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THE WINDWORD

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FROM THE COMMODORE

Hooray! The good news is that the lake level is a few inches above normal. The sad news is that it took 3 months to get there. The Great news is that time has now passed and we are moving forward with the rest of the sailing season ahead of us to capture. Not that there is much of an solace in this, but I typically read/review 6-8 Sailing Club web-sites a month that are located in the midwest. And our story from this season has not been a unique experience. Almost all of the midwest sailing clubs have had similar experiences, if not worse. And now the time has come to start the recovery and push forward with renewed activities.

A little understanding, the State Park started this summer season with a reduced staff that was about half of their normal personnel due to budget constraints. Add the record breaking flooding and you find the Parks staff overwhelmed with more priority emergencies than labor hours can address. Like us, much of their actions have been limited or nonexistent due to the accessibility from the flooding. Only in the last 3 weeks have the waters receded. The Park has lost ten's of thousands of revenue dollars due to camp grounds being closed

down. In addition they have recently lost even more of their existing staff, putting their skeletal crew to less than skeletal.. We have now moved past the flooding and the park is working on their recovery with the staff that they have. The park is beginning to address the water line leak situation. With a little luck, we hope to see this resolved. No guarantee's at this point. I will be sure to communicate any updates as they happen.

August Activities:

August 7th, 9am start: Volunteers needed to help the State Park look for the line leak

August 10th, 9am-1pm: Work Credit Day cleaning up the covered shelter & other odd's and ends - Grilling Dogs & Brats after clean up

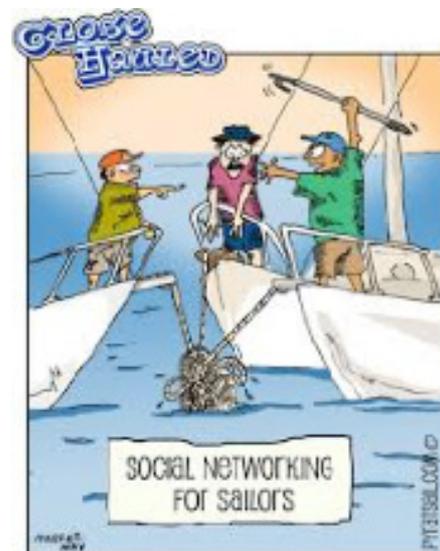
August 17th, 10am-2pm: Uncle Gene's Swap Meet – Grilling Dogs, Brats & Burgers with Ice Cream Sundae's

Wednesday & Saturday Racing – See schedule on website

Walnut Valley Sailing Club is a volunteer run organization, Thank You to all that have helped the club in working through the multitude of issues this season. I am not sure how we would

have ever made it this far without your help. I am also asking and urge all of the membership to step up and volunteer as we work towards our recovery – This club is your club – Make The Best Better.

Live to Sail - Sail to Live, RICHARD



1937

Year Walnut Valley Sailing Club was established

85

Number of Sailboat Slips at WVSC at El Dorado, KS

130

Number of Dry Storage Spaces at WVSC Facility

Welcome

Walnut Valley Sailing Club offers a friendly and relaxing sailing club atmosphere at El Dorado Lake, Kansas. We have the best and deepest water conditions in the region, great facilities, programs, and events for sailors of all ages!

Our on-the-water Activity Center has all the necessary amenities for great sailing and social experiences. The activity center is available to members from spring through fall and includes a full kitchen, restrooms, and showers. Our 85 slips are 10, 12 or 14 ft. wide. There are many sailing activities, sailing programs, races and social events for the whole family. I hope you decide to join us for an exciting and fun 2019 sailing season!

- Commodore

Meeting Minutes

WVSC Board Meeting - July 11, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: 7:22 pm at Charlie Volk's house, 2105 S. Ironstone, Wichita.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Barth, Dave Bonifield, Eric Wertheimer, Steve Kubin, Ted Blankenship, Charlie Volk Brian

COMMODORE'S REMARKS: Need help to finish up initial repairs following our floods. Need to remove debris, reset picnic tables and handicap ramps, floor repairs in storage sheds, fire extinguisher tables, and power was muddy items, etc. The dry storage cleanup was a success – 13 people participated removing 3,000 pounds of trash.

MEMBER CONCERNS: The gray plastic dock in its current temporary location somewhat restricts maneuvering. Board asks docks to be moved back to proper location as soon as possible as flood waters permit and/or stored temporarily south of the dingy docks.

JUNE BOARD MINUTES APPROVED. Motion by Eric Wertheimer/Charlie Volk

LIAISON REPORTS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

HARBOR: Committee is asking for the status of the planned sun shelter for the committee/rescue boat. Steve Kubin will research and report.

ACTIVITIES CENTER: The Club house has been getting messy lately – please carry out your trash!
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Uncle Gene's Swap Meet

Social Event

17

Walnut Valley Sailing Club Activity Center,
Boulder Bluff Rd
El Dorado, KS 67042
10am-2pm

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Saturday Racing

Racing Event

17

Walnut Valley Sailing Club Activity Center,
Boulder Bluff Rd
El Dorado, KS 67042
2pm-5pm

"What Is It" Quiz

"What is it?" we ask. Here is a seven question quiz that will expose you as the genius everyone knows you are or the not-so genius everyone has accepted you as...Either way, have fun!

(Answers located on page 6).

1) What is the Saloon?

- The area of a boat used for dining and lounging
- The aft deck of a center cockpit boat
- The part of the boat where the toilet and shower reside
- There is no area of a boat called "the saloon"

2) Weather helm is:

- When a sailboat becomes completely un-steerable in heavy weather situations
- The tendency for a boat (when sailing) to head up in the wind
- A rudder system that is attached by through-bolts made of brass
- Occurs when weather is so severe hand steering (as opposed to autopilot) is the only option

3) What is a "short sheet?"

- It's a type of all-purpose knot that is usually used on jib-sheets
- It's another name for a storm jib
- It's the sheet used expressly for storm jibs
- It's a temporary sheet used to relieve the load on a working sheet

4) What is a Zephyr?

- A gentle breeze
- A strong current
- A passing shower
- A morning fog bank

5) What is a stanchion?

- An area on a nautical chart that denotes an obstruction
- An occurrence that involves two sailboats on exactly the same course and tack, traveling at the same speed
- A metal post that supports lifelines
- A removeable piece of hardware used to lower the anchor from a bowsprit

6) What is a binnacle?

- The stand where the boat's main compass is mounted
- A ring shaped piece of hardware used to divest loads
- A very small screw that holds the compass needle in place
- A latch that secures lockers and compartments

7) What is a hank?

- A piece of lightweight cloth used to measure wind speed and direction
- A low friction ring that can sometimes replace the need for blocks
- A metal clip or fabric used to attach a sail's luff to a stay
- A fitting that connects hoses, typically in the plumbing system

Minutes Continued...

STEP/LEARN TO SAIL: Board agreed to accept new upgraded benches donated by the STEP program with money received from Ed Webb Estate. Motion: Kubin/Bonifield.

FINANCE: Treasurer's report accepted. Motion: Kubin/Volk. Bonifield recommends a bylaw change be prepared for the Annual Meeting that recognizes potential emergency expenses in excess of \$5,000 may need to be authorized by the Board.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: All socials to date postponed or cancelled due to lack of water.

DRY STORAGE: Reports (also see Commodore's remarks) cleanup of dry storage was successful, 13 people participated and the barbeque cooks did a great job for the dinner that followed.

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Reports that water continues to be off due to a leak in the Corp water lines. The Commodore & Board are working with Corps and Water District No 3 to fix. Following the floods the concern is our buffalo grass has been killed and will need to be replanted.

NEW BUSINESS: We have signed a contract with House of Schwan for the annual meeting. Details to follow per the formal announcement. By-Laws committee to study/prepare and get a legal opinion for a by-law change that would allow expenditures for a project to exceed \$5,000 in the case of emergency or safety concern. Motion: Bonifield/Volk.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

Next Meeting, August 8, 2019 at 7 pm, 9449 East 21st Street N., Suite 200, Wichita, KS 67206.

Boats for "Sail"

Asking \$34,750. 2001 Catalina 28 Mk II. wing keel, 135% furling genoa, Dutchman system for mainsail curling, Universail 25 HP diesel, microwave, stereo, swim ladder, navigational instruments, outstanding maintenance with many upgrades. Bottom paint job 12/18.

Contact: John Carter at (316) 250-5874

Asking \$3,900 O.B.O. 1983 Gloucester, 23'. In very good condition, comes with galvanized trailer. It has a shoal keep with a swing center board, and a Mercury 9.9hp motor with very few hours. The main was reconditioned with very little sail time, and new sail covers at the same time. The halyards and dock lines were new in 2014.

Contact: Ed Kilma at (620) 786-5146

Asking \$4,750. 1985 Hunter 23.5'
Sails – galvanized trailer.

Contact: Dick Caspari (316) 685-8611

Asking \$4,750. 1988 Hobie 16' Excellent Condition – no soft spots, sunrise sails, trailer.

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Wednesday Night Racing

Racing Event

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Walnut Valley Sailing Club Activity Center,
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6pm-8pm

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Racing Event

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Uncle Gene's 9th Annual Sailing Swap Meet

Uncle Gene Plehal is looking forward to seeing you at the SWAP MEET with your old, new, discarded, unwanted but not forgotten sailing stuff to sell or trade.

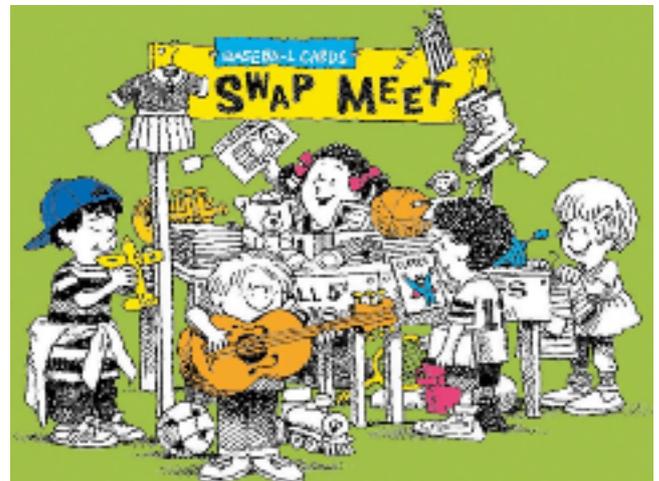
WHEN: Saturday August 17th, 2019 From 1000 to 1400 (That's 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for you novices!)

WHERE: Walnut Valley Sailing Club

Bring your stuff – anything related to sailing – pieces, parts, and sundry items. We plan to swap, buy, trade, or give away – whatever works to get the stuff moving from your hands to someone else, and vice versa. You now have a date, time, and place and instructions. All you got to do is be there! Bring a little cash and your own refreshments.

Grilling dogs, brats, & burgers – serving ice cream sundaes from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

Call Gene Plehal for more information: (316) 722-1037



A Sailors Guide to Smartphone Photography

The perfect tool to document your cruising adventures might already be in your pocket.

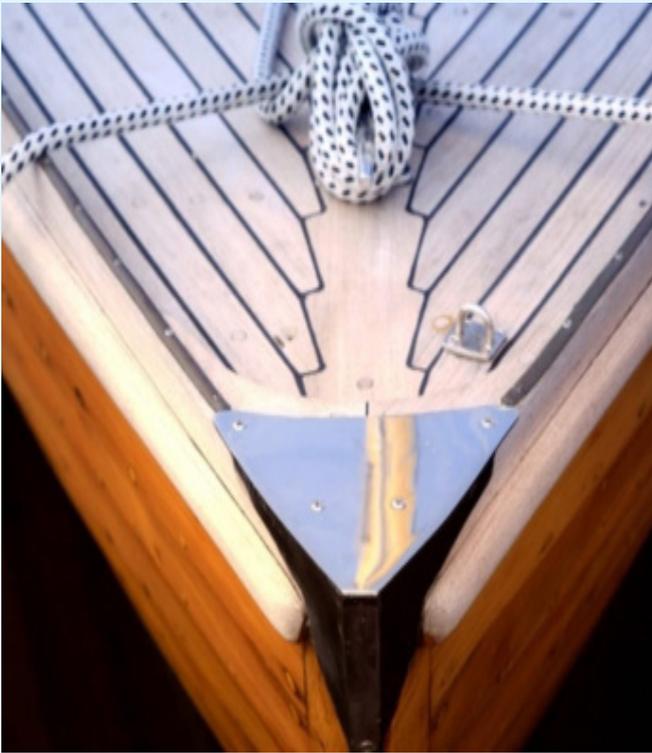
By Thaddeus B. Kubis

Time is of the essence when you're trying to capture the perfect sunset photo. With your smartphone in your pocket, you have a powerful camera and editing tools easily at hand.

I use my iPhone 6 Plus for much more than making calls, texting, emailing and tracking the latest social media trends. As a sailor, I use my iPhone 6 Plus to navigate, check destinations and weather, plan routes, book slips or moorings, and even to make dinner reservations prior to arriving in port. As a professional photographer, I have also been using my iPhone 6 Plus not only to supplement my expensive, large and heavy equipment, but in many instances to replace a full-sensor DSLR as my camera of choice. Here are some features and tricks that have helped me get the most out of my smartphone's camera.

Instant Photos In many cases, you need to act quickly to get the shot – there's no time to put in lock codes or fingerprint scans. To access the iPhone camera instantly, without having to unlock the phone, just swipe left on your home screen, and you have the full camera application ready to use. Android phones use a quick app-launching tool that accomplishes the same immediate camera activation.

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ALL THE FUN IS

Recipe of the Month Frozen Key Lime Pie

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup salted cashews, chopped
- 1/2 cup sweetened shredded coconut
- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1-1/2 cups sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup Key lime juice
- 3 teaspoons grated Key lime zest
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Optional: whipped cream and key lime slices

- 01 Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a small bowl, combine flour, cashews, coconut and brown sugar. Stir in butter. Sprinkle into a greased 15x10x1-in. baking pan. Bake 20-25 minutes or until golden brown, stirring once. Cool on a wire rack.
- 02 Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine cream, milk, lime juice, zest and vanilla. Refrigerate until chilled.
- 03 Fill cylinder of ice cream freezer two-thirds full; freeze according to the manufacturer's directions
- 04 Sprinkle half the cashew mixture into an ungreased 11x7-in. dish. Spread ice cream over top; sprinkle with remaining cashew mixture. Cover and freeze 4 hours or until firm. Garnish servings with whipped cream and lime slices if desired.



Flash Options: Auto, On, Off - In the camera app of an iPhone, at the top left you will see a lightning-shaped icon. Tap it to bring up the flash sub-menu choices: auto, on, and off. I recommend that you leave the flash set to auto. In this setting, the flash will activate when the software determines the need for additional light, which, for a sailor, may not be often. Most sailing images are shot in bright, seemingly overpowering light, so why use the flash at all? Here are some reasons: Photos taken in the cabin at sunrise or sunset, or portraits taken with the sun or lighting behind the subject, could need flash "fill." Or with the subject looking directly into the sun, you might need the flash to avoid what is known as "raccoon eyes." Keeping the flash on or set to auto can eliminate deep, often unattractive shadows.

High Dynamic Range (HDR) Options: Auto, On, Off - HDR stands for "high dynamic range," a tool that exposes a series of images with each image exposed differently. In short, the exposures run from darkest to lightest. HDR provides greater detail, a more realistic image, and a better-defined separation between shadows, midtones, and highlights. For best results, use HDR when photographing landscapes or seascapes. Don't use HDR under very bright sun, if you are sailing fast, or if you need a series of quick, successive images. Also note that the flash is automatically turned off when using HDR.

Selfie View - Tapping the camera icon with the circular arrows will switch the lens view from forward-looking toward the screen of the smartphone, facing whoever or whatever is holding the phone. In other words, it will turn your camera into a selfie-maker. But beware: Most "accidental" photos are taken when the operator mistakenly thinks the camera is pointed outward.

Self-Timer - Need to take a selfie but don't have a selfie stick, or want to capture a perfect group shot? No problem. Touch the circular clock-like icon and select either a three or ten second delay. Set the device on a surface that will hold it in place (not near the toe rail), compose the image, and press the shutter. You will

see the flash count down each second and, just prior to exposing the flash, rapidly click on and off until the shutter clicks — done!

Additional Functions

Smartphones and tablets offer a variety of functions that allow you to expand the use of your camera. The iPhone lists several along the bottom of the screen within the camera app: time-lapse, slo-mo, video, photo, square, and pano. Tablets may not include all these functions. On some Android models, you will find these options located within your photography sub-menu.

Time-Lapse: With this option, the frame rate consists of a series of single pictures shot at a speed that's slower than normal video. When the video is played back, time seems to be moving faster, or lapsing. Use time-lapse to shorten a long sequence or capture an event such as a docking sailboat.

Slo-Mo: This tool essentially slows down the motion of the subject. When I teach sailing, I use slow motion to visually explain wrapping a winch, tacking, or jibing, or other complex functions where errors can be seen more clearly when the view is slowed down.

Video: Lights, camera, action! You use video to document your best and worst sailing experiences: dolphins swimming along the bow, whales breaching, or crewmembers swimming, sailing or enjoying a destination.

Photo: This is the standard of photography. The 4-to-3 aspect ratio allows photos taken in this mode to be copied, edited, posted and emailed. Square: The square mode works the same way as the photo mode except that the aspect ratio (normally 4-to-3) and shape of the image are no longer rectangular, but square (1-to-1).

Pano: The panoramic function is a bit tricky to use on a moving boat or dock, as it requires you to rotate the phone while holding it level. In this mode, the camera takes a series of sequential images that are stitched together via a software

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ON THE WATER!

function. Once saved, a panoramic photo can be shared the same way as any other image. This image size works great for landscapes, photographing your boat while on a dock or mooring, or for nearly any other "long" item or subject. When taking the photo, you need to be aware of your tracking speed, the movement to the left or right, and the movement of the camera up or down — all tough on a moving sailboat.

Focus, Exposure, Zoom, and More - Most smartphones have an auto-focus/auto-exposure (AF/AE) lock. Just touch the screen with your finger (for about three seconds) on the area where you wish to focus, and you will see the AF/AE icon, which means you are now fixed on the area you touched. You can remove the AF/AE by quickly tapping the screen. When you activate your camera, you will note that a yellow or blue square appears on the screen. Next to the square, you will see a sun-shaped icon and a vertical line. Dragging the sun icon up or down along the line will change the overall exposure. Along the bottom of the camera frame, you have the ability to zoom in or out when using most of the camera options. Pinch the screen outward to zoom in; pinch the screen inward to zoom out. Or, on the screen, use your index finger to drag the zoom circle along the zoom line. On an Android phone, the volume controls can activate the zoom function.

Editing - OK, you have the shot and have placed it in the camera's memory, but it needs a bit of work. No problem. Most smartphones have a wide range of retouching tools. Go to your gallery (the Photos app on an iPhone), select an image, and tap the icon that looks like three horizontal lines with dots on them (on Android platforms, tap the editing icon). Along the very bottom of the frame, you will see three icons. The first (arrows and a frame) allows you to scale, crop or adjust the angle of any image. The next icon (three circles) allows you to select filters including monochrome, noir, fade, black-and-white, and others. If you don't like the change, just touch "revert," and you are back at the starting point.

The last option (a circle with a dial and dots) provides you with editing capability, enabling you to change the overall lighting, modify the color, remove the color, and convert the image to gray-scale. The last function has sub-menus that provide advanced editing tools and more sophisticated editing functions.

Posting and Sharing - Select your video or still image from your gallery, click on the rectangle with the upward-facing arrow (a sideways V on Androids), select the type of media you plan to share with, and off you go.

One last note: You can send your photo or video as a small, medium, large, or actual-size image. The size of the image will determine how much time the transfer will take, so be advised that you may need a Wi-Fi connection, rather than a 3G or 4G cellular network to send large files. Most smartphones and tablets allow you to choose the size of the image you plan to email or post.

Smartphone-Use Warnings

Sailors live in the wet, and for your phone, this is not a good environment. Prior to sailing, you should consider one of the many waterproof cases available today. Most smartphones, tablets, and other mobile devices will easily overheat when left in direct sun. Once overheated, the device will shut down, and you will need to allow the device to cool before you can turn it back on.

Summary

Today, the latest smartphones are more like cameras than ever before. You can purchase hand-held grips, monopods, full tripods, selfie sticks, external lenses, underwater cases and much more. You can download hundreds of apps that can magically convert your basic images into sepia-toned or black-and-white, add effects, smooth imperfections, and even publish photo books over the Internet. So before you head out on your next sailing adventure, try practicing with your smartphone's photo features. You just might be surprised at the high-quality images you can produce.

Boats for "Sail"...

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Fundraising

Support Walnut Valley Sailing Club, STEP & Youth Sailing Programs!

You already shop at Amazon and Dillons, why not earn money for Walnut Valley Sailing Club STEP (Safety Training and Education Program) and Youth Sailing too?

When you shop via the links on our website wvsailingclub.com/fundraising, we will earn a percentage of your purchase. There is no extra cost to you, just a special link. Check it out today!

Thank you for your support - WVSC

Asking \$800. Snipe Sails – no trailer
Contact: Dick Caspari (316) 685-8611

Asking \$3,200 O.B.O. 1981 Balboa 24' Sailboat (Laguna Yachts) with Motor and Trailer. 2001 Nissan 9 HP Outboard Motor (NS 9.8 B). Three sails (Main, 135% Genoa and Storm Jib). Brand new main sail cover. 15 Amp Battery Charger, Transfer switch (1-2-both) and Share AC power (115 V) Depth Sounder, Compass, Knot Meter, VHF Radio. Solid Roadrunner tandem trailer – Lights and brakes need some work. Great sailing boat that can be seen i slip B35 at WVSC.
Contact: Gordon Noel (316) 285-6825

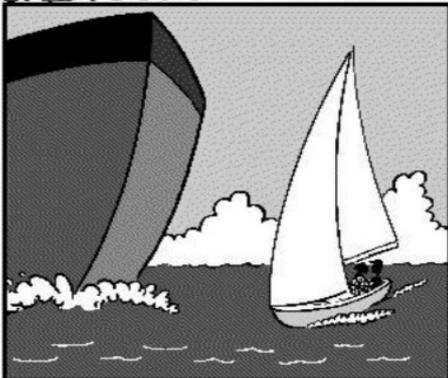


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Quiz Answers

SAILTOONS

by Michael Matzone



Don't worry... according to the rules they have to give way to us.

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- 2) b. The tendency for a boat (when sailing) to head up in the wind
- 3) d. It's a temporary sheet used to relieve the load on a working sheet
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