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Belle Hancock, newest member, makes an appearance at the Sock Burning Challenge.
Photo by Bob Mullen.

BVYC Welcomes New Member by Bob Mullen

In the January addition of Konza Sailor the club acknowledged some new faces around the harbor. A short time later Belle Serene Hancock became the newest and youngest member of BVYC. This 6 ½ pound beauty was born on March 1st to Jennifer and Jeff Hancock and has already attended three club events. Our first view of Belle was at the Sock Burning Challenge. She also gathered attention at the Annual Spring Launch and a week later stopped by the spring workday.

According to her dad she is not yet ready for the Hobie Cat but may see action in the ski boat, perhaps to do some fishing on Tuttle Lake. Belle can often be seen peeking from her mom's baby carrier during one of Jen's walks along County Road 402. Members going to and from the club grounds are invited to stop and say hello if they see the two girls.



It didn't take long to fill up the space at the new Kansas City Sailing store in Lawrence.

Kansas City Sailing Opens New Store

Several members trekked to Lawrence for the Grand Opening of the Kansas City Sailing store on March 29. The store is a few blocks south of the old store, just off the East Lawrence turnpike exit.

An assortment of sailing supplies fills the showroom. From hardware and books to clothing and accessories. Several small boats and day-sailers are in-stock and KC Sailing is a dealer for trailerable Vanguard and Hunter sailboats.

Bruce Liese started KC Sailing in 1998. He holds a USCG license as well as being an American Sailing Association instructor. In addition to their product lines, KC Sailing offers various classes on sailing and boat maintenance.

For more information visit their website at www.kansascitysailing.com.



The 2008 Sock Burning Challenge Begins!



Everyone contributes to the competition



..... even the kids.

2nd Annual Sock Burning Challenge



The losers were supposed to eat a raw sock. Renee Strouts frosted "RAW" onto these sock-shaped cookies. The judges quickly declared the BVYC the winner, but the cookies were too irresistible and quickly disappeared.



Having successfully chased off the winter blues, the BVYC sailors enjoy the fire and share their desires for the upcoming sailing season.

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All members of the Club are encouraged to submit articles for inclusion to the newsletter.

KABOOM the Crud Line by Bob Mullen

There are just four boats moored in the harbor, so that must mean that members are busy fitting-out for the coming sailing season. A common question when cleaning boat hulls is how to remove the accumulated Tuttle Gunk from the crud line. In past seasons sailors have used various recipes that contain muriatic acid. I have found that a mix of muriatic acid and water does the job but is very toxic. This spring Chuck Oaklief learned that a product called KABOOM could make hull cleaning easier and safer. I tried it and found that the crud comes off in one easy swipe. KABOOM in a spray container can be purchased at Walmart for about \$3.25.

Editorial
by Daryl Strouts

I received a note the other day from a sailor that wrote, "If you want to see what having enough members and enough money can make a sailing club into, check out the Coconut Grove Sailing Club at www.cgsc.org". So I did.

I think we can all agree that the only definitive way to judge an organization is not by counting the number of members or the address on the mailbox; neither is it by the number of moorings or the length of the dock. The only true measure is by examination of the club newsletter. So I looked at the April edition of the CGSC newsletter, the *Channel*.

Having carefully researched the topic, my response to the sailor was, "Their newsletter looks like ours, just with bigger pictures. We both have social events, support for youth sailing, collegiate sailing club, members behind on dues, boats tied to the dock for extended periods, and stories about obsessive sailors. They probably get more warm weather, but other than that and higher dues I can't see that they have anything extra to offer."

His response was, "And a club house with a bar, kitchen, open deck overlooking the bay and banquet room."

To which I responded, "Bring in a cooler and bucket of water and we've got all that in our shelter, too. And now we have a privacy fence around the latrine. I'll bet CGSC doesn't have one of those!"

My point is, you join a sailing club for the sailing and the comradery. We've got water, sailboats and members. So does CGSC and every other sailing club. We already had some social events to kick off the season and they are reported in this EXTRA edition of the Konza Sailor. There are more events planned for the year and I'm hoping everyone will try to participate. Whether your desire is to race, work with youth, socialize, or just sit under the shelter with a cold drink and enjoy the view, the BVYC has something to offer.

Our sailing brethren in Coconut Grove might have more members and bigger yachts, but I looked through their newsletter and didn't see a single report of a sock burning, club workday or spring launch. I guess they leave their boats in the water year 'round and missed three great opportunities to enjoy the company of others and accomplish something.

Just my thoughts.....

For Sail

BVYC t-shirts and hats are available in many sizes. Hats are \$10. Shirts are \$13.00.
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