

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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From the Commodore

Despite the gentle breeze, the beautiful blue skies, and the stifling heat, WVSC folks came out in droves Saturday to battle the elements and launch a harbor full of boats... and then some. For such a

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seemingly raucous, scattered, happy-go-lucky group of sailors we managed to accomplish a boat load of stuff.

In addition to launching several boats, we moved the grey docks over, moved three 14.2's, launched the Sonar, removed the rusty old fridge from the clubhouse, took it to the landfill and rolled in a new fridge. We tidied up the docks, tidied up the shoreline, tidied up the grounds and *did our best* to tidy up Amos and Stuart.

We also put up some new red pennant flags, two new WVSC banners, *and agreed on a plan* to install our 4 X 8' "Come Sail With Us" signs in the park.

We shared a great BBQ lunch with homemade cinnamon rolls, chips & guacamole, cookies, brownies, etc.

We showed prospective club members a couple of boats for sale in the yard, welcomed in the club two new families of WVSC members and finally, most importantly, we all had a great time "working" together.

A big shout out to the following Walnut Valley Sailing Club Sailors, families, friends and parents.

You all make me proud to be a member of this fine sailing club out here on the prairie.

Good work, good times and well done!

Cheers,
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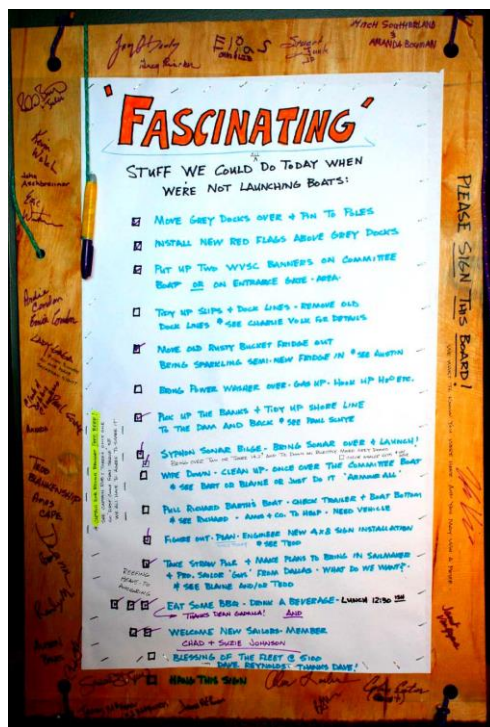
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WE CHECKED NEARLY
EVERYTHING OFF THE BOARD
AND THEN SOME!

SPECIAL THANKS TO NEW WVSC MEMBERS:

- Chad & Suzi Johnson
 - Hector Camacho
- And thanks to the rest of you even if we can't decipher your names.













**Tedd Blankenship & Janet Van Epps welcome new members
Chad & Suzi Johnson**

Chad is a pilot and delivers planes all over the world. Suzi has worked in the health care industry for several years and together Chad & Suzi own-operate The Flyaway Farm in McPherson, KS.

Tedd & Janet were once featured in a foreign Super-Hero movie. Ask Janet.



Randy Malcom welcomes new member Hector Camacho

Hector is a retired aircraft mechanic and has a hanger at Stearman Airfield. Hector is looking to buy a 16-22' boat that he can single-hand. Hector also has a metal fabrication shop... good to know!

Randy crews for Steve Kubin on a Catalina named Desperado.

Randy's favorite color: cerulean blue.

**Memorial Service for friend and fellow sailor David Leiker:
Saturday, May 15th 1:30 PM WVSC Clubhouse**

At the family's request, we will be providing our club house to David Leiker's family, friends and co-workers for a memorial service on Saturday, May 15th at 1:30 PM. The family has invited everyone who knew Dave to attend the memorial service and share in our memories of him.

We will provide further information as it becomes available.

The clubhouse will remain open and accessible to all club members on the 15th, but we ask that you be respectful of those attending the memorial.



LOOK CLOSE

Please note:

In honor of "**National Tie Your Dock Lines Correctly Month**" the Harbor Master and others in position of authority will be walking the docks each Wednesday morning during the month of May - checking dock lines. If your lines are tied correctly (as illustrated above) you **WILL** win a prize. On the other hand, if your dock lines are tied incorrectly, well, you just may find the dreaded dock line protest foul flag (see below) tied to your lines.

Ugh! We truly hope you never find one of those terrible, terrible flags affixed to your dock lines. Given that, we're encouraging everyone to help out. Politely show your fellow WVSC sailors how to tie their dock lines neatly and correctly. It only took me seventy five tries to get my dock lines tied correctly once, then I promptly forgot everything I learned and had to start all over again.

No worries, no pressure, don't be offended, it's all good. It's never too late to learn how to tie your dock lines correctly...

Cheers to "National Tie Your Dock Lines Correctly Month!" now through May 31st, 2021.



Remember these two little sailors?

Yip, well they didn't forget you either. Gold Star for those two fine sailors and a Gold Star for you as well! **Everyone** seems to know the Secret Sailor Campaign is still alive and well. Thanks for staying in the game!

And I know we've said it many times before; that the SS adventure is not a contest, which it isn't, but if you run into Eric Wertheimer out on the docks ask him to show you what his Secret Sailor sent him. Holy Mackerel Boat Boy!

WE HAVE A WINNER

Congratulations to Gordon Noel for his winning photo!

Gordon's photo will soon be replacing the "mountains in the background" sailing scene currently on our web page.

Well done Walnut Valley Sailing Club Photo-Files and Judges.

Nice work.

Special Thanks: Gene, Stuart, Eric, Paul, Gordon, Kevin, and Chris for their fine entries. Thanks WVSC judges that "agreed" to take the time to look, study, ponder and finally cast their votes. Your help is much appreciated.



WVSC Ladies:

One of our new members, Suzie Johnson, is hosting a farmers market May 8th. Since many are interested in attending we will make it a ladies "road trip" for anyone that wants to join in. Suzie is specializing in pairings and will have many yummy items available at the market and it will be great to support one of our own members.

Ladies, if you are interested in carpooling up to McPherson please meet at Deann's house, 2554 North Rosemont Ct, Wichita at 10:00. We will shop and eat lunch (taco salad-\$6.00).

Please send Deann an email if you are planning on attending so we can give Suzie a count for lunch. This activity will take the place of the Women's May Brunch on the 5th. deanngadalla@yahoo.com

Hope to have you join us. For additional information see the flyer below.

AG MEETS THE ARTS
SALE AT
FLY AWAY FARM USA

Benefit sale for McPherson Community Theater
Saturday, May 8th • 10am-3pm

1911 Frontier Rd. McPherson, KS

25% of ALL sales will go to MCT for operating costs
and funding of their Summer Children's Educational Program.

Shop the Market!

- Plants: Over 20 Varieties of Tomato Plants, Pepper Plants, Cabbage Plants, Herb Plants, and more.
- Fresh Veggies
- Baked Goods
- Casseroles
- Salads

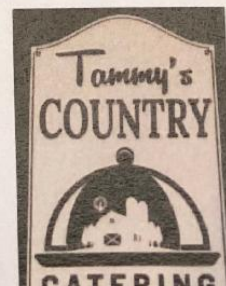
FEATURING!
A Fresh Taco Salad Lunch | Only \$6



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2021 Social Calendar

APRIL:

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

- **The Big Bash Boat Splash Season Opener was a Smashing Good Time: Thanks to One and All!**

MAY:

LADIES ROAD TRIP TO Fly Away Farm, McPherson, KS May 8th

- **Breaking News!@#\$** The Ladies Brunch is Taking It On The Road... Our wonderful new WVSC member Suzie Johnson has invited all you fine lady sailors to McPherson for a lunch and get together at their (Chad & Suzi Johnson's) organic farm.

Details above - call Deann - 316-217-5014

CAR POOLING IS IN THE WORKS NOW JUMP IN THERE AND ENJOY THE RIDE - YOU'RE INVITED!

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

Subliminal Message to Gwynne Bonifield and All WVSC Sailors:

The 45 & Under Social is A FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT FOR ALL WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB MEMBERS.

THERE ARE NO AGE RESTRCITIONS!

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

SATURDAY, MAY 29TH 6:00 Happy Hour, 7:00 Dinner, etc.

We're not going to tell you what's on the menu or what the club provided entertainment will be, but...

"It's going to be different and it's going to be fun!"

\$1.00 cover charge at the door which IS an entertainment bargain at about fifty cents.

Thanks **Dreschler Construction** and the "crew" for the fine work they completed on our grey storage building. Dreschler installed a 3/4" plywood floor, replaced the skylights, roof, door, lock and hasp and reskinned the entire structure in steel including new soffits. We should be good to go for the next several years. Thanks STEP for financing the project!



NEW... BOAT REGISTRATION RULE as of January 1, 2021

Please provide a photo or pencil tracing of the HIN (hull identification number) when registering your boat! (New Owners)

(Federal Regulation Requirement)

This notice applies to the first time you register a boat in your name with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. Either a new or used boat you may have purchased or brought into Kansas. Info. provided by Gene Nold; Govt. Relations



Triple Dog Dare You

CLICK and watch to the bitter end. Gold Star opportunity: take notes and send completed work to Kevin Welch @ kwelch50@gmail.com

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 overnigher 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.

**JOIN THE ADVENTURE CLUB
GET ADVENTUROUS AND CLICK ON ONE OF THE BOXES
BELOW YOU CAN DO IT**

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



UGH! Yip that's it sailor
The dreaded evil menacing
Dock Line Protest Foul Flag!

Avoid this despicable flag at all costs
Win a Prize during this month's
"National Tie Your Dock Lines Correctly Month."

now through May 31st get in the game learn a new trick

"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 the ten O' Clock new tonight. You can do it.



Cheryl Wertheimer working on her downwind technique at sunset...somewhere in the Florida Keys.



Gold Star for Eric Wertheimer, Gene Nold, Deann Gadalla, and Heather Noel: they obviously read the invitation below and... better yet, they acted on it. Don't be shy. **We would love to see-hear-and/or read about what you're up to. On the water or otherwise.**

If you have ideas, photo's, short articles, video clips, travel stories,

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.

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good effort - foul

SUMMER RACING SCHEDULE 2021

May 5th is four days away!

Wed Night Schedule
Show 6:00 PM
Race 6:45

Summer Weekend, Saturday
Show 9:00 AM
Race: 10:00 AM

Date Month RC

26 June Tedd Blankenship

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

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



Your Couch

Ladies Road Trip, Thursday, May 8th

Walnut Valley Sailors, One And All
Saturday, May 29th

"It's going to be different, it's going to be fun"

JOKE OF THE MONTH:

A man has the opportunity to win a million dollars if he can cross lake Superior in a 16 foot sailboat...

The people sponsoring the challenge give the man two choices of what he can bring on the boat to assist him. He can either bring a large box of novels or two criminals. However, the people running the competition get to choose what the books are and who the criminals are.

The man realizes there could be benefits to either choice. Perhaps the box of novels could be about sailing or survival. On the other hand the criminals could be experienced in sailing or survival.

He decides the most important thing about either is gonna be how heavy they are. He is going to be using a really small boat and too much weight could slow him down or cause him to sink.



In order to figure out which one will benefit him the most he decides to weigh the pros and cons.

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 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.



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