

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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MAY 2007

Club Regatta

CALENDAR:

May 6

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May 4	Dbl. Feature Movie Night		
May 5	Work Parties		
May 11	Dbl. Feature Movie Night		
May 12	Racers' Training Day 10am		
May 19	Club Regatta		
	Opening Day at the Lake		
May 26	Alternate Training Day		
May 27	Laser Regatta		
May 28	Laser Regatta		
May 28	Memorial Day		
June 3	Club Regatta		
June 16	Club Regatta		
June 17	Father's Day		

Island Party

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From the Bow Pulpit

rom the looks of the weather and the lake level, things are progressing well for another great season at Walnut Valley Sailing Club. As of this writing, the lake level stands at about 3.5 feet below pool. A number of boats have been launched on the ramp by the Activity Center main walkway. The water has been turned on so we can start using the Activity Center. The April Work Party was cancelled due to weather, but, fear not, Jerry Brady has another planned for early May to "spruce up" the Activity Center. There will probably be work on the docks (Harbor Committee) as well as some yard work (Building & Grounds and Dry Storage) during the month of May. There will be ample opportunity to join your fellow members to help get our facilities ready for the summer, and get a head start your 2008 Work Credits, too.

Speaking of the Activity Center – Jerry needs a simple tool set to keep in the Center for small repairs. We think we can come up with some tools without buying them - members can donate extra screwdrivers, pliers, etc. as needed to save money and clear out the extra clutter at home. If you have something to donate – good stuff/no trash, please - you may contact Jerry Brady. Let's make this a club project for May!

The racing season started April 21 with a windy day – no races, but a few hardy souls showed up anyway just to be sure. The next race day is Sunday, May 06. There's more on the racing scene elsewhere in the issue.

By the time you read this, the Postal Rates will have increased and it will cost WVSC a little more to send out a mailing such as this newsletter and official club notices. One way to keep this expense down is to receive your newsletter via the internet/e-mail. You can then read it on-line or print it off at your leisure at home, and you will more than likely get it sooner. If you would like to switch to an electronic version, please contact Bruce Ward. We continue to use the internet/e-mail as much as possible for club notices and late-breaking news for those members who subscribe. Won't you join us?

The Wednesday Morning Breakfast Club plans to start meeting at the Activities Center the last week of April. During the off-season, we have met at a restaurant in Wichita – most recently Spears on North Woodlawn. We look forward to seeing the group at the lake during the sailing

season for food, talk, telling lies, a little work and a little sailing. Come join us. You need to be there by 0900 to be included in a savory "health-conscious" meal.

I look forward to seeing you at the lake for sailing and social events. And continue to pray for a little more rain to the North Northeast to sustain us for the season!

David O. Reynolds, Commodore



WORK PARTY May 5th 9am until Noon

The Harbor Committee will sponsor its first work party of the year on May 5th. We got snowed out in April but we are ready to try again! We will work on the docks to prepare them for the summer sailing session so plan on attending.

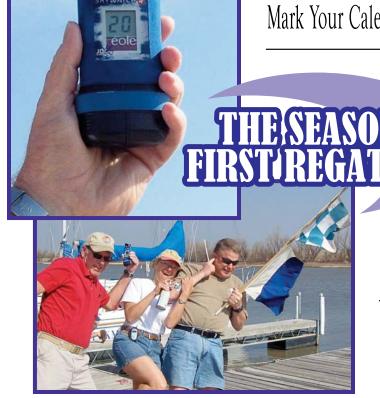
Please bring the following tools if you have them: socket sets for tightening the dock cleats, belt sanders to work down the planks that have turned into toe knockers, and heavy duty drills to reset a few planks. Extension cords will be in demand, too. Also, the dock lighting and fire extinguishers will be checked to make sure they are in good working order.

For more information call: Greg Rincker at 832.0477



Join us under the Canopy for all you can eat peel & eat shrimp, green beans, corn on the cob & potatoes...

Mark Your Calendar. Sat. June 23rd. Social 6pm, Dinner 7pm





New Member: John Marteney

LASER DISTRICT 16 REGATTA

May 27 & 28 - STEP Program has 3 Lasers that would be available to any youth sailor that would like to participate and can handle the Laser. Lots of racing and fun. For information contact Gary Pierce 686-8823.

WVSC Opening Day at the Lake

Saturday, May 19th

Country Farm Dinner - catered by the Cassoday Café

Remember Sunday Dinners at Grandma's house? Fried Chicken, Honey Ham, Potato Salad, Homemade Cobbler...

...that is what will be served by the infamous Cassoday Café.

6 p.m. - Social Hour

This will be a great time to meet old and new members and pick up your 2007 Directory.

6:50 p.m. - Blessing of the Fleet

7 p.m. - Country Farm Dinner

\$10.00 - Adults \$5.00 - Kids (12 & under)

The calling committee will need your reservations by Sunday, May 13.

Questions? Contact: Don Chism, 630 - 9389



16' Laguna Sailboat fixed keel, full enclosed cabin, trailer with tongue extension 5 HP motor & swing mount. \$2750 Phone 316-775-7996

FOR SALE: New Catalina "SPORT 22".

Sailed only Seven times. Offered at \$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

Dock Box for sale - Triangular, \$125. 2- way radios, Midland Brand, 2 sets @ \$35 each, 1 year old, bought new for \$60 each. Call Suzanne @722-4610.

Sunfish and trailer. 1976-Brand new rudder and tiller. Trailer is homemade and has new lighting system put on it in '06. Great for getting started in sailing! \$900. 316-687-9240.

Catalina 30 - 1978 looks only a few years old, in ready to sail clean nice condition. Wheel steering, large bimini, stern rail seats, Upgraded Garhauer traveler, boom supporting vang, roller furling 110 genoa, new AC panel, barrier coated, AM/FM CD changer with inside and cockpit speakers, built in refrigerator in cooler, large capacity carry on air conditioner, knot and depth meters, day night vent, eight pad storage trailer and slip transfers with board approval. All rigging and electrical upgrades. Too much else to list but everything you expect in a well cared for boat this size. \$20,000 Gary Blessing 684-9440.

CAPRI 22 - 1985. One owner, Mariner 4hp outboard, trailer, nice slip on "C" dock transferable to new owner. Main, 110 jib, 155 genoa reconditioned by Sailcare in 2002. Complete spinnaker rig. Fin keel, standard rig. Terrific sailing boat ready to go. \$4900. To check this boat out in the yard, call Patrick at the lake 316 540 3674

Capri 25 by Catalina 1981 (www.kbrs.org/capri25.htm) Fixed keel 4 ft draft. Dual axle trailer and 5 HP mercury motor. Standard Horizon Depth meter and speedometer. All halyards run to cockpit. Sails include: Elliott Pattison main and 155 Genoa I've used for racing only. (www.epsails.com) Sobstad mylar main and 135 Genoa about 5 years old. Kerr 110 Jib. Spinnaker and rigging (pole, halyards, sheets). Prime slip transfer with board approval. The Capri 25 is a great competitive day sailor with the possibility of spending weekends aboard. The boat has the roomiest cockpit of any 25 ft boat you will see. You can easily have 6 people seated on this boat. It's FAST! In 5-7kts with flat water, this boat just wants to GO. Just ask any of the racers what a "Capri day" is. The rig is very easy to tune, and the helm is VERY responsive. It's very easy to steer this boat with crew weight. Upwind it's very easy to get this boat pointing well (just get up to speed first!) 316-540-3674 Patrick Adams or 316-648-8188 Alan Loehr. \$6750 aloehr@aloehr.com.



Chrysler 26 - 1978 for sale by owner. Sails include both a full and an asymmetrical spinnaker, 150 genoa, jib, storm jib, and main. 9.9 hp 4 stroke outboard with electric start and cockpit controls. Cockpit cushions and a bimini for sailing in comfort. Depth, speed, and compass instruments are aged but functional. Halyards and jib sheets were new last year. This cruiser has both a swing keel and rudder that are perfect for those times when the water is not so deep. Below deck are spacious v-birth and aft cabins, a enclosed port-a-potty head, sink, and gas stove. Included is a tandem axle EZ Load trailer. She needs a little freshening up but is in overall good physical condition. NSA slip trans-

fer with board approval. Asking \$6,000. Eric Palmquist 316-729-7241 or MEPalmquist@Cox.net.

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"

Hunter 260 - 2005. Well maintained 26' cruiser. Tandem trailer and 4 stroke engine. Sleeps 4 to 6. Marine head and galley. Garmin electronics and bulkhead compass. VHF marine radio. Cloth cushions inside, cockpit cushions out-side. Bimini and other added canvas items. \$31,000. For more information brucedavid@cox.net or 316-204-8383

J24 (1981) Hull #2564: Extensive paper-work available on this boat, including original manufacturer's order. Hull is flawless, with new professional paint in 2006. Exterior teak sanded and oiled in 2006. Deck professionally restored in 2007. All fabrics in very good condition and freshly dry-cleaned. Interior woodwork has fresh finish, and new paint throughout. Nissan 3.5hp 1998) in excellent condition—motor always garaged. Custom trailer (1981) in excellent condition; tires have very good tread, sidewalls weather-checked but solid. Additional equipment: Sailcomp 103AC digital compass/nav repeater. Sail inventory: full suit of sails in excellent condition. Spinnaker and pole. Several older but serviceable sails. Boat last measured by the J/24 class association in 1992. Other: Winches, lifelines, cabin lights, stereo available, outboardbracket, two Coleman sailboxes bolted on trailer, new APS tiller. A new boat is over \$40,000. THIS BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED BOAT IS \$10,900. thomsond@ksu.edu or phone 785.764.3063.

17ft. Venture. This 1970 Venture 17 is in good shape and has been sailed regularly for the past 2 seasons. It has a cabin that can sleep 2. Running lights and electrical system work well. Jibs and main sail are in good shape. The halyards and sheets are in good shape. It has a trailer included and is easy to launch using a ramp in shallower waters. The swing keel draws about 17" when up and 4'9" when down. The Keel has been patched but is in good condition. It has a throw floatation cushion, two oars, self-bailing cockpit and an anchor. I have a 4 hp Mercury outboard motor that is in good working condition that will go with the boat. Asking \$500. Damon Martin 316-204-7785 or 316-684-7213.

Spring Cleaning!!!

It is Club House Cleaning Time! No Snow this time...We Hope!

Saturday May 5th, 9:00 AM

Volunteers are requested to help prepare the clubhouse for the coming season's activities. OK, so you don't do windows — We have floors and counters! Credit will be applied to your membership account. Coffee, Donuts and Cinnamon rolls will be available to keep the energy level up.

Contact Jerry Brady, 775-3163 for questions.



2007 SUMMER YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM

Bring a Buddy and Come Sail with Us

The Walnut Valley Sailing Club/STEP program is offering two sessions this summer.

We will teach you how to sail in a beginner's class or improve your sailing ability in advanced classes. This year we are offering Keelboat classes to advanced sailors.

So come sail with us or better yet, get your buddy that would like to sail with you and join us this summer for a GREAT time on the water.

Our fleet consists of: Prams, Sabots, Optimists, Catalina 14.2's, Sunfish, Lasers, Sonar, Catalina 22 and Catalina 25's.

CLASS STRUCTURE

Prerequisites: Must be 8-17, have an interest in learning to sail and swim 25 yards without a lifejacket (PFD) (swimming will be tested).

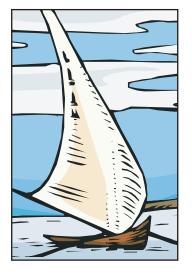
Equipment requirements: Participants are required to provide their own life jacket (PFD) US Coast Guard approved, age-appropriate size, and sunscreen, hat, and water shoes.

Course Content: Three levels of sailing instruction - beginners, intermediate and advanced sailing offered. Safety, weather, self-rescuing skills, basic rules of the road and nomenclature are also covered.

Schedule: 3 days per week (Mon. Tues. Thurs.) for 3 weeks, 10am to 4pm.

2 Sessions:

- 1st session: June 11 through June 28
- 2nd session: July 9 through July 26



Cost per Student:

\$25 non-refundable Registration Fee, Plus \$45 class fee for WVSC members; \$70 for non-members.

Fee Includes: USSA "Start Sailing Right" or "Basic Keelboat" instruction manual, use of a boat for the summer, T-shirt and awards. For participants between the ages of 7 and 15, the fee also includes a Youth Membership to Walnut Valley Sailing Club

which begins at the beginning of class and continues for the remainder of the year. For participants age 16 and over, the fee includes a Junior Membership to Walnut Valley Sailing Club that begins at the beginning of class and continues for the remainder of the year.

Drinks are furnished. Student brings lunch.

Class Size: 20 students per session. Prerequisite for Keelboat instruction: proof of advanced sailing abilities. A minimum of three students are required for the Keelboat class to be held.

Boats used: Prams, Sabots, Optimist, Catalina 14.2, Sunfish, Laser, Sonar, Catalina 22 and Catalina 25

Registration and Questions: Call Gary Pierce 316-686-8823 or Gene Nold 316-636-2091

2007 WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB/STEP SAILING APPLICATION

Last Name		_ First Name		
Street Address				Valley Sailing Club
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Lity			_Zip	Adult Program
Home Phone		Age	T-Shirt Size	Session 1- June 11 - June 28
Emergency Contact Person		_ Phone		Session 2- July 9 - July 26
E-Mail address				Please enclose the non-refundable deposit of \$25 with this application. Mail to: WVSC Sailing Program
Date	Signature			c/o Gary Pierce, 1431 South 127th Street East, Wichita Kansas 67207

Board Meeting Minutes

WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Minutes Subject to Correction

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2007

Call to Order

Commodore Reynolds called the meeting to order at 1904 hours at the office of Steve Mardis, 9415 E. Harry, Suite, 603,

Wichita, Ks. Board members present

were David Reynolds, Jerry Brady, John Carter, Kathy Malcom, Ken Rix, Pat Boyarski, John McCabe, and DeAun Warfield. Absent: Steve Mardis.

Approval of the March Minutes: Minutes of the March 8, 2007, meeting were reviewed and submitted for discussion. John Carter made a motion to approve the Minutes. Seconded by Jerry Brady.

March Treasurer's Report

Kathy Malcom reported the cash balance on March 31, 2007, was \$41,568. We currently have 108 regular members. Resignations (non-renewal) include Bradley, Feaster, and Mulvihill. Letters to confirm each resignation will be sent registered mail. New members include John Marteney. Ken Rix moved to approve the Treasurer's report and the approval of the new member, Marteney. DeAun Warfield seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

John Carter reported for the Harbor committee. Projects the committee has been working on are installing floatation, reconnecting brackets and bracing on the dinghy dock. The PVC waste water pipes under the main walkway have also been repaired. John reported that the electric coupling may not need to be replaced due to the water level rising. The committee is also observing water level for reconnecting docks. He noted that the beaver activity is still present; Gene Nold will follow up. Lastly, we have not had any more vandalism since last month.:)

Old Business

We are still waiting to hear from Atlantic Meeco for a start time commitment on the Activity Center floatation project (by report – Clark Chambers).

The HVAC project has been put on hold at this time at the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Discussion followed. It was recommended the project be put back on the August Board of Governors Agenda for reevaluation.

The current lake level is 4.9 feet below pool level. We have had a 12-inch increase over the last week due to weather.

The Club handbooks are on schedule for disbursement at the first social for the year, May 19.

All social and racing schedules are complete.

New Business

The Commodore presented a request for WVSC to host a Youth Laser Regatta received from the Midwestern Laser Governor (through Gary Pierce). Gary Pierce has volunteered to chair the regatta. A number of dates were requested. After discussion, John McCabe made a motion to offer a two-day regatta Memorial Day weekend, Sunday and Monday – May 27-28, 2007. Motion passed. The Commodore will report this to Gary Pierce.

The STEP program booklets were given to new board members Jerry Brady, John Carter, and Ken Rix.

Member Concerns

Jerry Brady reported on a Wind Indicator for the club use. He has researched the equipment and has recommended a product that is solar powered with wireless readout in the Club House. Discussion followed. John McCabe made a motion to have Jerry Brady pursue purchasing the item. Ken Rix seconded. Motion passed.

John Carter made a recommendation for the social committee to have the American flag flown for each social. He also recommended the club burgee be flown as well.

Discussion followed about making PR items available for the club, including hats, shirts, and burgees. John McCabe and David Reynolds volunteered to follow up on this subject.

Closing Remarks

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 1900 at the office of Steve Mardis, 9415 E. Harry, Suite 603, Wichita, Ks.

Adjournment

Having no further business, Pat Boyarski motioned to adjourn. John McCabe seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2015 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

DeAun Warfield, Returning Secretary



2007 SUMMER ADULT SAILING PROGRAM

Come Sail with Us

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We will teach you how to sail in a beginner's centerboard class or improve your sailing ability in advanced classes. This year we are offering beginning, intermediate and advanced Keelboat classes.

So come sail with us this summer for a GREAT time on the water.

Our adult fleet consists of: Catalina 14.2's, Sonar, Catalina 22 and Catalina 25's.

CLASS STRUCTURE

Prerequisites: Must be 18 years or older, have an interest in learning to sail and swim 25 yards without a lifejacket (PFD). (May be 15-17 years old if accompanied by an adult).

Equipment requirements: Participants are required to provide their own life jacket (PFD) US Coast Guard approved, age-appropriate size, and sunscreen, hat, and water shoes.

Course Content:

Centerboard Course- Covers beginning, intermediate and advanced sailing techniques. Boat handling skills, boat related skills, basic rules of the road, safety, weather and nomenclature. Everything you need to know to sail your own boat safely and with confidence.

Basic Keelboat- Covers beginning, intermediate and advanced keelboat techniques. Prerequisite for intermedi-

ate and advanced instruction- you must have beginning keelboat or equivalent sailing experience.

The keelboat course leads you through the essential principles of safe, confident day sailing. It covers basic sailing concepts, boat handling, docking, anchoring, safety and emergencies, weather, basic navigation more clearly and concisely. The keelboats require a minimum of three students per boat.

Schedule: 3 days per week (Mon. Tues. Thurs.) for 3 weeks, 6 to 9pm.

2 Sessions:

- 1st session: June 11 through June 28
- 2nd session: July 9 through July 26

Class Size: 16 students per session

Cost per Student: \$25 non-refundable Registration Fee, Plus \$55 class fee for WVSC members; \$255 for non-members. (Spouse or family member \$80)

Fee Includes: USSA "Start Sailing Right" or "Basic Keelboat" instruction manual, instruction, use of a Catalina 14.2 (if checked out) boat for the summer, T-shirt and certificate. Includes a membership to Walnut Valley Sailing Club which begins at the beginning of class and continues for the remainder of the year.

Boats used: Capri 14.2, Sonar, Catalina 22 and Catalina 25's

Registration and Questions: Call Gary Pierce 316-686-8823 or Gene Nold 316-636-2091

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Date	Signature	Kansas 67207



Racing Roundup

Sometimes the best laid plans just don't work out and such was the case with our first club regatta of the year. Saturday, April 21st, turned out to be a windy and blustery day, too much for sailors to take to the water, so the race committee for the day called off the regatta. Thanks to Mike Hand, Ron White, Terry and Sharon Lewis and others who were ready to put on one heck of a regatta. There are a couple of photos to give you an indication of what the day was like at the lake.

Hope, however, springs eternal and racers are now looking forward to the month of May and all of its activities. Two regattas are scheduled for the month, the first on Sunday, May 6th, and the second on Saturday, May 19th. The second regatta (May 19th) coincides with the first club social, so it should be an extra-special day. Also scheduled in May is an education session where experienced racers will provide one-on-one coaching and assistance on the water. A starting line and simple course will be set up, so it is a great opportunity to practice starting sequences and pick up some tips. The education session will take place on Saturday, May 12th, moving to Saturday, May 26th, if the original session is weathered out. The race committee is counting on seeing many of our members come out to take advantage of this training.

RACING CALENDAR FOR APRIL AND MAY

May 6	Sunday	Club Regatta
M ay 12	Saturday	Training at the lake; 10 AM start
May 19	Saturday	Club Regatta
May 26	Saturday	Alternate training day if May 12th is weathered out
June 3	Sunday	Club Regatta
June 16	Saturday	Club Regatta

Recent rains have started to refill the lake. As of the third week of April, water level has gone up by almost two and one half feet, leaving us only three and a half feet below normal pool level. Weather forecasts are calling for more rain, so keep your fingers crossed for more water! Several boats were launched in the past week using the club's west ramp without any difficulty. Don't hesitate, get your boat in the water and join us for some racing!

Pat Boyarski for the Racing Committee