

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

Website: www.wvsailing.com

AUGUST 2008

CALENDAR:

- August 2** **Painting/Work Party**
- August 14** **Board Meeting**
- August 16** **Scavenger Hunt and
August Social**
- August 22** **Cooper's Island Theater**



From the Binnacle

July has been a great month for sailing and social activities. On July 4th, the annual fireworks display was viewed by many of our club members and their guests who sailed on five boats to the southeast lake shore. After the event, we sailed back to WVSC in the dark – boy am I glad my wife gave me that hand-held GPS unit.

Although my wife and I have not yet been to Hawaii, both of us have had a wonderful sampling of the islands, thanks to Mike Hand and all of his outstanding workers. On Saturday, July 19th, our Hawaiian Luau attracted approximately 140 participants. Everything was wonderful – the decorations, the music, the hula dancers, the food and beverages, and visiting with friends and making new acquaintances. In fact, some people liked it so much they partied until 3:30 on Sunday morning.

On Saturday, July 6th, the Long Distance Fun Race included eight boats, ranging in size from 22 to 33 feet in length. After handicapping each boat, the race got underway around 10:35 in the morning with the skippers having a staggered start. Winds ranged from 5-20 mph. The first skipper to complete the race was Arnie Kroupa, who finished around 4:30 PM. Second and third place finishers included John Carter and Ernie Condon, respectively. At the conclusion of the event there was a white elephant trophy gift exchange. This was certainly one of my favorite events and everyone had a great time.

Our sailing club hosted a regional Snipe regatta on July 19-20. There were 10 boats registered and Ken Rix did a fine job organizing this event. Special thanks to Steve and Genie Kubin, Randy and Kathy Malcom and John Ellison for serving as Race Committee.

The Harbor Committee had a work party on July 19th for several of our men to replace damaged planks on the docks. Thanks to Jerry Brady for supervising this event. Jerry recently installed two new safety ladders (one on the north side of B dock and one on the dingy dock) and a new light over the security gate on the main walkway.

As we look forward to events scheduled in August, mark your calendars for Saturday, August 16th – the Pirates Treasure Hunt will be the main event that weekend. From all I have heard, this sailing – social activity will undoubtedly be an event to remember and certainly a whole lot of fun for all you sailors, landlubbers and want-to-be pirates.

The WVSC web site has been updated and given a new look. If you have not seen it recently, you might want to check it out. Any information you want to have displayed on the web site should be sent to Fred Harvey at fwharvey@sbcglobal.net. Thanks Fred for the fine job you are doing on our behalf.

Our next Board meeting will be on Thursday, August 14th at the office of Steve Mardis. Club members are always welcome to attend and to present any concerns they may have.

When it is a hot evening in town why not come out to WVSC and enjoy an evening sail. It is a great way to relax and to enjoy that “hole in the water surrounded by fiberglass with a lead bottom that you pour money into.”

John W. Carter, Commodore

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Avast Ye Varmints!
Pirates Treasure Hunt Is
On The Horizon.

If I may be so bold as to Say:

'Arrr ye and your abled bodied crew up to blasting the bejesus out of the pirates, with water guns and water balloons so that you can gather all of their clues for the treasure?'

Muster ye well-seasoned crew... young and old. Dress like pirates or come as ye be. Clean & polish ye best water guns/water balloons. Be ready to bombard the pirates while their ships lay at anchor on El Dorado Lake.

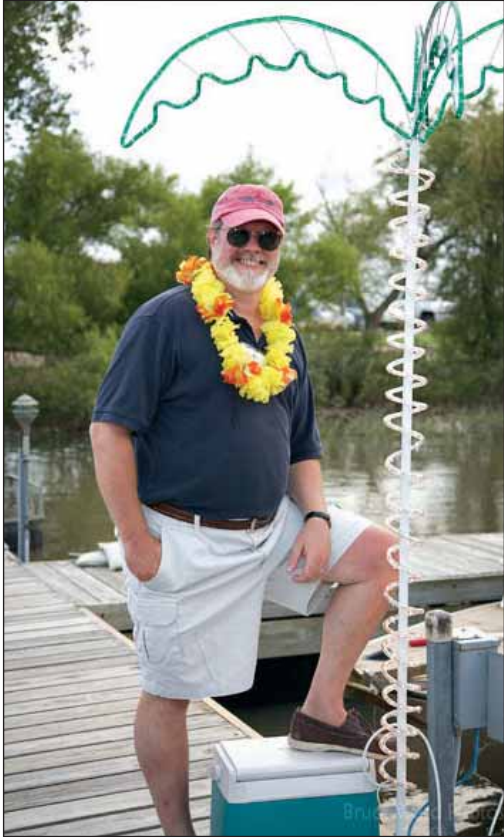
Ye must gather all the clues from the pirates on the water and then afterwards meet at the docks for ye final clues. Anchors away and set sail for the quest of the treasure clues!

2pm Saturday, August 16

*Keep To the Pirate Code:
Anyone that falls behind is left behind*



WAIKIKI LUAU PARTY



Captain Morgan, I presume



All hail the big Kahuna!



"Can you hear me now?..."



"...Good."



"...the plane, the plane!"



"Who, us?..."

Ahoy, all ye pirates, sailors and landlubbers...

THERE WILL BE MORE BOUNTY TO BE FOUND AT THE AUGUST SOCIAL

SOCIAL HOUR: 6:00 P.M.
BAR-B-QUE DINNER: 7:00 P.M.
COST: \$12.00 ADULTS
..... \$ 6.00 KIDS 10 and under

AUGUST 16

After Scavenger Hunt (see page 2)



JOIN US FOR FUN AND MERRIMENT!

AUGUST RACING STUFF

I wasn't going to write an article this month but I changed my mind. The reason was the Super Successful Snipe Regatta held on July 19 & 20th. For those of you not interested in racing this may seem idiotic — for those, like myself, it is the epitome of enjoyment — reasonably mild physical activity, mental alertness, concentration, & camaraderie after the races. It doesn't get any better than that.

The regatta was a tribute to Ted Wells, a very early member of the Wichita Sailing Club, the forerunner of WVSC, who died in 1991. He was a three time National and twice International winner in the Snipe Class, which at that time was the largest one design class in the world. Mary Ann had purchased a lot of his trophies and other memorabilia at his estate sale. These sailing trophies were awarded to all competitors at our regatta – 22 in all.

The weather was good, although a bit windy for some competitors. The luau Saturday night was a memorable experience. All participants, local & out of state, had attended the Regatta of the Decade.

Thanks, Ken



FRIDAY ★ AUGUST 22



Grab your sweetie, some fast food
and head to the lake
Joining your Sailing Club friends
for The Third in the Series

**PIRATES of the CARRIBEAN
AT WORLD'S
END**



Bring your own beverage and Chair
Popcorn provided

From the Internet

Hello everyone! My name is Fred Harvey and not too long ago I took over from Bruce Ward as the webmaster for the club's web site. Bruce did a great job and as a result he has set the bar pretty high for me. Still I am going to attempt to leap over it in a single bound, although I probably will have to back up and get a running start in order to do it.

I am a great believer in not fixing something if it is not broken. As a consequence, I have made only minor changes to the appearance of the web site. One thing I have done is to post the upcoming club events on the site's home page. I have included links from each of these ads that will bring up the flyer for that event. These events are also posted under the "Master Calendar" option that is on the main menu.

If you want to sell an item, the "For Sale/Wanted" section of the site offers you an easy way to let other sailors know about the items you no longer need. Currently, we do not have any Wanted items, but if there is something that you are looking for just let me know and I will add it to the listing.

Many members may not know that our web site also has a restricted area that is available to members only. I took this section down for a couple of weeks while I updated some of the files in there. The Members Only area contains pictures of past social events and sailing activities. There are also current maps of the Dry Storage Area and the Dock Slips, plus an electronic copy of the 2008 membership handbook available for downloading.


Club members must register in order to access the Members Only area.

When I reviewed the authorized users, I found that some people hadn't been in this area for three years. If you combine this with the fact that a name like Sailorman@Yahoo.com doesn't tell me if that person is still a member or not, and I think you can see the problem I had. To fix the problem, I deleted all of the users who have not gotten into the Members Only section during this calendar year.

If you have not been into the Members Only section before or have forgotten how, there is the word Login at the top of each of

the public pages. If you are a registered user you can click on that link, then enter your user name & password for access to the Members Only Sections. Once you do log in the only thing that will change is that Members Only will appear at the bottom of the main menu selections. In the Members Only area you can review data about the club plus look at all of the embarrassing photos from past social functions.

If you have never registered, or registered some time ago, you will need to re-register. To do this, click on the word Register which is also at the top of each page. When you do you will see the following form. Please fill it out with your own information similar to this example:

A screenshot of a web browser showing a registration form. The browser's address bar displays "http://www.wvsailing.com/Users_Register.aspx". The page title is "Register". The form is titled "Register" and includes a "Home" button. The form fields are: Screen Name (JoeB), Username (JoeB), Password (masked with asterisks), Password Again (masked with asterisks), Email (sailorguy@xyz.net), First Name (Joe), Last Name (Blow), and Time Zone (Central Time (GMT -6)). A "Register" button is at the bottom of the form. The left sidebar contains a menu with items: Home, Information, Officers & Directors, Committees, Sailing Instruction, Newsletter, Master Calendar, Racing Activities, Social Activities, Links, For Sale / Wanted, and Contact Us.

When you have the information entered, click the REGISTER button. THEN, send an e-mail to your friendly webmaster at frayedharley-wvsc@yahoo.com telling me that you have registered. I will change the status of your name so that you will have access to the Members Only Section.

If you should forget your password, there is no way for me to get it for you. The system hides passwords from me too. If you should forget the password, let me know. I will delete you as a user and then you can register again.

The club's web site is an important part of the club's Public Affairs department. The Internet and E-mail are how people do business today. The Net is the first place most people go when they want to research a topic or find an organization such as ours. It's that good first impression that we want to make with people. As such, I am open to any and all suggestions that the members have about what they want added, removed or changed. I'm only as far away as your e-mail account, so please, give me feedback!

Board Meeting Minutes

WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Minutes Subject to Correction

THURSDAY, JULY 10th, 2008

Call to Order Commodore Carter called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM at the office of Steve Mardis, 9415 East Harry, Suite 603, Wichita, KS. Board members present were David Reynolds, Kathy Malcom, John Carter, Ken Rix, John Ellison, and Ernie Condon.

Opening Remarks Commodore Carter noted the great turnout for the Shrimp Boil. He also commented on the success of Scrabble Sail with seven skippers and crew competing for prizes. There were five boats that sailed to the 4th of July fireworks display across the lake. The Long Distance Fun Race on July 5th was a big success with eight boats competing. The STEP program classes are progressing with the possibility of new club memberships. The lake level on July 10th was 1339.43 feet, slightly above pool.

Approval of the June, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes Minutes of the June 12, 2008 meeting were reviewed and submitted for discussion. One correction was made in the New Business section regarding the meals for social activity support staff. The last line was corrected to read "...After a lengthy discussion, a motion to provide the sponsor and their crew a meal for no charge or work credit hours (at the option of the Social Committee Chair) was approved by a majority of one vote..." A motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report Ernie Condon reported that we have 107 regular members; there were no resignations. The membership application of David and Lisa Dodson and family was approved pending payment of all dues and fees required for regular membership. Ernie was to check on the increase in the cost of mowing the grass at the club before approval of the next payment. Ernie plans to add an itemization of "other income" to the details in the monthly report, and will continue to work on the income/cost details of each party or social function for future reference.

Committee Reports

Buildings & Grounds – Kathy Malcom is planning a "paint the picnic tables" work party for August 2nd, with notification sent to club members. She also plans a small clean-up party for Friday, July 11th, to remove flood debris from the parking lot. She is also working on getting a bid for the upgrade of the electrical wiring of the picnic shelter to prevent future damage from the flooding of the lake.

Harbor – Jerry Brady (by written report) plans a work party for July 19th to replace more dock boards. A notice is in the July newsletter. The dock lights have been replaced with fluorescent bulbs to save energy and prolong bulb life. The new safety/swim ladders will be installed in July.

Old Business

Activities Center – Plans for continued improvements will be tabled until the July Board meeting.

New Business.

Activities Center – Housekeeping. As reported earlier, we do not have a contract for a cleaner (housekeeper) on a regular basis. No one has offered to fill this role from the ad in the newsletter. Several members have been cleaning as necessary and members are asked to clean up after each use for the benefit of all members. David Reynolds offered to look into cleaning the clubhouse for the remainder of this season to establish a benchmark for time, effort, and cost needed to maintain minimum cleanliness with the support of all members. He will contact Debbie Chambers to discuss details soon.

Member Concerns Commodore John Carter presented a member concern that we may be starting a trend to schedule more activities on Sundays that might interfere with members' options for church attendance. After some discussion, it was noted that we have had club races alternate between Saturdays and Sundays for several years to accommodate both Saturday "work" and Sunday "work/church" activities. This arrangement has not presented a problem for our members, to the knowledge of this Board. Occasional Sunday activities are, and have been, scheduled to work around a holiday weekend or other activities. However, it was noted that the Board and the Social Committee have been, and are currently, sensitive to activities planned for Sundays and holidays in light of members' options for church and similar commitments.

The Commodore presented a request from Jerry Brady and family to permit their use of the picnic shelter (with restroom access) for an outing for the Andover United Methodist Church senior youth group on Sunday, July 20, 2008. Discussion was held. Ken Rix said it would not conflict with the already scheduled Snipe Regatta, since they should be finished about 1:00 PM. Motion was made and approved to allow this use.

Closing Remarks The Commodore reminded those present of the upcoming events, including the Hawaiian Luau on July 19th; the Regional Snipe Regatta on July 19-20; and the Cooper's Island Theatre on Friday, July 25th.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2008, at 7:00 PM at the office of Steve Mardis, 9415 East Harry, Suite 603, Wichita, KS.

Adjournment Having no further business, Ken Rix motioned to adjourn. John Ellison seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
David O. Reynolds – Acting 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). 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

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.

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. \$21,000. To see this boat in the water, call Patrick at 316.540.3674.

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

Catalina 25 – FellowShip, 1989 wing keel. An exceptional boat. Slip with board approval. \$12,500. Contact Frank Hopper, 316-641-6136, fhopper@cox.net



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.

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

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. OBOCall 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.

For Sale: 1975 MacGregor Venture 21. Trailer, anchor, lifejackets, mainsail, jib, storm jib, 6 hp Johnson. New running rigging. \$1700. In dry dock #227 at WVSC, El Dorado Lake. Clay Robarchek 316-799-2240.

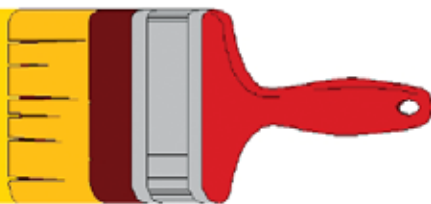
For Sale: 1989 Hobie 17. Always garaged until 1 month ago. Race-ready! Blue Hulls, grey 3-piece tramp. Harken blocks. Custom Rolco Trailer. See it in the big boat yard at NSA. \$1700. 316-688-5091

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 overall national champion. Fin keel 4' draft. Very nice, well maintained. One owner. Complete set both racing and cruising sails including spinnakers 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.

August 2nd – 9a.m.
**Members Work
Credit Party!**



The picnic shelter tables need a fresh coat of paint. If you need work credit (or even if you don't), we can use your help! Paint rollers and pans you can lend will also help.

For more information call Kathy Malcom at 733-1049



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Wanted: Energetic Nominees for Board of Governors

In the next month or so, your Board will be electing a Nominating Committee to select candidates for the Board of Governors for the 2009 membership year (November 01, 2008, through October 31, 2009). That committee will present those candidates to the 2008 Annual Meeting, scheduled for November 08, 2008, for election to a three (3) year term on the Board. Each new Board member may then be elected by the full Board to a club officer position during her/his term, possibly in the first year or later.

I encourage each of you to consider running for a Board position and serving your Club in the coming years. To be eligible for a Board position, a member must have at least 24 consecutive months

of regular membership in good standing at the time of her/his election.

I have served on the Board several times and have been Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Commodore, Commodore, and, now, Rear Commodore, plus a few committee chairs. If I can do that, think what you can do to further our goals of promoting fun and sailing at El Dorado Lake! Sure, it takes some commitment and work, but anything worth doing takes a little effort on everybody's part. And there are plenty of Past Commodores and Board members about who will step up to help you along the way. All you gotta do is ask. Sometimes, you don't even need to do that; they'll tell you where to go and how to get there!

I have enjoyed my service to WVSC and will continue to do whatever I'm asked – (and, sometimes, things I'm not asked – maybe it just needs to be done) to provide a pleasant and relaxing day, weekend, or hour at The Lake for all our members.

Please contact me if you would like to be considered for a Board position in 2009, or to talk about service to Your Club/Our Club. Confidentiality assured.

David O. Reynolds,
Rear Commodore 2008

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