THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

APRIL 2007

CALENDAR:

April 1	Renewal due date Palm Sunday April Fools' Day
April 3	Passover
April 6	Good Friday
April 8	Easter Sunday
April 12	WVSC Board Meeting 7pm
April 14	Spring Cleaning 9am Harbor Committee Work Party 9am
April 16	Income Tax due
April 21	Club Regatta
May 6	Club Regatta
May 12	Racers' training day 10am

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From the Bow Pulpit

s I write this column (afternoon of March 20), we are receiving some much-needed rain, about 0.9 inches so far today near Benton. And they say more is coming this week. Since our lake level is down to 5.94 feet below pool, we can use all we can get. We have a work party planned this week to repair the damaged sewer pipes so we can be ready to turn the water on when the Parks Department opens the water lines, probably in mid-April.

Speaking of work parties, I hear there are others planned during April to start getting our Club in shipshape for the coming season. Look for notices in this issue of the Windword. Show up and sign up for work credits on next year's dues and enjoy a day at the lake with your fellow members. I hope to see many of you there.

As you have probably heard by now, we had an incident of vandalism at our Club as reported to the Board at our meeting on March 08. The vandalism occurred between Monday evening and Thursday morning that week. All damage was confined to the East end of B Dock and to only four (4) boats, as far as I have been notified at this writing. One boat was released from its moorings and set adrift, ending up at the Activities Center walkway. Three others were damaged by cutting lines, covers, and unfurling sails. One was entered (broken into) but I have not heard of any major items stolen. It appears to be just plain, wanton vandalism – "the sap is rising...in the springtime..." or, in this case, the 'saps' rose on our docks! John Carter and Gene Plehal discovered this on Thursday afternoon, March 08, and reported it to the Sheriff's Department who, in turn, referred them to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks office. An official report was filed and an investigation was initiated. I talked with the investigating officer, Seth Turner, on Friday, and offered our full cooperation in his investigation. We have not had such an incident in many years and hope that our continued vigilance and increasing activity at the Club will preclude anything further. If you have any information or need to report a loss, please contact Officer Turner at 316-321-7180 or me. I will make follow-up contacts regularly in hopes that the authorities can apprehend those who did us harm.

On another note, the Board received a message from Rick Brandorff (member since 1995), through our Windword editor, Nikki Rincker, about the whereabouts of some Nautical Quarterly magazines he brought to a Board meeting some years ago – probably late 1990's based on what he told me. The Board meeting was at Action Sailcraft (Ed and Lois Webb's shop in Andover). The several issues were offered for review by the Board as a start for a Club library; Rick has a whole set of the bound magazines that are no longer in print. Somehow, the proffered issues were not returned to Rick after the Board reviewed them, and he wants them back to complete his set. The current Board has no knowledge of this offer. If you were a Board member or Officer "back in the late Nineties" and can help us locate the missing magazines, please call Rick or me so we can get them back home. Your cooperation will be most appreciated by Rick and your present Board.

I received notice from Clark Chambers, former Commodore and our "Project Manager" for the Clubhouse Flotation, that he has requested a firm date to start the work on putting additional flotation under the Activities Center to raise the floor level to match our dock level when we have large crowds in the Center. This project was approved at our 2006 Annual Meeting and we have The Harbor Committee will sponsor its first work party of the year on Saturday, April 14th. The water level is low and that provides a great opportunity to clean out the debris from under the dinghy dock. This is a chance to earn Work Credits, so bring your gloves and hand saws as we move rubble to the dumpster.

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For more information call: **Greg Rincker at 832.0477** April 14th from 9am until Noon



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been pushing the contractors to complete their bids and get us on their work schedules. Hopefully, we can get this completed in the next few months prior to the start of our social season. Clark has been diligent in his efforts to complete this and other projects for your Board. Please give Clark a "Club Salute" and Thank You for his efforts when you see him this season. He, and others like him, are what make our Club what it is – an enjoyable time at a great facility with great people. Be a volunteer – join a work party or standing committee and help us keep our facilities in good shape for the future.

And don't forget to pray for rain for our lake and the farmers' fields and ponds. It won't hurt your lawn and flowers either!

See you at the lake





New Members:

Earl & Caren McIntyre Andy & Beth Rizza Howard Hancock & Sue Johnson

> Affiliate Member: Robert B. Peugh

Spring Cleaning!!!

All Hands on Deck!

It is Club House Cleaning Time!

Saturday, April 14 9:00 A.M.

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 for questions, 775-3163.

2007 SUMMER ADULT SAILING PROGRAM

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

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 nonmembers. (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

2007 WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB/STEP SAILING APPLICATION

Last Name		First Name		I am a member non-member of Walnut Valley Sailing Club
Street Address				
City			Zip	I wish to enroll in theYouth Program 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 c/o Gary Pierce, 1431 South 127th Street East, Wichita,
Date	Signature			Kansas 67207



Board Meeting Minutes

WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Minutes Subject to Correction THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 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, Kansas. Board members present were David Reynolds, Jerry Brady, John Carter, Kathy Malcom, Steve Mardis and Ken Rix. Absent: DeAun Warfield, Pat Boyarski, and John McCabe. Visitors present: Don Chism and Clark Chambers.

Approval of February Minutes: Minutes of the February 8, 2007, meeting were reviewed and submitted for discussion. After discussion, Ken Rix made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by John Carter. Motion carried.

February Treasurer's Report:

Kathy Malcom reported the cash balance on February 28, 2007, was \$51,722. Payments for slip renewals have been coming in. We currently have 110 paid members and 4 unpaid members. Resignations include Terry Cox, Carl & Lori Harris, Joe & Kathleen Hlavacek. New members received include Earl & Caren McIntyre, Andy & Beth Rizza, and Howard Hancock & Sue Johnson. Steve Mardis moved to approve the Treasurer's report and approval of new members, and Ken Rix seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Report of Finance Committee:

Don Chism, Finance Committee Chair, discussed five year forecasting, the five-year slip program's history, borrowing capabilities, and past association with the Long Range Plan and future projects. Don also discussed the club's insurance, up for annual renewal in spring (April 2007). A committee was formed to review insurance. Mac Carter has agreed to assist again with this next year. They are still waiting on quotes; we can expect increases. Also discussed was covering the club boats for liability only. Due to the renewal due date of April 1, Don requested approval for the committee to procure 2007 insurance for up to a maximum of 10% over last year's cost. John Carter moved to approve the request and Jerry Brady seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

1. Status of flotation for Activities Center – Clark Chambers reported. Board gave Clark go ahead for Clark to ask contractor for start date for this project that was approved at annual meeting.

2. Status of Activities Center air-conditioning – Clark Chambers reported on the bids obtained, recommendations of the different

contractors. He also reported on a quote received on proposal to extend decking west of the clubhouse to the south end and wrap around east. Both the HVAC and decking are recommendations from the LRP committee for possible future implementation.

3. David Reynolds reported on current lake level (5.83 feet below pool) and status of docks.

4. Committee chair assignments - all chair assignments now filled. Committee boat repairs discussed.

5. 2007 Membership Handbooks to be completed by Membership and distributed at an early social function.

6. Club Activities calendar status discussed for publication in Handbook and on website.

New Business:

A request was received from former long-term member and commodore Bob Peugh to reinstate as an Affiliate Member; status discussed. John Carter made a motion to accept this membership, seconded by Jerry Brady. Motion passed.

Member Concerns:

1. John Carter reported that he and Gene Plehal had visited the club today and discovered vandalism in the slips. John's boat had been set adrift, and four boats in total were vandalized, all located at the East end of B-dock. Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks was notified and a formal report filed. All boat owners have been/will be notified.

2. A message was received from member Rick Brandorff regarding a collection of Nautical Quarterly sailing journals he had offered to the Board some years ago to review for possible donation to the club. He had never received them back after the Board passed on the donation. As such, he is requesting they be returned. The current Board is not aware of the location of the journals.

Closing Remarks:

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 1900 hours at the office of Steve Mardis, 9415 E. Harry, Suite 603, Wichita, KS.

Adjournment: there being no further business, Ken Rix motioned to adjourn and Jerry Brady seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2130 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Malcolm, Temporary Secretary

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		I am a member non-member of Wa Valley Sailing Club	alnut
Street Address					
				I wish to enroll in the Youth Program	
City			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 \$2 with this application. Mail to: WVSC Sailing Prog	ıram
Date	Signature			c/o Gary Pierce, 1431 South 127th Street East, Wi Kansas 67207	ichita,

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 outside. Bimini and other added canvas items. \$31,000. For more information brucedavid@cox.net or 316-204-8383.

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J/24's For Sale. Many great J/24's areavailable 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 onedesignracers. J/24 "The ultimate One-Design"

Cal 9.2 (30ft). FOR SALE BY OWNER: 1982. Looking for a nice big boat with aslip 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 icebox and suitcase A/C. CD player. Custom road trailer. Slip transfers with Board approval. Price reduced to \$27,500. To see this boat in the water, call Patrick at 540.3674

S/2 7.3 - 1984 24' cruiser. OMC Saildrive. Main, 100%, 150%, and storm jib. Tandem trailer. Slip transfers with BOG approval. \$5,000. Call 316-540-3674.

San Juan 21 Mark 2 1978. All sails, main, working jib, genoa, spinnaker with all spinnaker gear. Was raced in 1999 North Americans. Electrical panel for stereo, cabin lights, anchor light, running lights, depth meter, knot/trip meter. Vents, bottom paint, bow pulpit, Fleet Captain trailer with spare tire. 2 rudders, one is kick-up. Midboom sheeting, split back stay. Well maintained, \$2,500. See at the lake in Lot #662. Contact Patrick (316) 540-3674 or Francis Toews (316) 253-1903, fmtoews@swbell.net

Merit 25 – 1983. This sailboat waspreviously owned by Frank Hopper (listedthis way with his permission). It has manynice features such as Epoxy barrier coatwith Interlux CSC Micron bottom paint (2004), 90% Sittle, 110% Horizon, 130% Ulmer-Kolius furling sail with Aaro-luff, 155% Ulmer-Kolius mylar genoa, Ulmer-Kolius full batten main, Extra Horizon main, Tri-Radial Ulmer-Koliusspinnaker (.75 oz) with Chute scoop, Harken roller/furler, Johnson Sailmaster 9.9 motor, signet digital depth meter, Plastimo tactical compass, Windex spar fly, Board-ing ladder, Spinlock line clutches, Kenyon mast and boom. Dual axle custom-built trailer with extension tongue (allows trailer to be about 15' further inwater than with regular tongue) and surge brakes. It is located in Hoisington, KS which is 10 miles north of Great Bend. Please contact Greg atgmlowe@yahoo.com or call me at 620-564-3515 from 8-5pm M-F or at 620-708-4102 in evenings (please leave a message if I'm not home). Price set at \$7000.



Too Many Water Toys, Now for sale by owner: 2000 Windrider 16 with Rudder extensions, bilge pump, spray diverter and factory-fitted, galvanized trailer blue color. \$2000.00. Melges M16 scow, and trailernice older race boat. Fun upgrade from a Sunfish or laser. \$1100.00. International 470 on trailer. This boat is project and still needs paint and a rudder. \$1100.00 16 foot fiber glass lake tandem kayak yellow top white bottom \$325.00. Good for kids. 8 foot Kiwi River Kayak yellow, red skirt and paddle. Used 4 times, like new \$375.00. Bad for little Kids. For more details on these please call

620.793.6666 or e-mail me at dale.kennedy@aquila.com. Looking for Soling or E-22. These are located at Great Bend, Ks

Three boats for sale by NSA!! NSA will be selling three boats to the highest bidder on Ebay in March. For sale will be a '79 Ericsson 29, a '79 Spirit 6.5 and a Butterfly. All boats have trailers. The Ericsson was submerged at the dock a couple of years ago, and would be a great project boat. The others appear to be in sailable condition. The listings will begin approximately March 5th, and run for 10 days. They are currently located in the South storage yard. Any questions call Alan Huffman 316-706-8042.

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

Starfish -1978. Red Regular with trailer.Best Offer. Bobbie Keltner. 316-722-5621

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

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.

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 CDchanger 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.

Racing Roundup

We have just had our first good rainfall of the season and the weather forecast calls for two more chances of rain through the end of the week. Perhaps this is the long-awaited start of water levels at the lake rising back toward normal, and it raises anticipation for the start of the racing season that is almost upon us. I certainly hope that you are starting to think about getting yourself, your crew and your boat ready to hit the water and take part in the fun and camaraderie of sailboat racing. The first race of the season, on Saturday, April 21st, is only a few weeks away! As with all Club regattas, the day will start with a Competitors Meeting at 10 AM, followed by 1 race before lunch, 2 races in the afternoon, and then dinner and announcement of race results.

Spending a day at the lake before the first race day is a good way to carefully look over and check your boat. Are sails, sheets, lines and shrouds all in good order and properly adjusted, rigged or tensioned? Is all of your safety gear accounted for and in good condition? How about the motor; does the spark plug need to be cleaned and gapped, the carburetor bowl drained and some fresh gas put into the tank? All the better if you can get the boat in the water and take it for a test sail; it's a great way to clear the cobwebs, not just from the boat, but from your winterized mind, as well. The bottom line is that a little preparation goes a long way toward making your first race day a successful and enjoyable one.



The Racing Instructions for the 2007 season have been finalized by the racing committee and are available on the club's website in the Racing section. A copy of the instructions will also be posted on the bulletin board in the activity center throughout the season and copies will be available at the first regatta. If you have any questions about the racing instructions, please call Ken Rix at 684-6086.

For any new or rusty racers out there, I want to remind you of the planned training day at the lake, happening on Saturday, May 12, starting at 10AM. There will be several experienced racers available to hold a group training session, or accompany you out on the water in your boat to help you with set-up, rigging, or practicing racing basics. The day will be tailored to what you want to cover. Please take advantage of this great opportunity. If weather prevents us from going out on the lake, the alternate training day is Saturday, May 26th.

Pat Boyarski for the Racing Committee

Racing Calendar For April and May

April 21	Saturday	Club Regatta
May 6	Sunday	Club Regatta
May 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





Friday, April 20 at 8:00 p.m.