this about July 14 and the project will take 7 to 10 days to complete. I'm sure Galva Foam will need lots of dockside supervisors, so come on out and watch.

See you at the lake.

Bruce Ward, Commodore



The Annual Pig Roast will be held on **August 9, 2003 at the lake.** The **supper** will start at **7:00 PM**, with the **social hour** preceding at **6:00 PM.** The price of **\$10 for adults**, and **\$4 for children.**

More information will be provided in the next issue of The Windward.



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JULY



4th of July Celebration

Club Races

Long Distance Race

Club Regatta



AUGUST

Fun Day

CSSA Jr. Regatta

Annual Pig Roast



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Ladies' Day at the Lake

Races & Regattas

and more