

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

AUGUST 2009

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CALENDAR:

- August 1** ReggaeFest Bricktown Races
- August 9** Races
- August 13** WVSC Board Meeting
- August 15** Races
- August 23** Races
- August 29** Fish Fry Races

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From the Bow Pulpit – Again

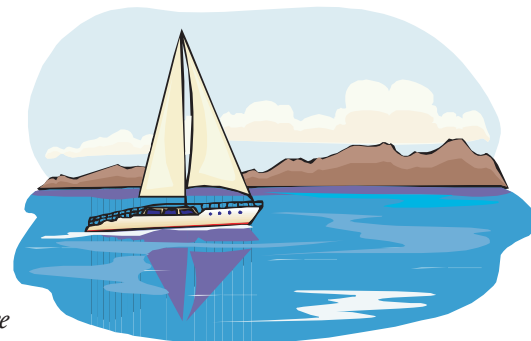
In our July Windword, Fred Harvey wrote an article entitled “Ambassadors of Good Will”, giving his impressions of, and experience at, WVSC some years ago and very recently. I was pleased that he wrote the article, but disturbed that it contained the reality of what some of our visitors/guests have experienced, and do experience, to this day. This, unfortunately, is not the first time I have heard a similar story. Fred pointed out that our “first impression” may be our “only impression” when a visitor comes to our Club to look around and seek information about our activities. Generally, our greeting to a visitor should be something on the order of “Welcome to Walnut Valley Sailing Club. How can we help you?” I will admit there are times when a visitor should be challenged upon entrance, but only in certain circumstances. And it can be done without making a bad impression on the visitor. Let’s all remember to follow Fred’s advice and be Ambassadors for WVSC and encourage visitors and inquirers to see our facilities in a positive light, both at the lake and elsewhere. Our future is in our membership and its participation in our sailing and social activities.

I also had the opportunity to visit with the guy who cleans our Activities Center every week. That’s an interesting job – cleaning toilets and sinks, mopping the floor, and emptying trash. We have made a fairly good impression on him, so he reports. He was amazed at how relatively clean we keep the building – even the bathrooms are in pretty decent shape when he arrives – with the volume of activity we seem to experience during the week, and, of course, the weekends. And he was impressed with the way we try to re-cycle cans, bottles and plastic. He says he hauls a nice load to the El Dorado Re-Cycle Center every week. There are a few food scraps left on the floor or tables from time to time, but usually the bigger spills are cleaned up. One thing he did mention was that he finds trash – paper and other stuff – in the aluminum can recycle bin in the Club House, and bags of mixed trash, with recycle items, in the bins at the picnic shelter. They are easily separated, but usually messy, and it takes extra time for him to sort out the trash from the recycle items. All in all, we seem to be doing a good job of keeping our Activities Center clean and ready for our members to enjoy. If you think of anything we can do to improve our care and cleaning of the building, please let me know and I will pass it on.

Your Board and Committee Chairs continue to work on maintaining and improving our facilities for the enjoyment of our membership. We are facing some serious long-term maintenance issues that need to be addressed as we move along and our buildings, fences, docks, and equipment age. We hope we can count on your support to volunteer when needed to maintain and improve our Club.

We look forward to seeing you at the Lake and at our August social.

David O. Reynolds, Commodore





Racing Calendar

1:00 PM Competitors Meeting
2:00 PM Start 1st Race
Approx 3:30 PM Start 2nd Race

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| Aug 1 | Sat | RC John Ellison | Aug 29 | Sat | RC John Ellison |
| Aug 9 | Sun | RC Ernie Condon | Sept 6 | Sun | RC Paul McCausland |
| Aug 15 | Sat | Need Volunteers | Sept 12 | Sat | RC Mike Hand – Long Distance Race |
| Aug 23 | Sun | Need Volunteers | | | |

Other Stuff

As of this writing (July 20) (approximately ½ the season), we have had 12 keelboat races, & 6 centerboard races. This compares with last season’s 13 keel & 11 centerboard races for the entire year. We have also had 14 different keelboat skippers participating this year vs. 11 last year, & 5 centerboard skippers vs. 10 last year. Obviously, something is improving for keel boats & un-improving for centerboards.

I don’t understand why people prefer the bigger boats other than – they don’t tip over, they don’t require as much work to sail, they have space for a beer cooler, they can be raced in higher winds, & they are high enough off the water to not get spray all over you. With c’board boats, it’s a contact sport – contact with the elements, other boats, & aggressive behavior.

More Other Stuff

Mike Hand (& lots of others including myself) want to have a “Long Distance” race Sept 12, when he is scheduled to be Race Committee. It would be difficult to rationally handicap because Portsmouth numbers are based on predominately Olympic courses with lots of close hauled time, so this day’s race will not count toward the seasons standings. It should be a fun race for die-hard racers, & die-hard non-racers. More on this race next month.

Extra Stuff

I got a request for information on “heaving to”. I’m not sure of the terminology, but if you want to relax between races you might try this technique which works for centerboard boats. Let the main sheet all the way out, slow down, & put the jib on the windward side (back winded), cleat it there, & slowly push the tiller to leeward. The boat becomes stable, stays on a relatively constant heading, & slowly drifts forward. One word of caution – don’t stretch the leech (back edge) of the jib cloth by pulling the jib sheet too tight, or over the mast spreaders. P.S. Don’t get too relaxed or you could run into an iceberg.

ZEBRA MUSSEL UPDATE

The following article describes the current zebra mussel situation in our area:

That zebra mussels are difficult to find at El Dorado Lake this summer doesn’t mean blue catfish have eaten them all or that they’re no longer a concern to biologists.

“Right now we’re having our first population cycle at El Dorado,” said Jason Goeckler, Wildlife and Parks aquatic nuisance species specialist. “They’re still there. Populations will be coming back. We need to remain vigilant.”

Goeckler said populations of adult mussels and their larvae are down to levels found shortly after zebra mussels were discovered in 2003.

He said northern lakes that have had zebra mussels for more years have experienced cyclic swings in populations. Numbers can again rise from very low to high within a few years.

Being one of the most southern lakes in America’s zebra mussel range could hamper the come back. Still, lake users should follow mandated procedures to keep from spreading mussels from El Dorado to other waters.

Currently, Cheney and Perry Lakes have the highest zebra mussel populations in Kansas. They were discovered in both lakes in 2007.

Zebra mussels were found in Marion Lake and Lake Afion last year, but remain in low densities. Goeckler stressed measures to prevent their spread should be followed.

THE WICHITA EAGLE
Michael Pearce, July 26, 2009

July Meeting Minutes

WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Minutes Subject to Correction

THURSDAY, JULY 9TH, 2009

Call to Order: Commodore David Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All members except Ken Rix were present.

Approval of June Meeting Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting was made and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ernie Condon presented one new membership application – Tony Hoss - for the Board to vote on. Hoss is a 2008 STEP graduate. A motion to approve the application was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote. The Treasurer is completing the credit application for the commercial ice supply vendor, Arctic Ice, and will forward to the supplier. He also reported that the Shrimp Boil and the Jamaica Vacation parties were a net loss to the Club and some discussion was had over more careful planning of food costs and entertainment to remain in budget or consider an increase in meal prices. A motion to approve the report was made and approved.

Old Business: Mike Wasson gave an update to the board on progress being made to extend the roof of the shelter house. Mike contacted Butler Rural Electric and they will drill the holes for the roof supports for free as a service to the community. The company cannot give us a date the holes will be drilled as they will schedule the work when they are slow with their regular duties. Mike is hoping the roof can be completed by the end of the sailing season.

Commodore Reynolds and the Board reviewed the situation with having ice available for members to purchase. The Board decided to use the commercial vendor, Arctic Ice, at the June Board meeting and we will continue to use the ice provided by the Friends of El Dorado Lake until the commercial vendor is set up. We are waiting on the processing of the credit application and the delivery of equipment.

Commodore Reynolds reported that the sales agreement has been signed and faxed to Atlantic Meeco to start the work. A check for ½ the contract amount will be provided by the Treasurer tonight and mailed tomorrow per the contract requirements. Work is expected to start in about 4 weeks.

Commodore Reynolds reported that the investigative report has been filed with the Butler County Attorney and is awaiting review for possible legal action. The Commodore will notify the Board of any further action.

Commodore Reynolds reported he had discussed the moving of the STEP sail loft/equipment building to the grass south of the

parking lot (the plan suggested by Mike Wasson at the June Board meeting). STEP suggested that we wait until we can provide a concrete pad before we move the building off the parking lot. Moving the building will open up only 2 to 3 parking places and access still needs to be open on the parking lot for use of the building.

Commodore Reynolds reported that he has not received any additional information regarding the Boy Scout Sailing and Campout event. This will remain on hold until additional info is received.

New Business: Greg Rincker, Vice Commodore, presented a list of things that the Long Range Planning committee feels are items that need to be addressed and acted on. The first item on their list, and the one they feel needs to be addressed first, is expanding and reconfiguring the Dry Storage area. Greg stated that the list of additional items that had been identified by the committee would be available for the board to discuss at a future time. Discussion on plans to expand dry storage was tabled for the moment.

John Ellison reported that he had been working on weed removal in the Dry Storage area. There continues to be a problem with tumbleweeds accumulating near the north fence. John stated that Wayne Hemmen will be working on getting rid of the tumbleweeds and also doing some spraying while John is in Houston the next few days. They are also looking into repairing the fence.

Commodore Reynolds announced that Gene Plehal will be hosting another swap meet this coming Saturday, July 11th, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. It is announced in the WVSC July newsletter and in the Ninnescah Sailing Association newsletter.

Member Concerns: John Carter reported that a member had brought to his attention that the boards supporting the pump in the sewer waste pump out station are sagging and appear to need replacement. The concern is that it is the main support for the holding tank and pump, and is critical to the sewage disposal system. The chair of the Activity Center will be contacted with this concern.

Closing Remarks: The August Board meeting will be August 13th at 7:00 PM at the offices of Steve Mardis.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Chambers, Secretary

THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY GOIN' ON!

Come on out for a

Fabulous Feast

of

FISH ~~~~

FISH ~~~~

and more FISH

WHAT: Fish Fry with all the Fixin's

WHEN: Saturday, August 29, 2009

Social Hour: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Adults - \$12.50

Kids 6 years and under - \$6.00

Deadline for Reservations, Monday August 24

MacGregor Venture 21, 1975. Trailer, anchor, life jackets, mainsail, jib, storm jib, 6 hp Johnson. New running rigging. \$1750. In dry dock at WVSC, El Dorado Lake. Clay Robarchek 316-799-2240.

Catalina 22 -1974 - Boat in very good condition, with pop top and swing keel. 7.5 merc motor and good trailer with near new tires, and wheel bearing repacked a few years back. Ready to sail. Cabin in excellent condition (sleeps four) with carpet, nice curtains, cushions for the cockpit and cabin, pull out sink, alcohol stove. Family is just too busy to use. Call Gary 322-0089 or 322-2005. \$2500.

For Sale - 2007 Nissan 5hp 4 Stroke Long Shaft Outboard Engine. This engine has just a few hrs on it - \$1200.00 New. \$800.00. Ph 316-778-1543

Hobie 16 - 1981 - Good condition with trailer and priced to sell at \$800 OBO. John Graves 316-721-9758 or 316-772-3949.

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 \$17,000. 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

Chrysler 26: Complete sail-away package for sale by owner! Experienced 1978 Cheney cruiser has main, jib and storm jib in good shape, bimini, cockpit cushions, Sony stereo, alcohol stove. Excellent Class 4 slip on A Dock transfers with BOG approval to new owner. Tandem EZ Load trailer. 1989 9.9 Yamaha 4-stroke electric start outboard runs great. New barrier coat not too long ago, no blisters now. Halyards are rigged back to the cockpit for easy single-handing. Needs some TLC from the new owner, \$5,500. To see the boat, call 316.540.3674.



Catalina 27 - 1981 - Dark & Stormy -LOA -26'-10", Beam - 8'-10", Fin Keel, Draft- 4'-0". 11hp Universal Atomic Diesel, central A/C, 150% roller furling jib, apparent wind direction & speed gauge, depth finder, knot meter, cockpit Bimini, Zarcor French doors, Peek-a-boo blinds, Edson cockpit console w/Auto Pilot. Two deep cycle house batteries & one standard engine battery, Guest 2610 chargers, 500 watt inverter. Stern rail B-BQ, cockpit & cabin speakers w/ CD/FM & Aux. Stereo. Wall mounted Flat screen TV, VHF marine, porta-potty head, much more. 2007 Viking Spirit Dual Axle Trailer. The best looking boat in the club. \$19,000 contact Ed Knox 316-794-2790.

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

Starwind 223. 1985 Simplifying my life and sadly selling .Starbird.. Pretty little single-hander. Rolling furler with 155 genoa (needs to be reinstalled), spinnaker, hank on lapper jib, grill, swim ladder, new 5.5 hp motor last season, huge cockpit for boat size, very beamy (8.5'), all good tires on trailer, some only couple years old, good bottom paint. Teak interior, electrical outlets in cabin, sleeps 3, no underwater drains, nice little table for use in either cabin or cockpit, plenty of life jackets, new dock lines last year. \$6000 OBO. Slip B4, which is a category 2 price. Transfer subject to BOG approval. Call Sondy. 210-7731

Catalina 350, 2005 - \$140,000 - Well equipped and cared for, includes A/C, microwave, stereo w/CD changer, TV, VHF, Night lights in interior, separate shower, cockpit shower, dodger, bimini, stainless cqr anchor, electric windlass, electric halyard winch, cockpit cushions, Approximately 70 engine hrs on 35 HP diesel, one year old bottom paint, winter cover. Slip transfer with board approval. Alan Huffman, 316-706-8042

Nor'sea 27. 1978 Tall rig, center cockpit. Fresh Tanbark sails, 135% genoa on new Harken furler. Inboard Yanmar diesel. Autohelm tiller pilot. Knotmeter, depth sounder, VHF. Cockpit cushions. EZ Loader trailer. A Lyle Hess design, this trailerable bluewater sailing vessel is famous for seaworthiness. Built tough, yet sails nimbly, and tracks like it is on rails. If you would like to check out an honest ocean-going yacht, call Patrick at the lake. 316.540.3674 For sale by owner. Slip transfers with BOG approval. \$35,000.

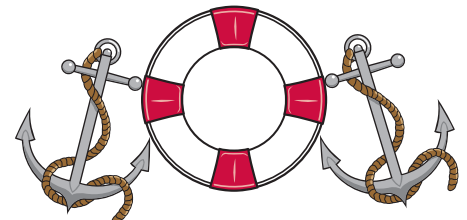
Dacron jib sail for Catalina 22. Good condition. \$150. Call Wayne @ 634-0237

Santana 25 - 1973 - This is a nice boat that needs a good home, includes trailer. \$4000. Contact Merle Morris – 316-946-0745.

Hobie 18SX, 1990 - 3 mainsails, colors: Mardi 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.

Hobie 17 - 1989. Race-ready, blue hulls, grey tramp & wing covers EPO rudders, Hot Stick, extra wing, crossbars 1987 Custom Rolco Trailer \$1600 negotiable 316-688-5091 DEBRA KNAPP pdknapp@onemain.com

Wanted: parts to fit an older Catalina 22, especially, lifeline stanchions and stern and .kick-up. rudder, with or without tiller. Call Rod at 620.664.2427.





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A Job Well Done

On July 18th and 19th, three of our young instructors from the STEP program competed in the Whitecap Regatta at Ninnescah Sailing Association and took Second place with this boat. These young people raced against sailors with a lot of experience, in almost new Flying Scots, from Kansas City, Oklahoma, and Texas. This was accomplished with Brett Warfield at the helm, with Melissa Brown and Kyle Brady as crew.

It was good to see these young people compete so well in a boat that a few years ago was a derelict boat sitting in the dry dock. The second picture is the same boat racing in the Whitecap Regatta. Most boats can be rebuilt with a little patience and elbow grease.

