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Fall Race Series Begins

By Catherine Wisian, Race Director



Photo by Catherine Wisian

Rounding the mark during first race of Fall Series, Sunday, October 19

It is official! The fall series has finally begun! That's right, the first race of the fall series has finally happened after 3 failed attempts. There was a

large turnout for the race on October 19th, 2003 when 7 boats showed up wanting to race. At first it was questionable as to whether there would be a

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race due to the light almost nonexistent winds but the skippers of the boats wanted to have a race so we did. Once out on the lake the sailors went around a short modified Olympic triangle with the race time averaging about 15 minutes per race. Just in time for the second race the winds finally picked up to add to the excitement of the short course. The winds continued to blow as the race ended and many of the sailors kept on sailing rather than heading right in to put up their boats. There will be 2 more races this season. They will be on November 2nd & 16th. (See schedule in right-hand column) It would be great if we could get a good crowd for these races and finish off the year strong.

The results of Sunday's races are as follows:

Race #1

1. Mike Lucas
2. Randy Zelenka
3. Franz Samelson
4. Ken Conrow
5. Phillip Lucas
6. Jay Aber
7. Chris Ross

Race #2

1. Randy Zelenka
2. Ken Conrow
3. Phillip Lucas
4. Franz Samelson
5. Dave Redmond
6. Mike Lucas
7. Chris Ross
8. Jay Aber

2003 Race Schedule

(for remainder of the year)

Date	Committee
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November

Sunday, November 2	
Sunday, November 16	

Blue Valley Yacht Club Fall Banquet

Date: November 15, 2003

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Kansas State University, Student Union, Flint Hills Room

The Menu:

Chicken Marsala
(Vegetarian option available)
Oven Roasted Potatoes
French Green Beans
Cheesecake (with choice of toppings)

Price: \$12.95 per person

RSVP: By November 10, 2003 by 5:00 pm
Please e-mail Sean Kalic at tbk296@aol.com

Please join the members of the Blue Valley Yacht Club for an evening of fine food, fellowship, and festivity. Our special guest will be Harvey Irby. Join us as Harv regales the BVYC members with tales of sailing adventures that span the globe. He crewed for many world class races and experienced some exciting sails in the Caribbean and Europe. He has come back to shore in Kansas with memories of regattas, races, and moonlight sails. Harv will share his stories and photographs with the BVYC.

The End of Another Great Year

By Wayne Martin, Rear Commodore

Once again we find ourselves closing out another sailing season, only this time with ample water in the lake and some incredibly beautiful days to enjoy.

Hopefully everyone has enjoyed the new shelter and improved facilities this year. Our club has seen its share of upgrading on several fronts during the year.

We now have a new work barge to check moorings

with. There are just a few "bugs" to work out of it, but it will be a vast improvement over the old platform which is no longer useable, having been declared a protected wetland by the EPA. A member has agreed to tow the old barge away at some point in the future. The new barge is built on a pontoon platform given to the club by the Sea Scouts under the direction of Henry Otto. A bomb winch was donated by Tom Manney that will handle any size mooring weights we have quite easily.

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Those two major components, along with some sweat and steel, have resulted in a very serviceable barge that will function well into the future. Many thanks to the Scouts and Tom for the valuable contributions.

The dock has bumper strips all the way around it. The dock is on my "to do" list for upgrades in the coming year, since some of the hinge pins have worn quite thin. Most of the pivot points need attention and while the walkway is out of the water for the winter would be the best time to work on them. The water level fluctuated substantially this year and that takes its toll, so look for dock improvements next spring.

The new flagpole certainly adds a nice look to the grounds. It, along with the new shelter and having the dumpster and porta-potty somewhat hidden, have certainly enhanced the visual appeal of the club as members and guests drive in. The flowers planted by my wife Jennifer have really done well through the hot summer and are now very pretty

in their bed near the shelter. If we can overcome the watering problems by simplifying the process of moving water uphill next year we might have more flowers, along with a grass sail drying area for the small boat sailors.

And finally, the night sailors have seen the new harbor light mounted on the hazard buoy at the harbor entrance. Thanks to Bob Mullen's negotiations with the Corps, they bought the light and we installed it. It's made by Sealite and is a small solar panel that charges a lithium battery, which then powers a flashing LED through the night. Other than putting it out in the spring and taking it in during the winter, it requires no maintenance, unlike the old light which required regular upkeep.

Many thanks to all the members who participated in the improvements this year. It was great seeing everyone out on the lake during the season and look forward to more camaraderie before we dry dock the boats.

Wishing you all steady winds and fair skies.