

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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"From the Commodore" comments in this month's Windword may not be what folks have come to expect from their Commodore:

Nothing about 72 days till spring, our docks, water leaks, open gates, security alerts, social plans or our need for a few more committee chairs, etc. Instead, I wrote a piece about my love for the state of Kansas. In part, as a feeling of pride I got from the email messages I received back from Jakub Stepanovic in the United Kingdom.

It all began (sounds like a boat story) after I did a Google search for El Dorado

Lake photos. When Jakub's photo of the stunning sunset above popped up I immediately thought, "Yip, that's it. That's our lake and I'm going to use *that* photo."

Based on my request from WVSC members for "no copyright material" I decided I better follow my own guidelines and get permission to use Jakub's photo. Long story short, I emailed back and forth with Jakub, got the permission I hoped for and as an added bonus, a nice surprise and a great story. See below:

By chance, I noticed that Jakub's phone number was preceded with +44; the international calling code for the UK. Once I discovered that, I had to know how Jakub came upon our lake, our cove, and that beautiful sunset in Kansas.

The reply I received from Jakub Stepanovic in Scotland explains it all:

I was born in Czechoslovakia, and as I was keen on photography and traveling, I went to Kansas to study journalism to connect those two into a profession. In the meantime, I fell in love with exploring the US' beauty, and while I didn't have loads of resources to do it extensively, I used any chance I got.

After graduation, I started working as a photographer in Emporia, and I got invited to Wichita for a media convention_A perfect opportunity to see El Dorado Lake on the way. It rewarded me with the stunning sunset that I captured. The colorful skies that I witnessed in KS quickly found a place in my heart, just like the numerous great people I met there.

I no longer live in Kansas, as the US immigration didn't consider my case worthy of visa extension - sometimes, life goes differently than planned. I ended in Scotland, so that's the UK phone number. From time to time, the Atlantic also provides vivid sunsets, but I hope to re-visit KS and its community one day. If I do, I will get in touch; an afternoon on the lake sounds fantastic!

Best wishes, Jakub
Scotland, UK



LOOK CLOSE!

Recognize your boat out there in front Rob?

Your boat? Maybe not in this photo, but chances are you sail a boat *just like these* and we all know *your boat would be* out there in front.

Nice spinnakers;

Ginger, Blaine, Andrew, Rob C., Diana, Preston, Jerry, Steve, Whitney, Chris, Paul, Gene, Gary, the other Paul, and of course Nikki!

Name that boat and yes these are! _ _ _ _ _'s



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From the Commodore

WVSC members,

I'm a Kansan through and through. I was born in Kansas, raised in Kansas, went to school *in* Kansas and worked in Kansas my entire adult life, now I'm retired... in Kansas.

OFFICERS:

COMMODORE

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You get the idea, enough already.

My sister, the wildlife biologist, she's a Kansan by default. She was born here, semi-raised here and then she moved to Wyoming as fast as a horse would take her. She's harangued me now for the past thirty years about why I would ever choose to live in this state, Kansas? By choice?

I love it here. I love the open skies, the prairies, the bur oak trees, the creeks and the easy going, simple, cheap, quiet life. And of course, I love our lake and Walnut Valley Sailing club.

Janet and I have been fortunate enough to travel all over the world. We've sailed on lakes, rivers and oceans. Together, we've been to well over a dozen different countries, sailing in many of them.

Any place I would rather sail? Not really. British Virgin Islands, The Bahamas, Whitsunday's, Sidney Harbor, Minorca Spain, etc. all beautiful places to sail, but I'm always, always happy to be back home and sailing on El Dorado lake. It's a nice lake, the water is clean and clear- enough and the winds are, well like they are in Kansas... and that's what I like about it most, Kansas.

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"SECRET SAILOR"

It's all good & we're off to a great start!

I must say, we've been pleasantly surprised at the response we've had to the Secret Sailor venture. Janet and I have heard from folks in the club we hadn't heard from in years. We're glad to know you're out there and we're thrilled you chose to join in the fun. And just remember, relax,

take a deep breath, you can't get this wrong. If you let your Secret Sailor know you've been thinking about them every once in a while, it's all good.

Just for fun, keep some of the "cool stuff" you get from your SS. We might casually display it at our Summer Solstice party June 19th, 2021.

To my Secret Sailor, whoever you are; Thanks. "That" was cool.

"WEB PAGE PHOTO CONTEST"

Dust off your old 4 X 5 and get ready to shoot some high resolution Kodachrome...**This month the games begin.**

Samsung, iPhone, Android, Polaroid, Nikon, or Canon will work just fine.

The nuts and bolts of it all: we're looking to replace our Walnut Valley Sailing Website photo with one that better represents, us, our state, our lake and more importantly; Our Club. Let your creative genius run-amuck. There are no rules other than the photos submitted must be the original work of you... the club members. No copied photos, no photos from newspapers, magazines, or any other published sources including the internet. Go out, have some fun and take a bucket load of photos, then send us your best work of ONE. We'll do our best to include as many entries as we can in the *April Windword* along with the winning entry. Good luck and be aware, some folks have already been up there, out there and around the bend, shooting great photos.



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



Did you know we use Opti's in our Summer Sailing Academy?

We've trained a bucket load of future WVSC sailors in these cool little boats. Watch this video and be amazed! Everything we do on our "big boats" these kids do in Opti's, and probably better.

2021 Social Calendar

APRIL:

THE BIG BASH SEASON OPENER & "OFFICIAL" LAUNCH DAY; 4-17 team help with anything & everything related to launching your boat, BOG Grill, New Member Intro's & Blessing of the Fleet to follow

MAY:

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK 45 & UNDER SOCIAL

(time & date to be determined)

JUNE:

SECRET SAILOR REVEAL & SUMMER SAILSTICE PARTY; 6-19,
Club Potluck & Night Sail

24 HOURS ON BOARD & UNDER SAIL CHALLENGE (With a
purpose, details to follow)

JULY:

CLUB BREAKFAST & ALL THE COOL BOATS SAIL

First of two "All the Cool Boats Sail" events, 7-10

CHRISTMAS IN JULY 7-25, Potluck or Dinner Menu TBD/Evening Sail

AUGUST:

LADY MARINERS EVENT

Guys take charge... of the kitchen/Spaghetti & Meatballs/Pink Cosmos

SEPTEMBER:

CLUB BREAKFAST & ALL THE COOL BOATS SAIL

to the flag and back- Don't know how to navigate with a compass, no
worries, we'll teach you, or just follow "All the Cool Boats!"

CAMPING BEYOND B DOCKS AND SO MUCH MORE Details
forthcoming

OCTOBER:

SMOKIN-HOT CHILLI COOKOFF

Before the water is turned off... think about it, then come on out!

JUNE/JULY/AUGUST:

FINAL SUNDAY SUNDAES

The last Sunday of the month, everyone at the club gets together for
'Build Your Own Sundae' Listen for the dinner bell, or just ring it yourself
and build yourself a Sundae

TBD:

CARDBOARD BOX BOAT RACE & FLOAT-A-THON

You could win a trophy, go home dripping wet, or both!

- We will practice social distancing and mask recommendations as per the CDC when

appropriate

- Our Social Calendar is still open; if you have ideas or would like to help - just let us know

"IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK" FORTY FIVE AND UNDER-SOCIAL

All we can safely say for now is, you're invited! The hmmm... the younger folks at our fine club have come forward and graciously volunteered to "throw a social" for one and all. Everyone is invited. The twist, the 45 and under crowd is putting it on. It's their gig. We don't know what it's going to be yet, but it's going to be fun, it's going to be different, and we're ALL invited.

Note: if you're 45 or under and would like to help out contact Austin Bayes austinblakedesign@gmail.com H 316-990-3769

*If you were reaching for the phone book to look up Austin, thanks, but you're probably too old to be on the planning team for this one. You're still invited though, never too old for that.

"CAMPING BEYOND B DOCKS AND SO MUCH MORE" We're looking for a few good boats. Somewhere between three & thirty boats would be a great number.

The plan is to sail across the lake, through the old dam and anchor out as a group for an overnighiter on the water. Not sure about anchoring, sleeping on your boat etc. Never sailed to the "other side?" No worries. We'll provide support and offer a few surprises to boot. We'll make it easy and help you every step of the way to make sure you have a fun, safe and enjoyable "overnighiter" anchored out on your boat. Another family friendly event. All ages and sailing experience welcome.

"24 HOURS ON BOARD & UNDER SAIL CHALLENGE"

With a purpose...Hey, nobody said "YOU" had to do it. But if the idea floats your boat in some strange and semi-sadistic way, get a crew together, get a boat, a coffee pot and maybe a six pack of Red Bull and

let's put together a game plan...



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. The "Windword" is a work in progress. If you have ideas, photo's, 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.

No copyright materials please.

Send materials to: teddblankenship59@gmail.com

YWVSC Board meeting December 11, 2020.

Board members in attendance:

Tedd Blankenship, Austin Bayes, Paul Schye, Joe Goetz, Eric Wertheimer, Kevin Welch, Chris Proudfoot.

Call to Order: 7:03pm

Welcome new Board members:

Joe Goetz Kevin Welch Stuart Funk Paul Schye Deann Gadalla

Motion approved to appoint Paul Schye for 1 year term. Motion approved to appoint Deann Gadalla for 1 year term to revisit next year.

Member Concerns: Jim Smith's services well attended by club members.

Thursday's dock fire discussed.

Thank you to outgoing board members:

Dave Bonified Richard Barth Brian Hakala Bill Grabendike

Election of Officers: Motion approved to appoint Tedd Blankenship as Commodore

Motion approved to appoint Chris Proudfoot as Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore, Austin Bayes

Motion approved to appoint Deann Gadalla as Secretary

Motion approved to appoint Paul Schye as Treasurer

Treasurer's Report: Report given by outgoing Treasurer Dave Bonifield.

Currently 60 paid regular members for 2021. 17 regular members show not paid, estimate 2021 season membership count to be 75 regular members. Note: 2021 budget prepared assuming 85 regular members.

Kathy Malcom to retire as Finance chair in Jan/Feb

Income from dues/dry storage fee YTD vs. budget, not all paid, \$9918.75 shown as accounts receivable.

2020 Committees

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Board Liaison: Paul Schye

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Harbor

Board Liaison: Tedd Blankenship

Committee Chair: Charlie Volk

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Committee Chair:

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Board Liaison: Tedd Blankenship

Committee Chair: Blaine Van Dam

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Board Liaison: Tedd Blankenship

Committee Chair: Deanne Gadalla

New Business: Need to post NO SMOKING signs on dock areas.

Motion to approve Annual Meeting Minutes- Motion Approved.

Board meetings to remain at 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00

Board meetings to remain virtual (zoom) as required

Motion to Adjourn: 8:48 pm



Won't you be my Secret Sailor-Valentine?

What have you done for your Secret Sailor lately? Good work. An extra slice of bacon for you today and a box of those cherry filled chocolates.

JOKE OF THE MONTH:

A truck driver was driving west on the turnpike headed to El Dorado lake when he saw a sign that read, 'Low Bridge overhead' but, before he could get stopped, the truck slams into the bridge and wedges under the bridge-stuck.

Cars are backed up all the way to Cassoday. Finally, a police officer approaches, puts his hands on his hips, and says, "Got stuck – huh?" "No," the truck driver says, "I was delivering this bridge and ran out of gas."



WVSC Club Members, the following are boats and a book set that the STEP program has currently for sale. These were generously donated by other members of the Club and, unfortunately cannot be used in our training program. The proceeds will help fund the youth program by making it possible to hire instructors, provide necessary teaching aids and to maintain the program boats.

We will be listing these for sale through the internet websites in the near future. However, we want to make these available to any members interested in purchasing a boat prior to any public advertising.

1988 Precision 18

Fully equipped with 4hp Johnson outboard and galvanized trailer. For more details on



this boat, please view on the following website: **Precision Boat Works P-18 Sailboat.**

We are listing her for \$3,000 as is. You may see the boat in our dry storage area in site 111.

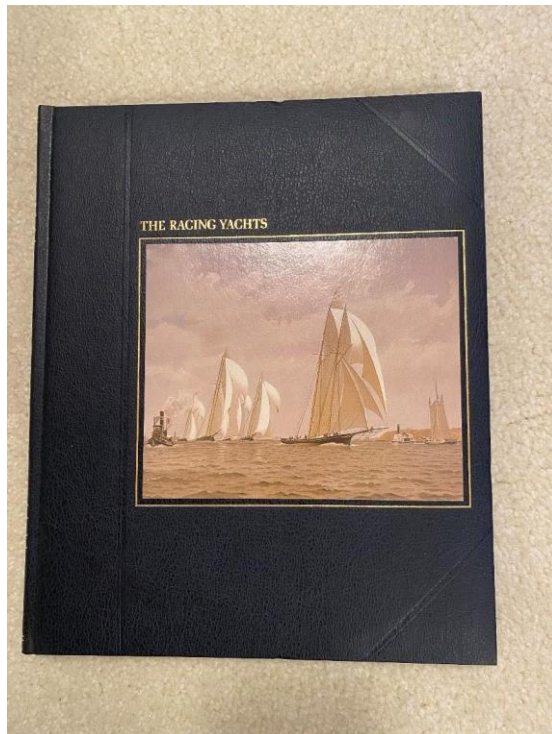
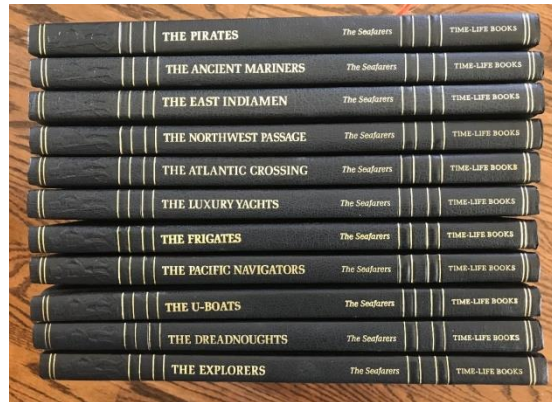
For questions, please contact Gene Nold at 316-734-3981 (phone or text) or at **genenold@att.net.**

1988 Gloucester 23

Fully equipped with 1999 Mercury 9.9 outboard and galvanized trailer. This boat has been owned and sailed by WVSC members since first purchased new in 1988.

Listing for \$3,000 as is. You may see her in our dry storage area in site 422

For sale: Complete 22 volume set of Time-Life "The Seafarers." For details about the books, please contact Gene Nold. Books are leather bound and in excellent condition. Generously donated by one of our members who took good care of them. Books will be listed on the internet as well. We are asking \$350 for the set.



BOG Minutes – January 2021

Meeting date | time 1/14/2021 | 19:05 | Meeting location Zoom

Meeting called by	Tedd Blankenship	Attendees
Type of meeting	Board of Governors, WVSC	Deann Gadalla Joe Goetz Paul Schye Kevin Welch Chris Proudfoot Austin Bayes Eric Wertheimer Tedd Blankenship
Commodore	Tedd Blankenship	
Secretary	Deann Gadalla	

AGENDA TOPICS: COMMODORE REMARKS

CHRIS PROUDFOOT IS THE PARLIAMENTARIAN

FIRST HIKE ON 1/1/21: UNFORTUNATELY, WAS CANCELLED BUT TED REPORTED THAT THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IN THE HIKE. IT WAS CANCELLED DUE TO RECORD SNOW FALL.

SECRET SAILORS: SEVERAL CLUB MEMBERS HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED CONTACTS FROM THEIR ASSIGNED SECRET SAILORS.

PHOTO CONTEST: CLUB MEMBERS HAVE 60 DAYS TO SUBMIT THEIR BEST PHOTO THAT WILL BE THE NEW PHOTO ON THE MAIN WEB PAGE. SUBMISSIONS GO TO THE COMMODORE AND THE BOARD WILL DEVELOP A WAY FOR CLUB MEMBERS TO VOTE ON THE FAVORITE PHOTO. POC: TED

MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PREVIOUS MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES. MOTION WAS SECONDED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA TOPICS: MEMBERSHIP CONCERNS

Time allotted | 19:25 | Agenda topic Membership Concerns | Presenter Commodore

Discussion Conversation: There was discussion on whether the club should ban smoking on all the club property or designated areas due to the recent fire that was determined to be caused by a cigarette butt. A motion was made (Chris Proudfoot) and seconded that the club will restrict smoking to designated areas and personal vessels. There should be no smoking on docks and dry storage.

Conclusion Closing: Board will pursue the need to put up signs to designate smoking areas and purchase the appropriate containers for cigarette butts.

Discussion Conversation: The two gray buildings in the parking lot need repairs. STEP will pay for the repairs. There are currently two bids: 1) patch what is there and make repairs for approximately \$2,500 and 2) cover the current building with metal for approximately \$3,300.

Conclusion Closing: There was discussion on the pros and cons of the metal building and which option is more esthetic to the surroundings. The Board was in favor of the metal building option.

Discussion Conversation: There have been requests to post minutes on the website. This will happen after they are approved at the following month's board meeting.

AGENDA TOPIC: Committee Reports

Action items: Committee Reports

Liaisons:

Membership Committee	Austin Bayes
Sailing Activities Committee	Tedd Blankenship
	Deann Gadalla
Social Committee	TBD
Building and Grounds Committee	Paul Schye

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Long Range Planning-Chris Proudfoot, Austin Bayes

Reported the need for signage on the docks and main entrance and no fishing sign on dinghy docks

Powerboats: Bart Pierce

Discussion over putting a whaler in a slip

Harbor: Tedd Blankenship

Reported the cleanup after the dock fire is completed

Reported the aluminum walkway tread plate on the north end of the club house is missing.

Activity Center: Gene Phlehal

Janine will continue to clean the clubhouse once a week April to October

Membership: Austin Bayes

Discussion on slip assignments and Hayden and Heaton Griffin have joined as Jr. Members. Both have been part of the club's STEP program for many years and Hayden has been an instructor in the STEP program.

Action items: Committee Reports

Summer Sailing Academy: Tedd Blankenship

Reported the program is still looking at options.

Archivist: Dave Reynolds

Public Relations: Tedd Blankenship

Tedd reported he has been working on the Windword and Charlie Volk is updating the web page. Reports that now password reset is successful in the member's only part of the web page.

Reported he will work on a club member photo contest and he is looking at ways to encourage participation in club activities.

Treasurer/Finance: Paul Schye and Joe Goetz

Paul reported he had sent out the treasurer report. Currently there are 61 paid memberships and 16 delinquents. Of the 16 delinquent memberships 3 have resigned and 7 have said they will renew. He will continue to get ahold of the other 6 members to see their status.

Dock expenses were also discussed.

Joe reported he is reviewing the club budget and operating expenses and possible need for a cash vs comprehensive audit. Joe discussed what would be budget revisions for the number of club membership renewals and resignations. Joe stated he will continue to be in contact with the club bookkeeper (Sam) and work on the relationship between the finance committee and club treasurer.

There was further discussion on delinquent memberships and how the board should deal with this.

Dry Storage: Joe Goetz

Reported the club is looking for a company to eradicate the weeds in dry storage. Tedd Blankenship has talked to Richard Barth about possible options and has contacted Butler County Noxious Weed Department for possible solutions.

Calling Committee: Eric W

Reported Julie Barth will lead the communication on this committee.

Action items: Committee Reports

Racing: Tedd Blankenship

Socials: Tedd Blankenship

Tedd reported the club will begin to put some socials and activities on the calendar. Some social ideas were discussed. The board decided on having an *Official Boat Launch*. Sailors will help other sailors with boat launching so that more boats will get in the water sooner. The expected date for the Official Boat Launching Day is **APRIL 17, 2021**.

Uncle Gene's Swap Meet: there was discussion to change the time to encourage more participation.

45 and Under Social

Austin will come up with some clever ideas for this social.

Possible Night sails for club members.

Government Relations: Gene Nold

KA numbers have been recorded and Charlie Volk has forms to fill out.

Security: Kevin Welch

Kevin reported a new battery was needed in the keypad, the replacement is in the broom closet.

A security breach notification was reported on 12/29/20 at 03:20 AM on the east door and police was dispatched. Kevin checked the east door at 07:00 and found the door open and the alarm going off. There was discussion on whether the police were dispatched.

A security breach notification was reported on 12/26/20 but there were several club members on the property and reported it to be false alarm.

Sailing Activities: Tedd Blankenship

Some options that are being considered are: A dinghy regatta, a sail to the other side of the lake with a campout (the goal is a minimum of 3 boats) a 24-hour sail on the lake

AGENDA TOPIC: Old Business

Time allotted | 20:30 | Agenda topic *Old Business* | Presenter *Commodore*

Discussion Conversation:

1. Issues with old slips with abandoned hydro hoists
2. Old, dilapidated boats in dry storage

Conclusion Closing:

Board will try to schedule a work party to pull out the old abandoned hydro hoists

No new business

Motion to adjourn by Joe Goetz, seconded by Eric W

Meeting adjourned at 20:50

Deann Gadalla

Secretary 1/14/2021

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