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TAKE FIVE trying desperately to overtake ATTA BUOY on a very blustery October afternoon. Photo by Bart Bartholomew.

Topeka Boat and Outdoor Show February 6-9, 2009 Kansas Expocenter, Topeka, KS

Friday, February 6 - 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Saturday, February 7 - 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
Sunday, February 8 - 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Welcome Back!

We just returned from a trip to South Texas where we visited my sister and husband. They are from Wichita and go to Port Aransas/Corpus Christi area every winter to escape the cold Kansas weather. I now understand why people do that as we are already making plans to go back next year. It is a wonderful place to experience things that are foreign to Kansas, like walking the sandy beaches, bird watching, observing ships and barges navigate the narrow Intracoastal Waterway, enjoying fresh seafood and locally grown fruit, and of course year-round sailing. We plan to take our boat there next year.

But it is always good to get back home to Kansas and think about our sailing season here. Hopefully it is not that far away. So start making your own sailing plans for the year. Get those boat repairs and improvement projects done now so you are ready to launch. Also be sure to get your registration sent in. Early registration entitles you to a discount. The form is available on the BVYC website. Look at the 2009 Schedule of Events on the website for details and dates to see what events are being planned for you.

We have held our first Board of Directors meeting, which anyone is welcome to attend. If you have issues or ideas, please attend or contact one of the Board members. They are also listed on the website under the 'Directors' tab.

Let's make this a great year at the Blue Valley Yacht Club!

Ron Frey, BVYC Commodore

Want to see some excited young sailors? Go to the US Opti-Dinghy website <http://www.usoda.org/> and click on "opti action video". You will need QuickTime, a free download, to view this.

See what's happening in the Club this year.
Check out the calendar on the website.

http://www.bluevalleyyachtclub.org/overview_pages/calendar/calendar.htm

Board of Directors

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

**Love sailing? Love coffee?
Watch your email for the announcement of
the time and place of next DamSailors
Coffee. All BVYC members are encouraged
to attend.
Bring your sweetheart.**



For Sail



**BVYC t-shirts and hats are available
in many sizes. Hats are \$10.
Shirts are \$13.00.
Contact Bob Mullen at 539-4759.**

Random Thoughts

Daryl Strouts, BVYC Secretary

- ✓ One of the benefits of being the Secretary of the Blue Valley Yacht Club (besides writing this column) is that I get to be the custodian of the historical records for the organization. It is interesting to thumb through the 45+ years of history and see how far the Club has come.
 - ✓ Five years ago we were implementing a Club safety program following the unfortunate drownings of three K-State sailors. Safety is always a good idea. Don't wait for an accident to start thinking about the safety of you and your crew.
 - ✓ This will be my second year on the Board, third year in the Club and eighth as a sailboat owner. Matt Loyd, Jim Crespino and Jonathan Mahorney are new to the Board this year, also being members of the Club only a year or two, making the majority of the Board relatively new to the Club. Rounding out the Board are Club veterans Ron Frey, Wayne Martin and Maarten van Swaay.
 - ✓ The Board met in January and approved some projects for this year. Renovation of the main dock walkway will take place this spring in time for the sailing season. It was hauled ashore in December and dismantled. Last year we initiated a contract to keep the grounds mowed and that was very satisfactory, so it will continue in 2009.
 - ✓ The Board also took a major step in the youth sailing program by authorizing the formation of the Blue Valley Youth Sailing Foundaion. BVYSF will provide oversight and responsibility for the existing Sea Scouts as well as the new Opti-Dinghy program, serving youth ages 8 to 18. The Manhattan Optimists Club is already onboard to provide support for this program as it expands its youth activities. Let us know of any youth that might be interested in being a part of this exciting program.
 - ✓ An inventory has been completed of the boats on the Club grounds. We have a few boats without registered owners. If you have a boat stored at the club, check to see that it is listed on the membership roster on the website. If not, the Board may be taking appropriate action.
 - ✓ The County Appraiser should have sent all boat owners a Statement of Personal Property Tax in January. If you can document that you paid \$750 or less for your watercraft, it can be considered exempt from tax. Be sure to get your Statement returned to the Appraiser's office by March 15.
 - ✓ Lastly, it's membership renewal time. Applications are at www.bluevalleyyachtclub.org. If you know of someone with a sailboat that's not a member, invite them to join. If you know someone without a sailboat, invite them to go sailing or bring them as a guest to a Club event.
- Just my thoughts