

# THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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SEPTEMBER 2012

## CALENDAR:

September 1	Women's Regatta
September 2	Race Day
September 3	Long Distance Race
September 3	Labor Day
September 9	Race Day
September 15	Chili Cook-off
September 16	Race Day
September 22	Autumn Begins
September 23	Race Day
September 30	Race Day
October 7	Race Day
October 13	Soups and Salads
October 13	Board of Governors Meeting
October 14	Race Day
October 21	Race Day

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## From the Commodore

### Ahoy WVSC Sailors,

Those who attended know we had a GREAT shrimp boil party. The heat wave broke and the weather was perfect. We had over 110 attendees, the largest attendance this year. A special thanks goes out to Bill Clark, Geri McFadden, and their team who boiled over 100 pounds of shrimp, potatoes, corn and green beans, and made fruit appetizers and awesome "mud pie" and key lime pie for dessert. I don't think I've had mud pie before. It was really good and deserves a better name.

Most of you know we have many new members from NSA at Cheney. This is a result of the Cheney water level which is already over 5 feet low as compared to about 2.5 feet at El Dorado Lake. These sailors are full members of WVSC. Although most will likely return to Cheney when/if the water comes back, some have stated they like our facility and deeper water and will stay. Let's welcome all these new WVSC members and try to encourage them all to stay.

Aside from being great new friends, many of our new members are very avid racers and they have brought with them the NSA tradition of Wednesday night racing. As of this writing, we have had three Wednesday night races averaging more than 20 sailors and 7 boats. **The last Wednesday race of this season is August 29th. Skipper's meeting is at 6:00 PM with start at 7:00. All racing after that will shift to Sunday afternoon.**

If you were at the clubhouse between 22 and 26 August, you probably noticed that we posted a notice not to drink the water. I want to thank Dave Reynolds who doggedly worked with the city of El Dorado water department and two rural water districts that sent inspectors out to test the water. He says he has learned more than he ever wanted to know about water treatment and safety. Our water was tested several times. The findings show that the chlorine level was not high enough to meet acceptable standards, but probably not unsafe. However we mutually agreed that WVSC would recommend not drinking the water until the situation was resolved. Our club is near the end of a long supply line running up the west side of the lake and ending at the public ramp to the east of our facility. The water district believes that low water usage at the end of the line combined with high temperature and high ground temperature has resulted in chlorine being leached out of the water in the line. On August 24, the water district installed a flush valve at the end of the line by the public ramp. This valve will periodically flush the water in the line and that should keep the chlorine level where it should be. The water tested safe and we were cleared to drink it. We will continue to test our water periodically.

We do not yet have an official date, but the probable date for the park to shut off water is 15 October. Our water will be shut off at that time. After that date, those pulling boats will need to use the sump pump and pressure wash with lake water.

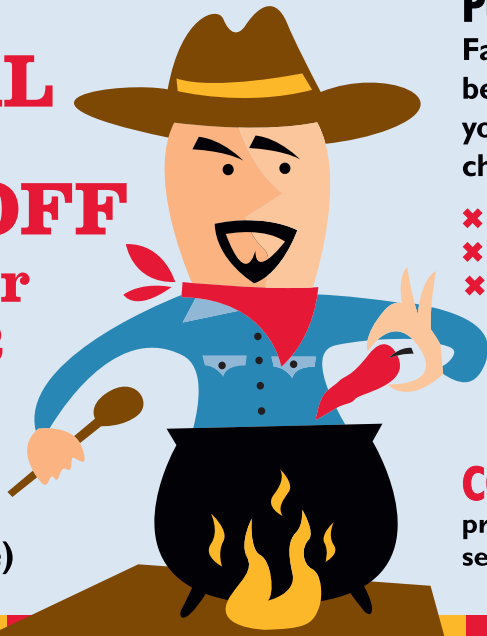
May there be fair skies, excellent wind, kind spirits, and superior sailing ahead.

– Dave Bonifield

# WVSC ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

September  
15<sup>th</sup> • 2012

**SOCIAL:** 6:00 pm  
**DINNER:** 7:00 pm  
**COST:** \$6.00/person  
(8 and younger, free)



**Pull out your recipe and crock-pot!**  
Fall will be right around the corner, so what better than some chili. Join the fun by entering your recipe in the contest and/or by tasting the chilis and voting for your favorite!

- ✘ All members of WVSC are eligible to enter
- ✘ Please arrive by 6:30 to set up your chili
- ✘ Voting will be by those in attendance by 8:00

Please submit your intention to enter the cook-off no later than Wednesday, September 12th to:  
Kathy Malcom, 733-1049 OR [rdmalcom@att.net](mailto:rdmalcom@att.net)  
OR [kmalcom@phsystems.com](mailto:kmalcom@phsystems.com)

**COOKS!** Typical condiments for chili will be provided. Bring your own extension cord and serving spoon, if possible.

## Women's Regatta

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 1**

Women captain and the men are allowed only as crew.

Skipper's meeting at 2:30 PM.  
Race starts at 3:30 PM.

Hosted by Ardie Condon:  
733-8920 or [ardiec27@gmail.com](mailto:ardiec27@gmail.com)



The Walnut Valley Sailing Club Activities Center Folks are pleased to announce that Jenny and Danny White (JC & B Cleaning Service) have contracted to clean our clubhouse. They will be coming in on Thursday evenings to clean bathrooms, sweep/damp mop floors and empty trash. Please help Jenny and Danny keep our clubhouse in bristol condition.

**AND...** If you are one of the last to leave on Sunday night, please empty the kitchen trash cans on your way out. OR, if you see the trash needs emptying on any other occasion, be it Sunday morning, Tuesday afternoon or Ground Hog Day...go for it. We appreciate the help.

And finally, special thanks go to club members Andrea and TJ for getting us this far along in the season. We're happy for you both (not to be sweeping floors any more.)

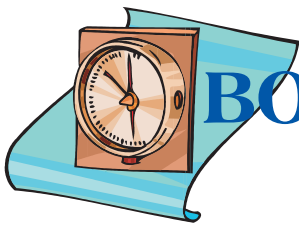
See you all out on the water and in our sparkling clean club house.

Thanks,  
Tedd Blankenship & Co.



## WVSC 2012 SOCIAL CALENDAR

Date	Event	Coordinated By
9/15	Chili Cook-Off	Kathy Malcolm
10/13	Soups and Salads	Coordinator Needed
11/3	Annual Meeting	Gwynne Bonifield & Tami Fonger
12/8	Christmas Cocktail Party	Gwynne Bonifield & Tami Fonger



# WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB BOARD of GOVERNORS MEETING

AUGUST 9, 2012 • Action Marine – Andover, KS

*Minutes Subject to Correction*

## Attendees

**Board:** David Bonifield-Commodore, Paul Schye-Treasurer, Gary Mackey-Secretary, Ernie Condon-Vice Commodore, Doug Johnson, Tedd Blankenship, Ed Webb, and Gary Pierce. **Members:** Mathew Nicks

- Call to Order at 6:58 p.m. by Commodore Bonifield.
- Quorum is present.
- Commodore thanks the Board for the Club business done by email between meetings.
- July Meeting Minutes approved as written.

## Treasurer's Report:

- Paul Schye presented the Treasurer's Report.
- The Treasurer's report was accepted.

## Commodore notes the following business was conducted by email since the July BOG:

- Update on NSA low water support & memberships by email vote
- Motion 7/25/2012: WVSC will allow NSA members in good standing to join WVSC with applicable fees and WVSC will support starting a Wednesday evening racing program. The WVSC BOG will need to approve each membership by name. This can be accomplished by email vote. Motion carried.
- Motion 7/25/2012: WVSC will reschedule the August 25 club race to Sunday August 26 and agree to provide our facility as a backup location for the NSA CSSA Championship Jr. Regatta to be held on August 25. Motion carried.
- Motion 7/25/2012: Approve membership application for Schoen and Nancy Fitzgerald. Motion carried.
- Motion 7/30/2012: Approve membership application for Chris Collins and JudiKay Boehringer. Motion carried
- Motion 7/30/2012: Approve membership application for David Barker and Anthony Zielienski. Motion carried.
- Motion 8/01/2012: Approve membership application for James & Lani Smith. Motion carried.
- Motion 8/06/2012: Approve membership application for Tom and Jody Olsen. Motion carried.
- The Walnut Valley Sailing Club welcomes Schoen and Nancy Fitzgerald, Chris Collins and JudiKay Boehringer, David Barker and Anthony Zielienski, James & Lani Smith, Tom and Jody Olsen.

## New Business:

- A new member application was received from Glenn Bindley and Carolyn Winn. Motion made to approve the new membership application. Motion carried.

-A new member application was received from Mark and Nancy Reeves. Motion made to approve the new membership application. Motion carried.

-A new member application was received from Gary and Rhonda Shepard. Motion made to approve the new membership application. Motion carried.

-A new member application was received from Marino Garci. Motion made to approve the new membership application. Motion carried.

-The Walnut Valley Sailing Club welcomes Glenn Bindley and Carolyn Winn, Mark and Nancy Reeves, Gary and Rhonda Shepard, and Marino Garci.

-Awards: The Commodore suggests that the Club have awards this year.

-Motion to allow the installation of dock steps on east finger of slip B39. Motion carried.

## Committee Reports:

**Finance Committee:** No report.

**Racing Committee:** No report.

**Power Boat Committee:**

-Gary Mackey reports that the Power Boat is in the repair shop due to the engine not running properly. The shop has not been able to determine the cause of the problem after troubleshooting and replacing several parts. The Board decided to pick up the boat, pay the bill, and reevaluate the boat situation.

**Building and Grounds Committee:** No report.

**Security Committee:** No report.

**Calling Committee:** No report.

**Long Range Planning Committee:**

-Ernie Condon reports that the Long Range Planning Committee met on 30th July and reviewed the cash on hand at year's end for the past several years. The next meeting will be on 14th August.

**Membership Committee:**

-Web status: New web page is live with membership roster information. More work will be needed to complete the website.

**Harbor Committee:**

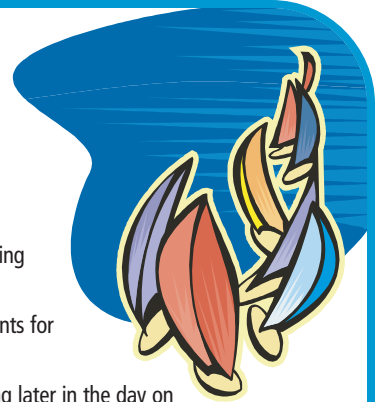
-Doug Johnson reports the Harbor Committee will have a work party in September.

**Social Committee:**

-The August social on the 18th will be the Shrimp Boil. The Social Committee will begin using work credits for the Socials.

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# WVSC Racing for 2012



## To all of the WVSC members:

A contingence of the WVSC racing community met in early Febuary and agreed upon the 2012 racing program and schedule. That being said we agreed upon a few changes in an effort to simplify the racing schedule. The biggest change will be in a new handicapping system. The objective of the handicapping system is to level the playing field (race course) for all sailors. The scoring and handicap system is as follows:

## No changes to the following:

1. Portsmouth handicap with wind speed factors
2. 5-minute start sequence
3. Separate starts for keelboat & centerboard fleets.
4. No courses set through hazard areas
5. 3-boat minimum to make a race

## Changes to the following:

These rules are intended to make the Club Championship a meaningful achievement.

1. **Scoring:** Club Championship using race scoring "Percentages of Boats Beaten" per U.S. Sailing and as used 1995-2005 years. This system automatically encourages participation (no participation bonus needed) and encourages participation out side your comfort zone.

Score is the result of:

**Boats Beaten / All Boats Faced = Result as a Percent**

2. **Scoring/ Participation:** Club Championship - Keel & Centerboard
  - a. Minimum Participation 35% of all races.
  - b. Throw-outs – 1 race in 7.
  - c. Minimum Races to declare Championship is 8.

## Handicap System

Many sports handicap participants – examples are horse racing with weight, and golf and bowling handicap scores. The reason is to keep the outcome of a contest in doubt when some participants are winning regularly. We agreed upon the following to spice up and enliven our racing and hope that more boats will participate and win some races.

## Handicap Program

- a. All boats start even in race one.
- b. Portsmouth time is adjusted with time addition as follows:
  1. + 20 seconds for each first place finish
  2. + 10 seconds for each second place finish.

After a few races this will bring the fastest boats back into the pack. When other boats start winning, they will acquire time which will equalize boats and make our racing more interesting for everyone. It should also encourage participation. The accumulated handicap time for each boat will stay with that boat through out the 2012 season.

This concept is easy to administer and score and can be used to determine a Club Championship or would effectively identify a "most improved" boat.

For each race we will show the Portsmouth handicap finish and the New WVSC handicap scoring for the 2012 racing season.

## The objective of this schedule is to:

- Avoid the rarely used, blustery Spring days in early April.
- Equalize Saturday and Sunday events for those with a preference.
- Increase participation by scheduling later in the day on Saturday to utilize Social functions and after race Saturday dinners.
- Increase participation with later Saturday start time giving more of Saturday for other activities before coming to the lake.
- Utilize the longer days in mid Summer for later Saturday races and evening parties/dinners.
- Simplify the schedule for easy remembering.

## Long Distance Races:

- 1 Per month max at R/C option
- Any regular race with wind from  $190^{\circ} \pm 15^{\circ}$
- Down to "Dam" and back with optional reaching mark
- 2 hour minimum – 3 hour max (2–2.5 objective)

## The Schedule:

All 13 Saturday races begin at 3:30 / All 12 Sunday races begin at 2:00

### Sunday (4 race days in April and May)

- April 29
- May 6, 20, 27

### Saturday (13 race days in June, July, August)

- June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- July 7, 14, 21, 28
- August 4, 11, 18, 25

### Sunday (8 race days in September, October)

- September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- October 7, 14, 21

## Race Committee:

There will be a race committee seminar held on our first race day April 29 put on by Bob & Peggy Fugit starting at 12:00PM and culminating in putting on our first races of the season (hopefully).

Participating in RC can be a very interesting experience, so if you have no desire to race, but you don't mind getting out on the water and watching boats complete the course that you laid out then come on out. We're always looking for an extra hand on the RC boat even if you've not gone through the RC training.

## In Summary:

We hope that these minor changes will encourage you to come out on one of our race days and give racing a try. Our primary goal is to encourage participation in what we as sailors/racers feel is a great sport. It is absolutely the best way to improve your sailing skills and gives you an objective when you get on the water. So think about coming out and give racing a try, it's not a difficult sport and...

## it really is fun!

If there are any questions at all please contact either Steve Kubin (733-1295) or Randy Malcom (733-1049 / rdmalcom@att.net) race chair and co-chair for 2012.

*Thanks, Steve and Randy*

**Cal 27** 1976 Built really solid with lots of teak, Sails great and outperforms its Portsmouth numbers, Updated interior with new cushions, added electrical Panel, stereo, VHF radio, extra sails, whisker pole, Honda 9.9HP Outdb, Bimini, Custom trailer. \$10,000. Call James at 636-9664.

**1972 Catalina 22 Sailboat** with trailer, swing keel, furling jib (new jib), lazy jack, solar panels, digital VHF and stereo. \$3,500. Call Norm Hipp 316-204-1737.

**Catalina 25** 1981 Swing keel, trailer, slip with board approval. VHF radio, radio/CD player, microwave, air conditioner, head with holding tank. Good main, rollerfurling North genoa, spinnaker with ATK sock, new Lewmar self-tailing winches. Bimini top, new cockpit and cabin cushions, 9.9 outboard, and more. \$9500. Call Tony Scuka at 316-942-1990

**Hunter 260** 2000 includes trailer, water ballast with centerboard and pop-up rudder, 20 inch draft with centerboard and rudder up, enclosed head with holding tank, large bimini, popular wheel steering, 9.8 Nissan outboard with electric start, teak stern rail seats, VHF radio, Wheel autopilot, more info and photos at yachtworld.com \$19,900 OBO. Eric Price 316.260.5929

**Gloucester 23** 1983 Excellent shape - sleeps 4, New interior 2010, 2011 Tahatsu 9.9, 4 cycle w/ 5 hrs, Anchor, running & cabin lights, Solid tandem trailer good rubber. New in 2011 - bottom paint, rigging revamped, new tiller w/tamer. Many extras. Always stored inside. Looks new! Sailed on Wilson - \$8,500. Call Buck 316-734-4808

**Headsails for Catalina 25** (Standard Rig). OEM Jib, brass hanks, good condition \$100, OEM Genoa (150%), brass hanks, good condition \$140, Ullman Sails 110% Jib, excellent condition \$160. Purchase all three for 350. Call Paul Wooley at 316 213 5161

**Melges Super Scow 16 w/trailer** 1995 Ready to sail. The SS16 is basically a Melges M-16 Scow, but with the deck layout and open transom design of a Melges 24. It has more sail-area than an M-16 and a Asym. Spinnaker with retractable bow-sprit and spin launcher. This is a little hotrod, and it is a blast to sail. It is stable and can be single handed easily. It would even make a great day-sailor. Good main and spinnaker. The Mylar roller-furling jib is usable, but should probably be replaced soon. All the running and standing rigging is in good shape. Harken blocks throughout, including new auto-ratcheting jib sheet blocks. New tiller extension. It has been covered or garaged most of the time and includes the full cover. Super price: \$1,995. 316-264-4357. Email @ pwood@communitiesofheaven.org

**Catalina 22** 1987 \$4500 Swing keel model, includes main, jib and genoa. Keel hardware renewed 2010. Includes a 6hp Suzuki outboard and a Shoreline trailer. Interior and cushions in good condition, includes life jackets and everything needed. Will transfer slip with Board\_s approval. John Gaunt @ 316 721-9283 or jrgk136@hotmail.com

**Hunter 28.5** 1988 Tabasco \$22,000 w/o trailer. Must see web listing for this beautiful boat. Contact: Rod Coker (316) 992-4343 for more information. www.sailboatlistings.com/view/25937



**Sunfish** Includes trailer, sail, mainsheet, halyard, daggerboard, and tiller. Canoe - Coleman Ram X17. 3 person 850 pound capacity. Good condition. Includes 2 oars and 2 life jackets. Email Irene Barkman at ibarkman@cox.net or call 620-727-3460. See CraigsList Wichita for photos.

**Catalina 30** 1981 STD Rig, fin keel. Atomic 4 gas inboard. New FX Main Sail, 3 battens, 2 reef points, loose foot. New Main halyard (not yet installed) Hood Seafurl Furler on genoa. New Minkota two Battery Charger (210d) New Stern Perch seats. New House Batteries. New Stereo. New cockpit speakers. New JL audio Marine sub. New 40 Watt amplifier for audio system. New Jabsco Marine head. New low voltage lighting under coping in interior. All interior cushions very clean and comfortable, in great condition. Cockpit cushions (in great condition.) 2 Lewmar 2-speed, self-tailing winches for Genoa. Swim Ladder. Whisker pole. Shore power cable. Bottom paint 1.5 years. \$10,500 firm. Contact Paul - 316-617-3733

**Cape Dory 19'** Typhoon weekender. Liebchen. New bottom paint and teak refinishing spring '11. Main and jib and 150 genoa (Nuclear dacron - almost new.) Windex, Danforth anchor, porta pottie, British seagull engine. Galvanized Dilly trailer with new lights. Asking \$6000 OBO. Call Tom at 316-260-6820 or cell 316-259-7656. Also have 3 hp. to sell with or separate.

**Honda 9.9 hp 4-stroke Outboard Motor** Manual start, 4 blade aluminum prop., Alternator, 20 in. shaft. Like new - less than 12 hours running time. \$1,500. Call John Mosley 316-683-2470

**BARTER:** I'm interested in trading my excellent condition 8' Brunswick pool table (w/all accessories) for an excellent condition 2-person (or more) center-board sailboat. Will send pictures upon request. Kevin Findley: phone 316.204.8323 or email kfindley64@sbcglobal.net

**Catalina 30** 1979 Deep Fin with Bowsprit. Diesel, Wheel. Harken Roller Furling. Storage trailer. \$21,500. Slip transfer with board approval. 316-706-8201

**Catalina 22** 1986 \$4,900. Swing keel, main and 135% jib in great condition. New topcoat and lifelines in 2010. New 5Hp outboard in 2009. Includes trailer, life jackets, whisker pole and depth gage. Slip transfer with board approval. artindamone@gmail.com or 316-204-7785

**Cal 9.2 (30ft)** 1982 \$17,000. A nice big boat with trailer? New mainsail, 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

**J 24 with trailer** at Cheney, large sail inventory of crisp and average sails \$3500.00 Stan 316-737-2753

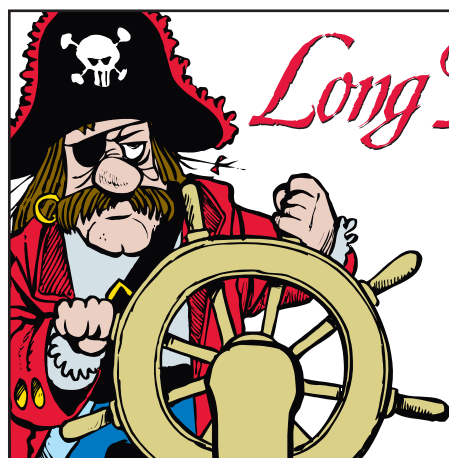
**SNIPE** Fiberglass Balsa core, alum. mast and boom, sails maroon hull lear natural mahogany deck. \$1500.00 CONTACT Dick @ 316-685-8611

**Wanted:** a 9.9 or 8 hp Outboard Motor long shaft. Call Tim Peppard at 316-838-8214

**Old Laser** good parts for sale. Hobie 14 boat or parts for sale. Trailers call Dan @ 687-2471 dacridge23@yahoo.com

**Phoenix Snipe 16'** 1982 boat #25196, completely renovated, & race competitive. Minimum weight, flexible mast & can be capsized, re-righted & continue sailing. Includes 2 suits of sails, large face compass, & pole launcher, & all sail controls. The trailer alone is worth the \$1,500. price. Ken Rix, 316-684-6086, sail4it@att.net

**Irwin 25** 1974 25' with an 8' beam. Mainsail, heavy duty hinged mast step, cabin will sleep 6. Foresail is on a roller furling with lines to cockpit. Table, sink, closet storage, head and tandem trailer. Sailboat and trailer together are \$3500. For more information contact Gil Nye at gnye2@cox.net 316-788-3454



# Long Distance Race

Monday, September 3rd

0900 Skippers Meeting  
10 AM Race Start

Pirate attire is welcome  
White elephant gift exchange  
Info: Dave Leiker 640-4052



P.O. Box 20076  
Wichita, KS 67208-1076

*Board of Governors Meeting, continued from page 3*

**Sailing Activities Committee:** No report.

**STEP Committee:**

-Motion to accept the STEP by-laws changes discussed at the last meeting. Motion carried. Total STEP student count for 2012 was 29 youth and 20 adults.

**Activity Center Committee:**

- Tedd Blankenship reports that we have a new Activity Center cleaning company.

**Dry Storage Committee:**

-The Dry Storage area weeds have been sprayed. The Committee will get an estimate on repairing the dingy dock washout problem.

-Mast Raising Hoist: Ernie Condon suggests we rate the hoist and put an inspection program in place. Doug Johnson will investigate.

**Government Relations Committee:** No report.

**September Meeting Notice:**

September 13, 2012 7:00 p.m. Location: Action Marine - Andover, Kansas

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

**PLEASE PUT DECEMBER 8th ON YOUR CALENDAR TODAY**  
**Our venue for our Christmas party has changed.**

# Christmas Social

## Walnut Valley Sailing Club

**When:** Saturday, December 8, 2012

**Where:** Candle Club, Prairie Village Shopping Center,  
6135 East 13th Street North

Complimentary wine and cash bar available.

**Time:** 7:00 PM Social

**Dinner Time:** 7:45-8:00 PM

**Cost:** \$30, includes tax and gratuity

**Dance:** 8:30 PM

**Band:** The Benders

*Details to follow*