

The "Windword-ette"

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"SECRET SAILOR" STARTS NOW!

**IN A NUTSHELL, THIS IS HOW IT WORKS AND THIS IS
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:**

Each WVSC family is going to be linked to another WVSC family. Each family will receive an email with the name of their assigned family. Note: It's a one


way street. You will be linked to the family we assign you too, however, they will not be *paired* to you. Read that again if you're scratching your head...It's a one way link. It works something like this: the Cape family is linked to the Salgado family. but the Salgado's are NOT reciprocal or paired in any way with the Capes. So, the Capes will secretly do nice things for the Salgado's, but the Salgado's will not know who the gestures are coming from. The Salgado's will be assigned/linked to a different family, say the Kubins. Still with me here? The Salgado family will be receiving stuff from the Capes, and the Kubin's will be receiving things from the Salgado's. (nice things-nice stuff)

At this point it may behoove you to review the title: "SECRET SAILOR." Don't call your SS family and don't email your SS family. Don't ask them what they want. Boo-Hiss. That's not it. Do all that you feel comfortable in doing for your SS, but keep in mind that SS is not a contest. If you let the other family know you've been thinking about them from time to time; good enough.

All of this will come to an unbelievable crescendo on June 21st at our Summer Solstice Party. We'll reveal on that evening all of our Secret Sailors. Plan ahead! If you find a 2021 Morris 36X neatly tied in your slip with all new dock lines, it's probably not from me, but it could be from your Secret Sailor.

Be nice, have fun and start planning what you're going to do for your Secret Sailor and/or family. Watch for another email within the next 72 hours. It will let you know who your assigned Secret Sailor family is. Confused but still want to play along? Give us a call and we'll walk you through it. No worries.

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Look Close!

This fine Skipper and her younger brother just joined WVSC as Junior Members. Hayden is a Level I U.S. Sailing certified instructor and was a sailing instructor for our Summer Sailing Academy for two years. Both Hayden and Heaton came up through our sailing programs as youth sailors. Welcome Hayden and Heaton Griffin!

FROM YOUR COMMODORE:

As most of you are aware by now we had a fire on our docks last month that caused significant damage to our docks, electrical service, water lines and floatation. We were lucky we didn't lose our entire clubhouse.

As we begin a new year, we all need to stop and think about what we can do to help make our fellow sailors, docks, slips and facilities safer. We can implement new rules, post signs and talk about safety, but until we all make a concerted effort to practice good safety, it's all for not.

Don't be shy, it's the right thing to do to ask another sailor if they need a life jacket. It's the right thing to do to hang a life ring out

**SAFETY
FIRST**

**SAFETY IS
EVERYBODY'S
JOB**

"It's not if, it's when?"

on the docks, to remove clutter from our walkways, to check the location of fire extinguishers, the EPR unit etc. etc. If you see something that is unsafe or you see someone that is being unsafe, take it upon yourself to correct the problem or report the safety concern to our harbormaster.

A fellow sailor once told me: "It's not if, it's when?" The fire on our docks should be a sobering reminder of why we need to be safe everyday both on and off the water.



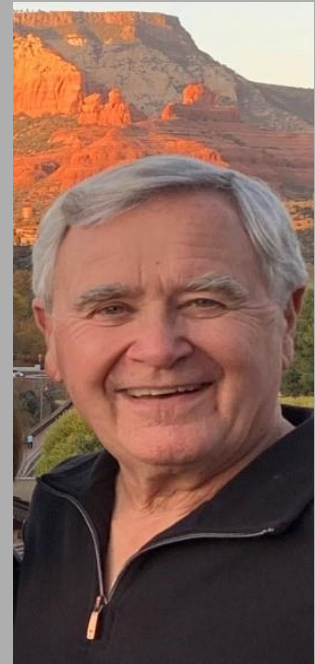
Walnut Valley Sailing Club "First Hike" A smashing success!

Joe Goetz – Bio

A sailor for almost 70 years, I started out crewing for my father on our Snipe on our home lake (Lake Lotawana) just outside of Kansas City. He handed me the tiller in my teens for what turned out to be the start of a brief and forgettable

racing career. I actually chased Ted Wells around the course several times during that period when he came up for our annual regatta. Once I decided I would use a race to learn from Wells, so I tucked in behind at the start and shadowed him, from an increasing distance, the rest of the way. He sailed what must have been the worst race of his career, finishing something like 22nd out of 28 or so boats. (I was further back.)

Another time I came down to Santa Fe Lake – a regatta that attracted over 30 boats. I remember that because almost immediately after the starting gun went off, the first shouts of “Shore room!” were heard. . . with over 2/3 of the fleet still to cross the starting line! Sailing after that was intermittent due to family and career needs. I came back to it in the mid-80’s when I lived in Tulsa and had a 26.5 Hunter on Grand Lake. About that time, I started taking the occasional trip to the Caribbean to bare boat sail, something we’ve continued on and off. Charters have ranged from 32’ -38’ monohulls to 46’ cats, in and around the usual suspects: BVI, St. Maarten, St. Lucia, etc. After another decade-plus hiatus, a few years following our move to Wichita, we bought our current 25.5 Hunter and joined the Club here (2013).



Joe is our new Finance Chair and is in his first year on the WVSC BOG. Welcome Joe and thanks for saying "yes!"

Kevin Welch - Bio

My name is Kevin Welch and my wife's name is Brenda. We have 5 children. Our youngest, Maddox is 15 who you may have seen at the lake. We've been members of WVSC since 2006, but have been inactive since 2009. I recently retired and have more time now to refit our Hunter 260. We got it back on the water this summer. We plan to be more active in the sail club and spend more weekends at the lake during the sailing season.

Kevin is our new Board Liaison for

Security and a Committee of one. If you have even a smattering of free time, Kevin could use you help on his committee.

Welcome back Kevin and thanks for saying "yes!"



Kevin and Brenda Welch

Dust off your old 4 X 5 and get ready to shoot some high resolution Kodachrome... next month the games **begin.** Samsung, iPhone, Android, Polaroid, Nikon, or Canon will work just fine.

And for those of you that just can't wait, here's a not so subtle subliminal:



Looks like Dave Leiker is trying to get ahead of the crowd. Go Dave go.



If you have an interest in helping edit/publish the "Windword" newsletter, don't be shy. We want you, we need you, and we'll let you work for free. This "Windword-ette" is a work in progress.

If you have ideas, pictures, illustrations, short articles, video clips, travel stories, boats or sailing equipment for sale etc. We're interested. We reserve the right to edit for length and/or relevance. We may hold your submission for future publications or not use it at all.

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YOU COULD WIN...

WATCH THIS VIDEO ON TYING A BOWLINE

AND IF YOU DON'T LEARN SOMETHING NEW

WE'LL PAY YOU TWENTY FIVE CLAMS

or fifty zebra muscles attached to an old pipe.

and for that one guy less tech savvy than yours truly, click the arrow above, it's a link to YouTube; cool

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Committee Chair: **It's so good to meet YOU!**



Thought you were done with Secret Sailor for the day? Not so fast.

You're going to get your WVSC Secret Sailor family assignment via email within the next 48 hours. In the mean time: go get your favorite box of cereal out, take the bag out and place it back in the cupboard. Next, cut out a 4 X 6" card and put a stamp on it. Done!

Now all you need to do is write something nice or clever on your new card and drop it in the mail to your Secret Sailor. You could write something catchy like "Happy New Year" but I'll leave that to you.

A couple of things to remember:

DON'T SIGN YOUR CARD & DON'T PLACE A RETURN ADDRESS ON THE CARD.

Secret Sailor is only going to be fun and interesting if you participate.
Don't be a curmudgeon. Boo Hiss

JOKE OF THE MONTH:

"What do you call a bunch of rabbits at a disco party?"

a hare ball

Hey, until we get some jokes from you fine folks, you're going to have to deal with hare balls. As always, send us your joke and we'll at least...consider it!

HAPPY NEW YEAR SAILORS!

