

THE MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

April Fools | 2021



From the Commodore

That's right, we can't decide on a clever title for the event we've scheduled for Saturday, April 17th.

We've called it "The Big Bash," "The Big Splash"

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"The Official WVSC Boat Launch Day" and a few other things I won't mention. The idea is all the same though.

We want all of you fine Walnut Valley Sailing Club folks to break out of the house for a day and join in the fun of launching as many boats as we can April 17th.

I know, you know, we all know YOU don't need help launching your boat. No doubt, you had plans to launch your boat two days earlier or three weeks later or during a full moon...

That's all good and we get it, but that's not what this event is about. It's really not about *helping* launch Charlie's boat, or Ardie's boat. Those folks don't *need* help. We know that. You probably don't *need* help either. It's ALL about US and doing something together.

In a nutshell, we wanted an excuse to get off the couch for a great day outside, at the lake, with family and friends.

We've had floods, fires, droughts, pandemics... Enough already. It's high time we get out and have some fun, get our boats on the water and say hello to old friends, and meet a few new ones. Let's get ready for a great sailing season, together! See you soon at: **"The Big Launch Splash-Bash WVSC Boat Day"**

Saturday, April 17th. 10:00 AM.
Lunch provided, Blessing of the fleet immediately following Happy Hour 5:00 PM

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If friends and family aren't enough to entice you off

Your Couch: April 17th Mark your calendar!

Read this part carefully: we've got 2 cycle oil, 4 cycle oil, gear lube, gear pumps, tire gauges, green slime, jacks, pressure washers, hose, rags & buckets, brushes, epoxy questions answered, gel coat guys, fiberglass and sail repair folks, trailer backing instructor-helper-folks, orange cones and... food and drinks aplenty. Chances are, if you need it, we've got it. (all donated supplies by the way)

If you have ideas, talents, skills or supplies you would like to contribute... We're all about that too! Give us a call or send us a note. We would love to hear from you. In the meantime stay safe and we'll see you April 17th.

Free home cooked BBQ lunch and so much more!

Call Tedd: 316-775-1064 Call Deann: 316-217-5014 Call: your mom



Look Close: Prams and Sabot's

Scroll on down -correction- read on down through this fascinating newsletter and learn *the rest of the story*.

SECRET SAILOR PARTY

June 19th, Mark your calendar!

Yip, we're still going. Spring is all but here and usually, summer follows right behind. Next thing you know we'll be planning the fine menu for our Summer Solstice Party, and getting ready to reveal all of our Secret Sailors.

We already know you're a 5 Star Secret Sailor Poster Child. The outstanding WVSC SS response we've had proves it, thanks.

In the future, we hope to use the survey tools to ask some *real questions*... in the meantime, have fun, help us out and click away "Secret Sailor Captain."

Thanks again and just for fun, keep some of the "cool stuff" you get from your Secret Sailor. We might casually display it at our Summer Solstice party June 19th, 2021.

WHAT'S YOUR CURRENT SECRET SAILOR RANKING?

5 Star Secret Sailor Poster Child: I hope this NEVER ENDS!

Select

4 Star Secret Sailor Captain: I'm good, really good, just not SS obsessed

Select

3 Star Secret Sailor First Mate: I finally got something!! Thanks SS

Select

2 Star Secret Sailor Deck Hand: I'm starting to like this... with enthusiasm!

Select

1 Star Secret Sailor Dock Hand: Is "Victoria" a sailor too?

Select

Just like a Mattress Blowout Sale, The Web Page Photo Contest has been extended. Now through... "Spring!"



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 latest photo contest news.

email your best jpeg. teddblankenship59@gmail.com

Say Hello to Julie
-proud employee of-
"The Ground Guys"

Hats off to our dedicated dry storage folks of the last couple of years. They gave it their best effort to stay ahead of the vegetation, but in the end, it was just too much for a couple of volunteers and back-pack sprayers. After much discussion, we've decided to give the pros a crack at it. For the 2021 season we've contracted to have two spray applications applied to dry storage. Our first application (a pre-emergent) was applied on 3/15. We're scheduled to have a second application applied around the Fourth of July. A few weeks later we'll know if we're going to need a third and final application. If we stay with "The Grounds Guys" we'll only need two applications next year. *The first year takes more effort because we're working to eliminate the seed bank in the ground. Once that's accomplished, we can shift to more of a maintenance mode. We're planning on a third application this year, but we'll have to wait and see. *Maybe* we won't need it...

If you notice a weed or two under your boat, no worries, feel free to pull it yourself, or give us a call.

If a large patch of weeds appears, we'll let Julie and The Grounds Guys know and they'll take care of it!



2021 Social Calendar

APRIL:

THE BIG BASH SEASON OPENER & "OFFICIAL" LAUNCH DAY, April 17

- 10:00 AM, 5:00 Happy Hour & Blessing of the Fleet to follow
- Help with anything & everything related to launching your boat, Smok'n Hot Grill, New Member Intro's & Blessing of the Fleet to follow
- For your monthly planner: we have a list for this event and you and your family are at the top.

MAY:

LADIES BRUNCH CINCO de MAYO, May 5th

- Brunch at Deann Gadalla's Hacienda, no cover, casual dress

- details to follow and/or call Deann: 316-217-5014

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK 45 & UNDER SOCIAL, May 29

- 6:00 Happy Hour, 7:00 Event
- Started to search a photo for this event, but I'm *just* over 45 so I showed great restraint and left it to the 45 & under folks. It's their event & they're planning for ALL of US

JUNE:

UNKLE GENE'S SWAP MEET, June 5

- 10:00-2:00
- Don't miss it. Always a good time and you might pick up a boat & a bargain!

24 HOURS ON BOARD & UNDER SAIL CHALLENGE, June 12

- 10:00 AM June 12 - 10:00 AM June 13
- Murmurs of a few brave boats and crews gearing up to hit it head on. Quick Trip is taking orders for Red Bull... by the case. Cheers to you
- actively working on the purpose & we think you're going to like it

SECRET SAILOR REVEAL & SUMMER SAILSTICE PARTY, June 19

- 6:00 PM Happy Hour, 7:00 PM BBQ Dinner & Reveal Party
- You folks are special, thanks for being so diligent, festive, fun and engaging. Secret Sailor folks are exceeding our wildest dreams! Nice

FINAL SUNDAY SUNDAES, June 27

- 2:00 PM

JULY:

CLUB BREAKFAST & ALL THE COOL BOATS SAIL, July 10

- 9:00 AM Breakfast, Cool Boats Sail after breakfast
- First of two "All the Cool Boats Sail" events,
- Nothing to prove here, we know you're cool, you're going to sail with us.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY, July 24

- 6:00 Happy Hour, 7:00 dinner
- Potluck or Dinner Menu TBD/Evening Sail

You bring the cake, we'll bring the "fruit"

FINAL SUNDAY SUNDAES, July 25

- 2:00 PM

AUGUST:

LADY MARINERS EVENT, August 14

- 6:00 Happy Hour, 7:00 dinner
- Guys take charge... of the kitchen/Spaghetti & Meatballs/Pink Cosmos
- Get your orders in early Lady Mariners, spaghetti cooked to order: rare, medium rare, etc. Rest assured, we've got this.

CARDBOARD BOX BOAT RACE & FLOAT-A-THON, August 21

- 2:00 PM
- You could win a trophy, go home dripping wet, or both!
- Insider tip: paint a waterline below your gooseneck and one just above your gooseneck... in case you capsize and turtle

FINAL SUNDAY SUNDAES, August 29

- 2:00 PM

SEPTEMBER:

CLUB BREAKFAST & ALL THE COOL BOATS SAIL, Sept. 4

- 9:00 AM Breakfast, Cool Boats Sail after breakfast
- 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!"
- Everyone loves a quality lubber line especially at this cool event

CAMPING BEYOND B DOCKS AND SO MUCH MORE, Sept. 18

- Details forthcoming
- *BYOP ILLOW* We have three boats already signed up and a crazy enthusiastic support boat making plans for a friendly night of fun. Now, all we need is you.

OCTOBER:

SMOKIN-HOT CHILLI COOKOFF, Oct. 2

- 6:00 Happy Hour, 7:00 dinner
- Before the water is turned off... think about it, then come on out!
- Randy Malcom has won it, Dave Bonifield has won it, you could be next & the prizes are breathtaking. *Dave also won the "best dressed" cook category.

**JUNE/JULY/AUGUST:
FINAL SUNDAY SUNDAES**

- 2:00 PM
- **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
- What year was Anita Ward's #11 pop hit "Ring My Bell?"
answer next month (if you can't wait that long; it was 1979) OMG

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



If you need it, we've probably got it! See you at the **Big Launch Boat BBQ Blessing of the Fleet Official WVSC Help Your Friendly Sailor Day... and so much more! Saturday, April 17th 10:00 AM**

**IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK
FORTY FIVE AND UNDER-SOCIAL
May 29th, Mark your calendar!**

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.

- Things are starting to shake, things are starting to shimmy, things are starting to happen, stay tuned!
- 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.



SLEEP UNDER THE STARS "ON" YOUR BOAT

Sept. 18th, Mark your calendar!

No photo Shop -That's for real - Take a second look.

We're looking for a few good boats. Somewhere between three & thirty 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 overnighter 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 "overnighter" anchored out on your boat.

All ages and sailing experience welcome. Can't realistically do a night on the boat but would like to help out, let us know that too.

**Click on one of the three buttons below
and let us know what you're thinking:**

LOCATION

The Other Side of Our Fine Lake; El Dorado State Park, Kansas

DATE AND TIME

09/18/21 6:00pm - 09/19/21 10:30am

FOUR BOATS SIGNED UP ALREADY .. THE FIFTH BOAT COULD BE, SHOULD BE, HOPE IT WILL BE YOURS! BREAKFAST ON US... AND SO MUCH MORE

**You fix breakfast &
we're all in!**

**Enough already... sign
us up!**

**Boat, lights, anchor,
pillow, Cool**

"24 HOURS ON BOARD UNDER SAIL CHALLENGE"

June 12th, Mark your calendar!

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...

Note: the 24 hours on the water event is a sure bet. It's going to happen. Our stated purpose... we're working on it. These things take time. Relax and maybe try staying up through the "second half" this afternoon. You can do it.



**Triple Dog Dare You
Watch The Video Above To The Bitter End**



If we could only clone Amos Cape a couple of times,

imagine all of the great stuff that would magically get done around the club! As it is, we're pleased as punch to have the one Amos Cape we do have. Congratulations on the Spark Plug Award Amos. You deserve it. From all of us: THANKS AMOS!

SPARKPLUG AWARD

The Sparkplug award recognizes the member who has contributed to the improvement of the club this year. They may have taken on a special project, organized an activity, volunteered or pitched in when there was a need, or in some way helped the club and or its members.

They were the catalyst to make things happen in getting something done. This award is in recognition for their outstanding efforts and accomplishments that provided a special "spark" that would have otherwise been missing.

Thank You Amos



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



Web Page

Photo Contest Entries

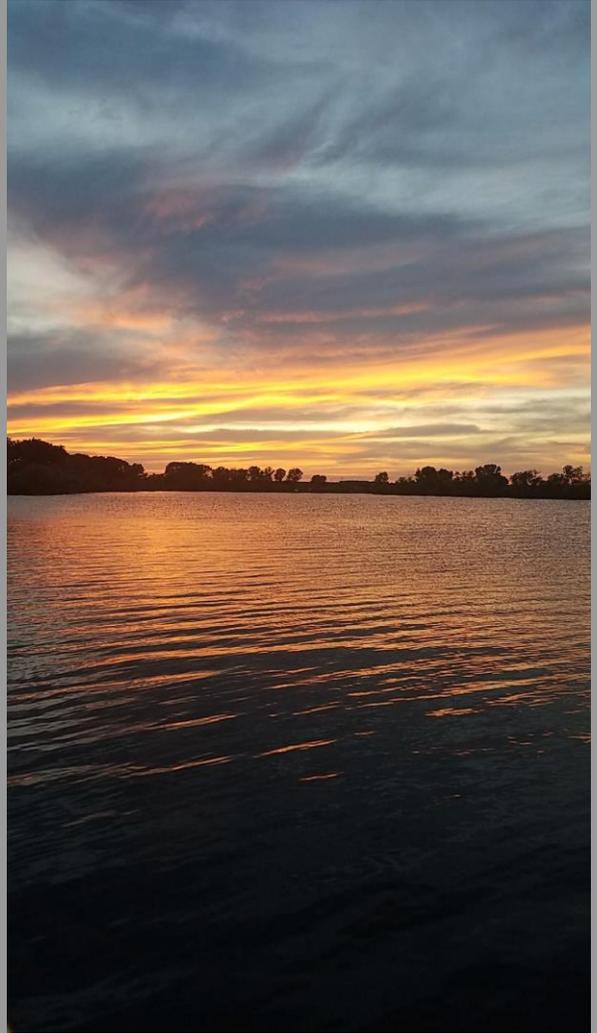
above Paul Schye
above right Chris Proudfoot
right Kevin Welch
below Eric Wertheimer





Left Gene Nold

**Below left & right
Stuart Funk**







**Above & left
Stuart Funk**



All About Our Published BOG Minutes

- *secretary will email approved minutes following monthly BOG meetings*
- *minutes will be archived*
- *minutes will be available on web site wvsclub.com*

WVSC Handbook guidelines and Robert's Rules of Order: MINUTES
Minutes will be read, **approved and amended as necessary by WVSC-BOG prior to being disseminated** to members. Once approved, minutes will be emailed by the Secretary to members. As per Robert's Rules a copy of all BOG minutes will be saved for archives.(see By-Laws pg. 11 archivist) **Minutes will no longer be published in the Windword**, but will be available/archived on our wvsclub.com web page. See Article IV CONDUCT OF MEETINGS AND BUSINESS all questions of procedure not herein specifically stated shall be deferred to Robert's Rules of Order. By-Laws pg. 4

Reason for change: Feb. 11th scheduled BOG MTG. Windword goes out March 1st BOG meeting March 11 and we approve Feb 11 minutes. April 1st Windword goes out again with approved Feb. 11 minutes. Published minutes are now two months behind meeting date.
Solution: Secretary will email approved minutes after each BOG meeting to keep members up to date and informed as per Robert's Rules.
Approved copies of our minutes will be archived with Dave Reynolds at the end of the year. (Annual meeting)
Motion approved unanimously.

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Live - Learn - Adapt

Thanks Alan Loehr for the interesting photos. If you choose the magnetic option above, it's all good, just remember to take the car keys out of your swim trunks first. That's a fifty pound magnet; meaning it will pick up your keys, your watch, your Swiss Army Knife and... fifty pounds. Yikes.

SUMMER RACING SCHEDULE 2021

Wed Night Schedule

Show 6:00 PM

Race 6:45

Date Month RC

5 May Blaine Van Dam

12 May Gene Nold

19 May Dana Herring

26 May Dana Herring

2 June Kubin/Malcom

9 June Dana Herring

16 June Stuart Funk

23 June Rob Brown

30 June Bill Grabendike

7 July Deann/Ardie

14 July Kubin/Malcom

21 July Stuart Funk

28 July Rob Brown

4 Aug Bill Grabendike

18 Aug Amos Cape

25 Aug Deann/Ardie

1 Sept Tedd Blankenship

8 Sept Amos Cape

Summer Weekend, Saturday

Show 9:00 AM

Race: 10:00 AM

26 June Tedd Blankenship

31 July Ernie Condon

28 Aug Blaine Van Dam

Fall Weekend, Saturday

Show 1:00 PM

Race 2:00 PM * 2 Races

11 Sept Kubin/Malcom

18 Sept Rob Brown

25 Sept Stuart Funk

2 Oct Gene Nold

9 Oct Blaine Van Dam

Not on the list, never raced a boat before? No problem, no worries, no sweat...***we would love to welcome you aboard to join in all of the fun and good times of racing sailboats.***
We're low key, easy going and a great bunch of sailors to hang out with.
We'll even toss in your first slice of pizza on us, free after your first race.

Come on out!

Contact: Blain Van Dam



Red Capped Racer and his dedicated dock crew tuning up the rig for the **Men's Mayhem Race**; San Diego Yacht Club. 2019



Commodore of the San Diego Yacht Club and the Men's Mayhem Trophy

Now For The Rest Of The Story:

In my never ending quest to find an interesting photo, I came across a bunch of grown men racing Prams and Sabot's. (the same boats we use in our WVSC Summer Sailing program for the "small fry.")

After a bit of investigative research, I discovered the men racing Sabot's were in the San Diego Yacht Club, so... I tracked down the Harbor Master and gave him a call. "Jeff" answered and proceeded to explain over the next twenty minutes how the Men's Mayhem race has become a traditional summertime favorite event at the San Diego Yacht Club. They have several "fun races" but also have a race series that they take surprisingly seriously, not so much for the trophy, but for the next years bragging rights. Sound familiar?

JOKE OF THE MONTH:

A US Ship was sailing through dense fog when it sees another light....



US Ship: Please divert your course 0.5 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

CND reply: Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.

US Ship: This is the Captain of a US Navy Ship. I say again, divert your course.

CND reply: No. I say again, you divert YOUR course!

US Ship: THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS CORAL SEA, WE ARE A LARGE WARSHIP OF THE US NAVY. DIVERT YOUR COURSE NOW!!

CND reply: This is a lighthouse. Your call.



**Your Couch: April 17th
Mark your calendar!**

WVSC Club Members:

the following boats were generously donated by other members of the Club and, unfortunately cannot be used in our STEP 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 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

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.

new in 1988.

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

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