

# Konza Sailor

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## 2011 - a year of ups and downs

By Bart Bartholomew

As Carl Hinrichs said when he was commodore, "The Tuttle tides are longer and higher than at the Bay of Fundy" Tuttle "tides": yes, many of us were thinking that we might be on the way to another record year as the water level came up and up covering the shelter pad and on into the dinghy park. Fortunately, the tide peaked at only 17 feet above the normal pool elevation of 1075 feet. The good news is that when the Corps of Engineers started releasing water it quickly went down to normal and remained there during the rest of the season. That was really the only "down" for the year; the rest of the year was "up."

As usual, Social Director Jane Mullen treated the Club to a variety of social events despite the inaccessibility to the Club grounds during a portion of the season. The last of these events was the traditional Fall Banquet held at the Clarion on November 19. In Jane's usual style the evening consisted of pleasant decorations, delicious food, and an interesting presentation by a guest speaker.



**Henry Otto, Captain of Graceful  
winner of the Spring Series  
with the Chapman, Shipley and Bennet Trophy**



**The club banner and items awaiting presentation**

As is customary, the evening's activities included the presentation of awards. Despite the adverse weather conditions, Race Director Ken Hays, with the help of Henry Otto had conducted a few races. Chris Becker with crew Gina Becker and Bart Bartholomew won the Scott Liebler Memorial Race on the Memorial Day weekend and Henry Otto won the Spring Series.

Bob Mullen having done his usual stellar job of identifying members willing to take on the responsibility of serving on the board of directors presented the slate of nominees. The slate was approved unanimously; their names appear on page 2 of this letter and their photo is on page 3.

Closing the evening's activities was a presentation by

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**Board of Directors**

Commodore .....Daryl Strouts  
 Co-Vice Commodores .....Chris and Gina Becker  
 Rear Commodore .....Jim Crespino  
 Treasurer .....John Uhlarik  
 Secretary .....Bart Bartholomew  
 Racing Director .....Ken Hays  
 Co-Social Director..... ..Brian Wells and Joyce Meyer

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

# Commodore's Message

## Make It Your Club

Another year has started. The Blue Valley Yacht Club Board of Directors has held its first meeting and is making plans. We need your participation.

When you complete and return your membership renewal, please be sure to check the boxes for "Harbor", "Grounds", "Racing" or "Social" to get appointed to a committee. Committees will need to get organized soon, so don't delay in sending in your renewal. I'd like to see the committees meet, make plans and give recommendations to the Board in the next few months so that we can have a great year from Spring Launch thru pulling the docks and winterizing the club.

Thanks to the stewardship of previous Boards, we were able to keep dues and fees at previous levels and at the same time we have adequate funds to make some needed improvements in our facilities. If you would like to take part in prioritizing those projects, be sure to sign up for the Grounds and/or Harbor committees.

The Social committee is for those who enjoy the various social events. In addition to the traditional events like the Sock Burning, Spring Launch and Fall Barbeque, there's been talk about doing some raft-ups, marina runs and less formal activities. There are also plans to repeat the Sale and Sail this year. Sign up for the Social committee if you would like to help with one of these events.

Racing has been a struggle at the Club with the variable lake levels the last few years. So, odds are with us that this year will be trouble-free and should be excellent for racing. New marker buoys have been purchased and I'd like to see a good sized fleet rounding the marks this year. Racing is a great way to improve your sailing skills. Even if you don't want to race, please consider joining this committee to help out at the race events.

Finally, be sure to check out the Schedule of Events and other items on the Club website -- <http://www.bluevalleyyachtclub.org>. Several things are on the calendar and more are to come. I hope you will participate. We are trying to add more value to your membership. You need to let us know what you expect and then participate. Feel free to contact me or one of the other directors if you have questions about the committees or just want to share your thoughts.

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We have a wonderful club filled with friendly, knowledgeable sailors of every sort. Make it yours by participating to the fullest.



Colors during Kansas Sea Base



### 2012 Board of Directors

**From left: Brian Wells and Joyce Meyer - Social; Bart Bartholomew - Secretary; Jim Crespino- Rear Commodore; Gina Becker- Vice Commodore; Daryl Strouts- Commodore; Chris Becker- Vice Commodore missing from the photo are John Uhlarik- Treasurer and Ken Hays- Racing**

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guest speaker, Remy Martin. Remy, the son of Wayne and Jennifer Martin and grandson of Bob and Jane Mullen had competed for and won a six-week scholarship to study and stay with a family in Japan. Remy entitled his remarks "Sailing in Japan" but sailing was not the main emphasis of his visit. His main focus was learning about Japan while attending school and living with the family. Congratulations Remy and thank you for sharing your experiences. Thank you Jane for your hard work all year long.

Another example of an "up" was when a number of Club members participated in the first (hopefully of many) destination sailing events. At the urging of Ron and Linda Frey, six boats from the BYVC fleet and a total of 38 members and guests rendezvoused at the Wildcat Marina on the evening of 27 August.

The weather cooperated and the boats and crews

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**Remy Martin**



The masts of the BVYC sailboats alter the usual appearance of the Wildcat Marina

In photo from left: Linda Frey talking to the crew of Mary Jane, Ron Frey, and Dave Fink, crew of Take Five

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enjoyed lively sailing to and from the marina. The atmosphere was festive and the camaraderie was fantastic. I think all concerned felt that events such as this make sailing and membership in the Blue Valley Yacht Club most enjoyable. I can't find anyone in the following photos who appears to not be having a good time.




2011 had its challenges but as the Water Rat said to the Mole in Kenneth Grahame's *The Wind in the Willows* "Believe me, my young friend, there is NOTHING--absolute nothing--half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats. Simply messing,' he went on dreamily: `messing--about--in--boats; messing----'" Each of us had time to mess around in our boat and we look for many more opportunities in 2012. See you on the lake.



## Vice-Commodores' Message:


The Vice Commodores, Chris and Gina Becker, are looking forward to a fun and productive year. At first glance, the list of maintenance projects seemed daunting. But already this year, before we could even look fore and aft, we discovered that Ned Gatewood had jumped right in and replaced the shed doors - reminding us we're amongst a clever and skillful lot. The list includes a number of safety concerns, preventative maintenance items, aesthetic restorations, facility renovations, and general improvements. Not all of the projects will be tackled this year, but with some help from our willing mates, we hope to make good progress. Some are clearly multi-year projects given our current budget and labor constraints. Our first task will be to prioritize the list and develop a plan, which we will present at the February board meeting.

If you have any suggestions, please send them forth to [gybecker@dynasimtech.com](mailto:gybecker@dynasimtech.com) and [cbecker@dynasimtech.com](mailto:cbecker@dynasimtech.com). Also, let us know if you'd be willing to help on particular types of projects. 

## Secretary sends:

It's been a few years - - - here I am back as secretary pounding on my keyboard requesting help. Actually, I am not asking for help; I am merely making you aware of opportunities.

As the secretary and the self-appointed webmaster I publish this newsletter and maintain the Club website. Both of these items are of interest /value to Club members only if they contain newsworthy articles and photographs. I know that many of you participate in interesting sailing-related activities throughout the year and everyone, these days, takes digital photographs. Articles about your activities and photographs will make future editions of this newsletter interesting and informative. Your photographs showing exciting sailing activities posted on the Club website might also serve as that one item that caused a prospective member to contact the club and join us.

So, here is my plea. Please write articles, take photographs and send them to me. Help spread the word about the Blue Valley Yacht Club. 

## An invitation for winter sailing:

From: "Cliff Conrad" <[conrad@k-state.edu](mailto:conrad@k-state.edu)>

Subject: winter sailing, etc

I have not made this official yet but it's close....I'm now in New Orleans (my home town by the way). I'm actually outside of New Orleans in Slidell. I'm building a house here and it is coming along well. I still have a canoe at the club (the one with CONRAD stenciled all over it) but I will not be able to get it for some time. In the meantime, anyone at the club can use it...just so long as I still have a canoe when the time comes for me to get it. I lost my last one because someone didn't tie it up well enough.


HERE you can sail year around. Today it's sunny and about 70. I'm in protected waters and only a short motor to Lake Pontchartrain. It's a couple hours sail to the New Orleans Yacht Club and about the same to The Rigolets and the Intercoastal Waterway. The cruising here is great. There are restaurants and drinking establishments at every bend in the bayou.

I mention this so that IF someone from the BVYC wanted to sail here, I'll leave an open invitation for them to tie up here. There is a dock here and I may add another one later. It has water, electricity, cable and internet. Attached are some photos of the property, the bayou and

the lake...and yes, there are gators here...they don't attack humans. If you look at the photos, my property extends all the way around in an Omega shape....lots of dock space. BVYC welcome. Also the house in the pic was flooded in Katrina and has been removed. The new house is well above the flood plane and hurricane proofed.

My son will be joining me here in a week or so.

After 20+ years, I'm going to give up my mooring (#13) and brace myself for any bad luck that may come from that. I was unable to sail much in the last few years at the club but I'm making up for it now. I'll miss the club but....I could not pass this opportunity up.

Good luck....maybe I'll see you the next time I'm back in Kansas. 



Cliff Conrad's lot

**BLUE VALLEY YACHT CLUB  
2012 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**JANUARY**

- 09 Full Moon
- 10 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 14 DamSailors coffee – Varsity Doughnut 9:00 a.m.
- 15 E-mail membership application (Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline for \$10 discount)
- 25 E-publication of Newsletter #1
  - Annual Banquet information
  - Membership application
  - Calendar/Schedule of Events

**FEBRUARY**

- 03 Deadline for membership discount
- 07 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 07 Full Moon

**MARCH**

- 08 Full Moon
- 11 Daylight Savings Time begins
- 13 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 19-23 KSU Spring Break
- 20 Social Event - Vernal equinox & Sock burning 12:14 a.m.

**APRIL**

- 06 Full Moon
- 10 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Spring Workday 8:30 breakfast / work 9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- 14 Social Event - Evening Spring Launch
  - Hand out membership cards with lock combination
  - Handout member booklets to new members
- 25 E-publication of Newsletter #2
  - Membership roster
  - Spring Banquet information
  - Workday information
- 28 Alternate Workday

**MAY**

- 06 Full Moon
- 08 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Social Event – Brunch
- 26 Scott Liebler Memorial Long Distance Race
- 28 Alternate race day

**JUNE**

- 04 Full Moon
- 12 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 23 Social Event – Christening / Sale & Sail

## JULY

- 10 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Social Event – Pirate Party
- 25 E-publication of Newsletter #3
  - Race information
  - Social events
  - Fall Workday and BBQ notices

## AUGUST

- 02 Full Moon
- 10-12 Kansas Sea Base
- 14 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Social Event – TBD
- 31 Blue Moon

## SEPTEMBER

- 08 Labor Day Long Distance Race
- 10 Alternate race day
- 11 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Fall Workday 8:30 breakfast / work 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 15 Social Event – Evening BBQ
- 19 International Talk Like a Pirate Day (no planned club activity)
- 30 Full Moon

## OCTOBER

- 09 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Social Event – TBD
- 24 E-publication of Newsletter #4
  - Workday accomplishments
  - Race information
  - Annual Meeting and Banquet information
- 29 Full Moon

## NOVEMBER

- 04 Daylight Savings Time ends
- TBD Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- TBD Social Event - Annual Meeting & Banquet
- 28 Full Moon

## DECEMBER

- 08 Winterization Workday
- 11 Board Meeting
- TBD Mayor's Holiday Parade
- 28 Full Moon

# Blue Valley Yacht Club

## Membership Application

(Enter year)

Complete the entire form including complete boat information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ VHS Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

**Boat Information:** Please list all boats that you may launch from or store at the Blue Valley Yacht Club.

Registration Number	Make, Model and Size	Name
1. _____		
2. _____		

Check the areas where you will assist the club: ? Harbor ? Grounds ? Racing ? Social

### CLUB FEES:

One-time entry fee for new members \$100 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Membership fee (one year) \$100 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

? Check for \$2 of basic membership fee to go to youth sailing\*

All co-owners of moored and stored boats must pay the membership fees

### MOORINGS

Number of moorings \_\_\_\_\_ X \$150 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A mooring counts as 'first-boat' and entitles the member to the discount for additional stored boats.

### BOAT STORAGE:

Applies to any boat stored on club grounds \_\_\_\_\_ X \$85 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional boats stored on grounds including tenders to moored boats if the tender is stored inside the dinghy park \_\_\_\_\_ X \$45 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Tax Deductible Donation to Youth Sailing, if desired\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$10.00 reduction in membership fee for payment before the early payment deadline <\$ \_\_\_\_\_ >

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Membership, mooring and storage fees are reduced to half-price after August 1<sup>st</sup>

New members joining after September 15 may pay full-year fees for membership through the next year.

While on the premises ALL members and their guests are required to follow the rules and regulations of the yacht club and to be courteous to other members and their guests. In the event of an emergency call 911 and notify a board member as soon as possible. It is the individual member's responsibility to fix or report to a director any damage to club equipment. The rules and regulations of the yacht club can be found at [www.bluevalleyyachtclub.org](http://www.bluevalleyyachtclub.org)

I, the undersigned, agree to follow all the Rules and Regulations of the Blue Valley Yacht Club. I furthermore authorize the BVYC Board or their representative to move my boat(s) and other property located on club grounds and harbor as they deem necessary and will hold them harmless when doing so.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*All Youth Sailing Donations are transferred to the Blue Valley Youth Sailing Foundation which will provide you a receipt for your tax deductible contributions.

Make check payable to Blue Valley Yacht Club and send to: Blue Valley Yacht Club, P.O. Box 961, Manhattan, KS 66505

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