MAY 2016

CALENDAR:

May 8    Mothers Day
May 12   Board of Governors Meeting
May 11   Sailing Weather Seminar
May 14   Olde English Fish & Chips Dinner
May 28   Long Distance Sail #1

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From the Commodore

Wednesday Breakfast Club aka C.C.C. (Clandestine Cholesterol Club)

One of the less-recognized corners of our social scene is the group of mainly retired members who meet every Wednesday to exchange stories and opinions about whatever irritates them at the time.

This might not seem to be an important subject for the Commodore to write about, but when you have a team around the table that includes five ex-Commodores (all twice) and upwards of 330 combined years of club membership, the comments and ideas that tumble out are not to be set aside lightly. Here is a group that adds many significant skills and undemanding contributors to the welfare of the club. They also have accounts of many different sailing environments.

Some might think sailing in Kansas is an oxymoron. I don’t suppose anyone imagines that our patch of water is a universe of sailing experience; where we are more likely to hit a tree than a rock, and every lee shore is but a few miles walk from our car park. Some of us have wider ambitions, of traversing water that goes up and down and sideways with the sun and moon’s phases, and going where people speak in foreign tongues.

Whatever Admiral Windwagon Smith thinks, there is value in doing what we can locally to enjoy real waves, not just the hypnotic motion of ears of wheat and barley. It keeps us alive with the enjoyment of water so that whenever schedules allow, we can tow our boats, charter individual or flotilla craft, or share a friend’s boat with some level of practical experience.

Or just enjoy the sunsets that only Kansas can provide.

There is a sense of stability in a group like the C.C.C. which is not always found in other sections of our membership. Whether it is the water in the lake or the temperature of the club that is rising and falling, someone has seen it before, and gives evidence that we will survive.

Both our more venturesome sailors, and those with a lifetime of experience behind them, bring a wider perspective to our club, and allow the rest of us to listen and learn, and perhaps aim to venture out of wagon-land once or twice before the bucket tips.

Tim Miller, Commodore
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About 35 people attended the first potluck of the 2016 Season. It was a beautiful night to be on the docks!

Great food and friendship were plentiful. Old members (oh no, I should say established members) and new gathered at 6:30 to eat and share. Those chocolate chip cookies were awesome as well as everything else.

Someone is asking for the recipe for the German potato salad. If you are the cook who prepared it, please send the recipe to Geri at gmcfadden@cox.net so it can be circulated.

Be watching for the arrival of a bright yellow sailboat on A dock. “Damm Skippy” has found a home!

DON’T POISON YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS

Whether you are cooking for family gatherings, the WVSC, church functions, or a large group of friends, there are many little tidbits to keep in mind for safety.

We have an opportunity to have a one-hour presentation on food safety from the County Extension Service at no charge. This can be set up during the day or evening, and will be hosted by a WVSC member in her west side home.

If you would be interested in attending this presentation, please let Geri McFadden know at 681-0820 or gmcfadden@cox.net.

We hope to do this in the next few weeks, so please let Geri know ASAP.
ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

Some of you may have wondered just what goes on out there on the water during sailboat races. Others of you might think you would like to learn more about it and maybe get involved in the racing activities, but have not taken that initial step to get going.

One of our earliest activities for the 2016 racing season is to set up racing committees and provide instructions for conducting the races. We would like to invite anyone and everyone out to a get together on Saturday, May 14, to learn more about the sport of racing.

For those who may have an interest, we are not asking for any kind of commitment. We would like to have as many sailors as possible to be our guests on the committee boat to watch how racing works. Even if you only want to come out for one time and take a ride on our new committee/rescue boat to sit back and watch the activities, you are more than welcome anytime throughout the sailing season.

For those that are active racers and want to learn more about conducting a race committee and others that feel they need a refresher, this meeting will be for you as well.

We plan to cover how to:
• Set up a race course - we will cover the various kinds of courses, where the marks are to be set and how to position the committee boat.
• Conduct the starts – use the flags, timing the start, etc.
• Record finishes
• Calculate the scores
• Operate the new committee boat

We will begin at 3:00 PM and will be finished in plenty of time to attend the Olde English Fish & Chips dinner.

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BROWN RECLUSE SPIDERS

Two brown recluse spiders were encountered while cleaning the clubhouse this April. Brian Hakala wrote the following article with some useful information about this species.

Brown recluse spiders have a conspicuous violin shape on their back and have three pairs of eyes unlike other spiders which have four pairs. If you can recognize either of these attributes on a living spider, you are probably too close. Including the eight legs, adult brown recluse spiders are about the size of a quarter. As the name suggests, these spiders are indeed brown and reclusive. They are not aggressive, but may bite if they get in clothes or sheets. Their venom contains protein-eating enzymes that may destroy skin around a bite. The bite may not be painful at first, but pain may develop two to eight hours later. The bitten area should be washed with soap and cold water, and an ice pack wrapped in a towel should be applied for 10 to 20 minutes, taking care to avoid cold injury. The extremity should be elevated to the level of the heart, and strenuous activity should be avoided. The bitten area should be monitored closely for the first several days, and a tetanus shot may be needed.

A necrotic ulcer (wound area with dead skin) may develop at the site of the bite, though the majority of bites do not become necrotic. Wounds may take several months to heal, and antibiotics may be needed if infection develops. Nausea, vomiting, fever, dizziness, and muscle pain are other possible symptoms. Some people have a more severe reaction to the bite than others, but death is very uncommon.

Remember!
Do not apply steroid creams, tourniquets, heat, or warm compresses, and do not attempt to remove the venom by any means. Seek medical attention to minimize complications.

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Walnut Valley Sailing Club
Sailing Weather Seminar

Wednesday May 11, 2016
7-9 pm at Cabela’s (classroom)
2427 N. Greenwich Road, Wichita KS

Learn about:
- Internet weather resources for sailors.
- Mobile wind apps for sailing
- Signs of impending foul weather
- Summer afternoon Kansas wind patterns
- Weather forecasting fundamentals

Refreshments will be served

Free for WVSC members
and their guests
WVSC 2016 SUMMER ADULT SAILING PROGRAM

COME SAIL WITH US

Bring a friend or spouse or just yourself... The Walnut Valley Sailing Club is offering USSA certified sailing instruction this summer in a fun, non-competitive sailing program. We welcome adults from absolute beginners to seasoned racers. Our fleet includes: Capri 14.2s, Sonish, Lasers, Sonar and Catalina 22. Everyone will learn safety on the water, rigging, tacking, jibing, knot tying, right of way rules and so much more. Centerboard & keelboat classes are on the water and in our beautiful clubhouse at El Dorado Lake.

Prerequisites: Must be 18 years or older and be able to swim 25 yards with a lifejacket. (Students may be 15-17 years old if accompanied by an adult). No previous sailing experience required.

Per Kansas law: Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1989 must have Kansas boating education certification card to participate in the WVSC course. KS boating certification can be obtained online at http://www.boat-ed.com/kansas/ Cards must be presented first day of class.

Equipment Requirements: Participants are required to provide their own life jacket (PFD) which is age/weight/size US Coast Guard approved. Sunscreen, hat and water shoes are also required.

Basic Centerboard Sailing Course: Covers basic sailing concepts, boat handling, docking, anchoring, safety, emergencies, weather and basic navigation. The keelboat course requires a minimum of three students per boat in both levels; Basic and Advanced Keelboat Sailing. Prerequisite for Advanced Centerboard or Keelboat instruction: must have the Basic Sailing Course or equivalent sailing experience.

Basic Keelboat Sailing Course: The keelboat course leads you through the essential principles of safe, confident day sailing. It covers basic sailing concepts, boat handling, docking, anchoring, safety, emergencies, weather and basic navigation. The keelboat course requires a minimum of three students per boat in both levels; Basic and Advanced Keelboat Sailing.

Equipment Requirements: Participants are required to provide their own life jacket (PFD) which is age/weight/size US Coast Guard approved. Sunscreen, hat and water shoes are also required.

Schedule: 3 days per week (Mon. Tues. Thurs.) for 2 weeks, 6 to 9 pm. We offer 3 Sessions:
1st Session - June 6 through June 16 ...and/or
2nd Session - June 20 through June 30 ...and/or
3rd Session - July 11 through July 21

Class Size: 10 students per session

Cost per Student:
WVSC Members - $25 non-refundable registration fee plus $175 class fee; total cost: $200
Non-Members - $25 non-refundable registration fee plus $200 class fee; total cost: $225

Fee Includes: USSA “Start Sailing Right” or “Basic Keelboat” instruction manual, instruction, use of a Catalina 14.2 (if certified) boat for the summer, T-shirt and certificate. Includes a Provisional 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, Lasers or Sunfish with Instructor approval.

Equipment Requirements:
Participants are required to provide their own life jacket (PFD) which is age/weight/size US Coast Guard approved. Sunscreen, hat and water shoes are also required.

Registration & Questions:
Call Tedd Blankenship, 316-775-1064

2016 WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB
ADULT SAILING APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT

First Name ____________________________ Last Name ____________________________
Street Address ____________________________ City ____________________________ Zip ____________________________
Cell# ____________________________ Age ______ T-Shirt Size ______
Email ____________________________ Home # ____________________________
Emergency Contact Person ____________________________ Home # ____________________________
Cell# ____________________________ Home # ____________________________ Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________

☐ Yes, I would like to make a tax deductible donation in the amount of: $__________ *Please include a separate check & note Youth & Adult Sailing Program

I am a: ☐ Member ☐ Non-Member of Walnut Valley Sailing Club
I wish to enroll in the: ☐ Centerboard Program ☐ Keelboat Program ☐ Not Sure Which
For the following session(s):
Session 1: ☐ June 6–June 16 ...and/or Session 2: ☐ June 20–June 30 ...and/or Session 3: ☐ July 11–July 21

Please enclose the non-refundable deposit of $25, made out to WVSC/Youth Sailing, with this application and mail to:

WVSC Sailing Program
c/o Tedd Blankenship
5720 SW Santa Fe Lake Rd
Augusta, Kansas 67010

*If you would like to make a donation (any amount) to the WVSC Youth & Adult Sailing Program, we are a 501c3 Non-Profit Corporation. Your donation is tax deductible and greatly appreciated. ALL donations go directly to the upkeep of our boats & equipment. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us. We would love to hear from you. Thanks.
Come on your own, with your brothers and sisters or bring all your “best friends.” The Walnut Valley Sailing Club is offering USSA certified sailing instruction this summer in a fun, non-competitive sailing environment through our youth program. We welcome everyone from absolute beginners to seasoned racers. Our fleet includes: Prams, Sabots, Optimists, Capri 14.2’s, Sunfish, and Lasers—with instructor approval. Everyone will learn safety on the water, rigging, tacking, jibing, knot tying, right of way rules and so much more. Instruction is limited to five sailors per instructor and is tailored to individual needs so you get great help and tons of attention. Centerboard classes are on the water and in our beautiful clubhouse at El Dorado Lake.

Prerequisites: Must be 9-17 years old and be able to swim 25 yards with a lifejacket (PFD). Swimming will be tested.

As per Kansas law: Must have Kansas boating education certification card to participate in the WVSC course. KS boating certification can be obtained online at http://www.boat-ed.com/kansas/

Don't put it off! Cards must be presented the first day of class to participate.

Equipment requirements: Participants are required to provide their own US Coast Guard approved life jacket which is age/weight/size appropriate. (PFD) Sunscreen, hat & water shoes are also required.

*Bring a lunch each day, water bottle and a towel.

Course Content: Three levels of sailing instruction, beginners, intermediate and advanced sailing offered so you may take more than one session. Safety, weather, self-rescue, basic rules of the road and nomenclature are also covered.

Schedule: 3 days per week (Mon. Tues. Thurs.) for 2 weeks, 10:30 AM to 4 PM. We offer 3 Sessions: 1st Session - June 6 through June 16 ...and/or 2nd Session - June 20 through June 30 ...and/or 3rd Session - July 11 through July 21

Cost per Student: $100. $25 Non-refundable registration fee, plus $75 class fee.

Fee Includes: USSA “Start Sailing Right” instruction manual, T-shirt and awards. For participants between the ages of 9 and 17, the fee also includes a Youth Provisional Membership to Walnut Valley Sailing Club, which begins at the beginning of class and continues for the remainder of the year. Student brings lunch.

Class Size: 20 students per session max.


Registration & Questions: Call Tedd Blankenship, 316-775-1064
Olde English Fish & Chips

Saturday, May 14, 2016
Social at 6:00
Dinner at 7:00
Cost $12.50/person

Menu
Pimms Cups
Fish, Chips and Coleslaw
Dessert Trifle

Come join us for food, fun & friendship!
WVSC STEP Program
Items for Sale

• Capri 22 Spinnaker New, $700
• Spinnaker, used, $625
• Lewmar Winch, $193
• 110% Jib for Capri 22 (?), $620
• Catalina 22 Main, $495
• Spinnaker pole, 8' 2", 2" dia (New), $500
• Whisker pole, 6.6'-12' extender twist lock, $300
• Whisker Pole, 10.5'-17.5' extender, 2" dia Line extender, $700
• Tack Tick, $350
• Hydrohoist Tanks 24' diameter 23' long, $2,000
• New Life Jackets, $25 ea
• 2" receiver hitches, $9.00 ea

Please contact Gary Pierce 316-686-8823
Pierce, glpiercewich@cox.net or Gene Nold 316-734-3981, genenold@att.net

1983 Gloucester, 23'
In very good condition, comes with galvanized trailer. It has a shoal keel with a swing center board. Mercury 9.9hp motor with very few hours. The main was reconditioned with very little sail time. New sail covers at the same time. The halyards and dock lines were new in 2014. Sailboat can be seen at Walnut Valley Sailing Club, asking $5,500. Please contact Ed Klima at 620-786-5146

Cruising Spinnaker for Precision 21
Or similar boats with dimensions close to I:22.7' and J: 7.0'. Sail is new in bag. I bought it for my Holder 20, but have decided not to use it. Asking $150.00, what I paid for it, or will consider an interesting trade. Please contact Sid Rousseau at 316-722-8983.

2HP Outboard Motor
Long shaft, excellent condition, $225.
Will demo! Please contact John McCabe at 316-644-8344.

Catalina 22
On trailer. Please contact John at 316-722-4356.

Catalina 25 1985
Swing Keel, trailer, 2003 Nissan 9.8 outboard. Good main, front sail on roller furling. Can see at El Dorado Lake. $7,000. Please contact Bruce Ward at 316-250-4479 orbruce@brucewardphotos.com

2003 Catalina Capri 14.2
Centerboard sailboat with colorful main and jib sails, whisker pole, jib furling system, headsail float, boat cover and jib sock. Galvanized trailer has wheeled tongue jack and mounted spare tire. Can see at El Dorado Lake. Priced to sell at $2,500. Please contact Jacque or Randy Holloway at 316-721-9549, 316-648-3551 or rjholloway@sbcglobal.net

1998 Hunter 260
Runs good! Bought from Ed Webb in 1998 for 30K. Spent a few years at WVSC, then a few at Alameda, then 4 years at Elephant Butte Reservoir. My various adult children had the boat for all those years, now its back in my hands and I don’t have any use for it. I also don’t know anything about it, except to say that everything works well or else has been fixed. Comes with all the usual extras such as life jackets, cookware, tools, even a sextant. Parked in spot 105 at WVSC. No reasonable offer refused. Please call or text Ken Gebhart at 316-737-8765, or email gebhart@celestaire.com

Sail Fish/Sun Fish Clone
Virtually identical to the Sun Fish. This boat is very seaworthy, all new paint on bottom and all wooden parts recently varnished. New main sail control, all new mast and boom caps. The boat comes with new, high dollar, multi-color sail and a quality white window racing sail, new snap on sail rings. Dagger board and kick up rudder with tiller extension, all lines included, ready for the lake. No trailer, $650.00. Please contact Ed Harned at 316-640-7148.

2004 Catalina 250 MKII
Wing keel sailboat with Nissan 9.8 outboard (electric start) and trailer. Standard package PLUS: Pedestal Steering with compass; 135% furling genoa; Raymarine ST60 Tridata speed-depth combo; Canvas package; Cockpit cushions; Cabin window shades; Flushing marine head with tank; Galvanized trailer package-wing keel (Tandem axle, winch, guide-ons, mast raising system, extension tongue); 2nd battery – Engine starting; Marinho AC charging inlet (installed in cockpit); 110 AC outlet installed in cabin; Anchor kit; Battery charger; Windex wind indicator; Life jackets; Life sling with assist tackle; Extra set of sail battens; Extra set of cabin pop-top enclosure canvas; Assortment of stainless steel hardware; Transfer of slip (with dock box) with board approval; Many other extras too numerous to list. Owner moving, all must go. Can See at El Dorado Lake, $18,500. Please contact Randy Holloway at 316-721-9549, 316-648-6460, or rjholloway@sbcglobal.net

WANTED: Old, drained-out diesel fuel from marine engines. I have several 5 gallon containers or will use yours. I will transport from the Club. Please contact David O. Reynolds at 316-621-0009 or davidreynolds4100@gmail.com

WANTED: 9.9 hp short-shaft outboard, electric start. Please contact Ernie at 316-640-8951.
1. Call to Order: 7:02 PM

**BOG Members:** Tim Miller, Ginger Brown, Blaine Van Dam, Brad Oblak, Ardie Condon, Brian Hakala, Cheryl Wertheimer, Geri McFadden

**WVSC Members:** Robert Brown, Gene Plehal

2. Commodore's Remarks: John Aschbrenner will step down from the BOG for day-to-day actions, but will continue to serve his role as Rear Commodore as called out in the By-Laws.

**Recognitions:**
- Ed Webb & Gary Mackey for presenting a great training session on winch maintenance and boat launching.
- Randy Malcom & Gary Mackey for their arduous repairs to the Activity Center, including siding replacement.
- Ardie Condon for ensuring the 2016 Handbooks were updated and printed on schedule — Well Done!

3. Minutes of the March 10th Meeting: Approved

4. Member Concerns: None

5. Motion: The club should allow work credits to be earned by first year members equally with other members. Discussion followed. Motion Seconded. Motion Approved.

6. Liaison Reports

   **Membership:** Ardie reported the two membership applications approved at the March BOG did not sign up for club membership. The Club received one new membership application from Jeff Hand, who sails a Ranger 26. Membership approved. Welcome Aboard Jeff!

   **Activity Center:** Ardie reported the siding replacement is progressing well, and that Randy Malcom is leading a Club House clean up this Sat., Apr. 16.

   **Racing:** The racing season is one month away, so get your boats ready! Rob Brown is working a Facebook link for the WVSC Racing crews. If you desire to be added to the WVSC Racing contact list, please contact Rob Brown. The Club will not race on Mother’s Day.

   **Social:** Geri reminded us the next social is Sat., April 23, for a Potluck Dinner. We’re also looking for volunteers to help out on the socials. If you’d like to help, please give Geri a call.

   **Finance:** Brad submitted the monthly financial reports.

   **Powerboat:** Brad let us know that the maintenance actions are underway to ready the boat for the season.

   **Sailing Activities:** Brian is planning a weather seminar for our club. A local meteorologist will present. Given that “weather” is our primary source of propulsion, it may well be worth your time to learn a little more about our Kansas weather. Brian is finalizing the date, look for a club announcement the event in May.

   **Security:** Brian reported no security incidents occurred.

   **PR:** Cheryl is exploring other avenues for the Club to advertise and recruit membership, including potential sites in El Dorado. From a member request last month, Cheryl did find a large quantity of WVSC logo bumper stickers. We’ll distribute those at the socials, and order more if we run out.

   **Archive:** Cheryl is searching for a Club archivist, if you are interested, please contact Cheryl. The primary requirement for this position is to offer file space for a couple of file cabinets, with very little activity. If you can help us out, please contact Cheryl.

   **S.T.E.P.:** Tim brought the Wichita Eagle Summer Activity Guide, which includes our S.T.E.P. program. Blaine relayed that our training boats are undergoing preparation for the season, as well as marks, floating docks, and the Whaler.

   **Government Relations:** Tim stated that the Park Service will not be cutting grass adjacent to dry storage this year. Because of the fire hazard, the club will cut back the long grass to the south.

   Reminder that it is important to keep all club invoices that document paid sales tax. The State is increasing their oversight to ensure all sales taxes are captured.

7. New Business: Short discussion from an item brought up last month regarding the exceptionally warm winter, and the payment of fees by club members for using bubblers and heaters. The Board gathered the billing data, and will consult with the affected members to develop a plan that’s fair to the members and the Club.

8. Move to Adjourn: 8:11 PM

Next Meeting May 12th at Cabela’s, K96/Greenwich.
From the WVSC April 23 Potluck Social