

# THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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JULY | 2021



**From the Commodore:**

No matter how you crack it, the **It's Not What You Think It Is 45 & Under** social event lived up to it's billing. It was definitely fun, and OMG it was definitely different. Thanks to all of you in the Adventure Club that came out and battled the wind, the cool temperatures, and the uncertainty of 165 hard boiled eggs. You took a chance on us and we appreciate that. We also admire your bravery and applaud your - I'm all in attitude. Thanks, we needed the physical as well as the *psychological* support more than you'll ever know. To put it mildly, we were just as curious/apprehensive about this event as you were. We had no idea what to expect or what we were getting in too. Yikes. Thanks for being such a genuinely warm, lively, spirited and interactive crowd. You made it happen, you made it "work" and above all else, you made it fun! Cheers to hens, pullets and water buffalo!

Next on the list of smashing good times:

**The 24 Hours On the Water Challenge.** We said it was going to happen, and by golly it did. If you weren't there, you should've been. We had five boats participate... with enough food, gear, ice and beer on board to provision every boat in our club for weeks. We were ready for a crossing of El Dorado Lake and all of the 10,000 lakes in Minnesota too. As my Boy Scout Leader always said, "Be Prepared." That we were. Overall, pretty darn good for a first go at the 24 Hours On The Water Challenge. Maybe next year we'll have twice as many boats and half as much gear. We're looking forward to it already.

**Secret Sailors.** It's no secret now. If you made it out, what a night! It all started several weeks ago (months actually) with a long, complicated list of sailors. It climaxed Saturday evening with a 45 minute happy hour, the Blessing of the Fleet (thanks Dave) and the unfurling of a 35 foot long scroll. We enjoyed a wonderful smorgasbord BBQ dinner and a picture perfect evening. Among the many positive aspects of the SS adventure, I finally learned how to spell *Stuart* and I gained a new level of confidence in inviting fellow WVSC sailors to try something new and different. It's a fact, Walnut Valley Sailors are always up to the challenge and always come through. You fine sailors are proving event after event to be oh-so-brave. Nice! The season is young and we're just starting to shift into 2nd gear. The **Christmas in July** social event is on the horizon and it's hard to say what that may bring. My advise, be careful what you wish for. Or, what the heck... Richard and Julie in Santa suits!#@? I'm all in, and I'm sure all you fine WVSC folks are too!

Here's to Blixen and Dasher and all of the rest of you adventurous WVSC sailors. See you on the water. Flashing red nose, antlers and all the rest.

**Triple dog dare you.** Did I forget to mention the **Acoustic sing along following the Christmas in July Social?** Nope. We just added it!

Cheers,  
Tedd

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YOU BETTER BE GOOD

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## LOOK CLOSE

So we're on the final leg of our 24 hours on the water adventure and we come across a deer 250 yards from shore - swimming. At first we thought it was a bird, but after we sailed in a bit closer, it was clearly a deer we were watching. We've since learned that it's not that uncommon to see deer swimming across fast moving streams, rivers and... El Dorado Lake.



Deer have powerful hind legs, good stamina, and a fur coat that acts as a flotation device allowing them to easily swim up to ten miles.

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### **It's Not What You Think It Is 45 & Under Social**

*You had to be there.* Just ask Randy or the 45 other enthusiastic WVSC sailors that came out and had a great time!











# If a picture is worth a thousand words, I just saved you 5,673 words

or six pages of this never ending Windword. Let's just say: "You had to be there." Words alone could never explain the fun and adventure we had that evening. It was fun and OMG, it was different!

## **Pictured from left to right and top to bottom:**

Hayden Griffin - alias - Roll Tack, Soon to be Daddy-Daddy...Daddy! Austin Bayes, Captain Amanda, Sir Mitch Southerland, Randy - The Main Man - Malcom, First Mate Stew-art Funk, Bone Head-Tedd, Roll Tack, Roll Tack, Captain Amanda, Sir Mitch, Unidentified Harry Arm, Girl with Clap - Sign, Stuart, Melissa, Brooke & Carissa Oberly, Sailor Suzi and her permanent rub on tattoo. (Surprise Sailor Suzi.. It's never coming off!@#)\$) There were thousands in the crowd too, but H.E.P.P. A. laws prevent us from publishing photos without written permission. Letters are in the mail.

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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 Took It On The Road...and a great time was had by Won and Awl! Thanks Suzi & Dean**

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

- 6:00 Happy Hour, 7:00 Event
- **"GOOD FRIENDS, GREAT FOOD AND ANOTHER WILD NIGHT AT OUR BELOVED WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB!** If you were one of the 45 adventurous sailor - captains there Saturday night, you know what we're talking about. Thanks to one and all, we had a great time! Cheers

### **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!  
**I don't know about you, but I picked up some cool stuff. Vintage 1950's chrome bow light & matching stern light etc.**

**Thanks Unkle Gene!**

### **24 HOURS ON BOARD & UNDER SAIL CHALLENGE June 12**

- 10:00 AM June 12 - 10:00 AM June 13
- **Five boats came out and participated, three boats made the 24 hours on the water challenge. Last I heard, the trophy is still "traveling."**

### **SECRET SAILOR REVEAL & SUMMER SAILSTICE PARTY, June 19**

- 6:00 PM Happy Hour, 7:00 PM BBQ Dinner & Reveal Party
- **Secret Sailor folks exceeded our wildest dreams! A wonderful evening out on the docks. Thanks to Dave Reynolds for the blessing of the fleet.**

FINAL SUNDAY SUNDAES, June 27

2:00 PM **With just a little more self discipline, we could have eaten ALL of the ice cream. Great goal for next month...**

### **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"
- **ACOUSTIC SING ALONG, July 24** Immediately Following The Eg Nog!
- Bring your acoustic talents to the CHRISTMAS IN JULY EVENT & join in. Super casual, no pressure - no nothing. It's all for fun!

#### **FINAL SUNDAY SUNDAES, July 25**

- 2:00 PM

### **AUGUST:**

### **PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT, August 7th NEW EVENT!**

- 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- 5:00 PM Prizes, Awards, Photo OP & Autographs
- match photos with locations on the lake, take your own "proof" and return to clubhouse and check in anytime between 10:00 & 4:00

### **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 ILLLOW* 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

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YOU BETTER BE NICE

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The next time a blow comes through at 45 knots and you're up at the dam or half way across the Atlantic, you'll yawn and think to yourself; "I'm going to have a few more grapes and maybe a slice of cheese." Super Safe - Easy to Learn - Brilliant On The Water - It's hard to beat a "Heave To!" Learn everything you need to know in five minutes, then kick back, relax and peel me a grape.

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**Getting to know  
Seth Turner;  
El Dorado State Park Manager**



**The next time** a silver-grey pickup truck passes by you in El Dorado State Park be sure to smile big and wave wide. Chances are it's Seth Turner, or one of the other half dozen state employees working to keep us all safe in our beautiful park.

I had the opportunity earlier this month to sit down with Seth for a casual conversation about his job as Park Manager. I learned a lot not only about our park, but also about just what it takes to keep the train on the tracks, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It's daunting. There is no down time. Seth works on average 12 hours

For the law enforcement officers in the park, "It's always something." More than once during our conversation Seth emphasized the importance of having a core group of dedicated Rangers working with him.

"It's not a job, it's a calling and it's vital to have good people working with you."

For Seth, it's bitter-sweet when some of the best people he's trained and worked with for years move on to take management positions in other parks. "It takes total dedication and those folks are hard to come by." When asked what he wished more people knew about El Dorado State Park, but probably don't, Seth's answer surprised me. "People don't realize the size of this park."

A few fun facts:

El Dorado State Park ranks 8th nationally in size for state parks . The park has 300 miles of water lines, 500 camper utility sites, 100 miles of black top, 11 lagoons, covers over 4000 acres, and a crew of six mow eight hours a day to try and keep 2300 acres neat and tidy. If you were to drive all of the campsites from one end of the park to the other, it would take you all day. Seth's done it. Not to mention; maintaining buildings, ramps, docks, lighting, gates, fencing, signs, or the safety and law

a day, six days a week and has maintained that schedule for years.

I asked Seth what he does for fun when he's not at the lake and his answer was quick and simple: "Hang out with my kids and family." I asked him if he ever comes out to the lake to fish or hunt and he told me that they used to organize annual BBQ's each year for the staff and family's but those always seemed to morph into work.

One year they were all settled in around the campfire, relaxed and enjoying the evening when they noticed someone in a truck spotlighting deer. With little more than a shrug of their shoulders, Seth & Co. picked up their gear, got in their trucks and went back to work. It's illegal to spotlight deer or hunt from a truck in Kansas.

enforcement of the thousands of annual park visitors... and their enjoyment on the water, in the rifle range, archery range, public hunting grounds, campsites, marinas, etc. As a sailing club, we've been fortunate to have Seth and his team of professionals to work with over the years. Seth has always supported our sailing program, shown an interest in our club and gone the extra mile whenever we ask for help or advise. From all of us to all of you down there at the south end of the lake Seth: **Thanks!** We appreciate your time, your work and your friendship. You and your team help make Walnut Valley Sailing Club and El Dorado State Park a great place to call home.

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CHRISTMAS

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## **NOTICE: WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB MEMBERS**

We are currently taking "right to salvage bids" for the Clipper 26 on the ground in dry storage. If you are interested in salvaging any part of this boat, please contact Tedd Blankenship at 316-775-1064. You will be asked to submit a written bid via email to [teddblankenship59@gmail.com](mailto:teddblankenship59@gmail.com) including a copy to treasurer Paul Schye @ [p.e.schye@gmail.com](mailto:p.e.schye@gmail.com). We will accept bids for the next 10 days: Saturday, July 10th midnight is the deadline.

The high bid will win first right to salvage any or all of the boat. Do not submit bids for a single item on the boat please. Bids are for the boat. (winning bidder may salvage what they want from the boat and leave the rest, but you are bidding for the entire boat) Winning bidder is responsible for the safe removal of all salvageable parts in a timely manner. If there are multiple parties interested in the salvage of this boat, we will grant right to salvage by bid, high to low. High bid will earn first right, on down the line.

\*At this time we are aware of only one interested party. Proceeds will be used to supplement the final removal of the boat from WVSC property to the Butler County Landfill.

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## **WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB "GO FUND ME" ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED FOR PAST SAILORS**



Many great sailors have been a part of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club at El Dorado Lake since its beginning in 1937. The club has embraced all types of sailors regardless of their background and experience. Common goals and friendships have lasted years and allowed the club to prosper to its current membership.

Over the last couple of years several sailors have passed but just like any good sailing story, their memories live on. Each member gave a part of themselves to better the

club. It might be helping a novice sailor dock, getting the old outboard running again or making coffee for the 'Breakfast Club' on Wednesday mornings. Whatever the task at hand, it was done with the 'get 'er done' attitude that makes WVSC what it is today. The friendships made over the years usually congregate around the outside benches that overlook the docks and boat ramps and make for some jovial comments from time to time. Sailors talk and share adventures, feelings, tall tales and memories. Looking back, we all can see our beloved sailors sitting on the benches on the docks. It is a memory we cherish. Friends become like family.

We now want to remember our passed sailors through purchasing new benches in their memories.

This summer, as we receive donations, we will purchase new metal benches to be placed on the docks. We will have a dedication ceremony followed by a memory sail in honor of our passed sailors. We appreciate your contribution in memory of a fellow sailor, friend or family member.

Fair Winds and Following Seas,

WVSC

### **Three important notes of clarification - GO FUND ME ACCOUNT:**

- Paul Schye is listed as the *benefactor* because we're required to provide a name to open a Go Fund Me Account. As our WVSC treasurer, Paul was the obvious choice. Paul is not receiving any funds or benefitting in any way personally.
- **ALL donated funds go directly to the WVSC Go Fund Me Account.** It is your option if you choose to tip the Go Fund Me site. There is no percentage - nothing - is being taken off the top of any donation. **100% of your donated funds goes towards the direct purchase of WVSC benches.**
- **You have the option to write a check directly to the club if you prefer.** Simply write a note indicating the funds are for the purchase of memorial benches. Personal checks will be deposited into a dedicated WVSC Go Fund Me account and recorded with our book keeper and treasurer.

WVSC GO FUND ME CAMPAIGN

**The blue bar above is a link to the WVSC GO FUND ME campaign.**

It's simple to donate, it's safe and we will have a record of everything that is donated to the account. If you wish to donate, please click on the blue bar above which will take you directly to our GFM page. If you wish to donate but don't feel comfortable "going it alone" please feel free to contact Deann Gadalla and she can walk you through through the donation process. If you wish to keep your donation confidential, simply check the appropriate box.

For details or additional information please contact: Deanne Gadalla 316-641-7385



**Gold Star for these  
24 Hours On The Water; Clever Sailors**

A few less than clever WVSC Sailors tried to sneak past our front gate and were immediately swarmed by the crowds and Paparazzi, hence they  
- **missed the photo op** -

These clever sailors donned the disguises pictured above and waltzed right past the crowds and Paparazzi, so they of course  
- **made the photo op** -

Well done clever sailors! Nice photo.

And wow, is that ***THE Coveted 24 Hours On The Water Trophy!***@#\$\$?

Left to right - back row: Tedd Blankenship, Preston Brammer,  
Front row: Paul Schye, Kevin Welch, Troy Oberly, Melissa Funk, Stewart Funk  
Others that sailed: Chad Johnson, Bill & Jennifer Grabendike  
Not pictured: Brenda Welch



**22 Hours On The Water  
and still looking like Olympic Contenders**

left to right: Paul Schye, Preston Brammer, Kevin Welch.  
not pictured: Brenda Welch

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IN JULY IS COMING

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## Members:

We're organizing an acoustic guitar-uke, vocals sing along for ALL club members. We invite you to join the fun with your guitar/uke - vocal chops... or lack there of. The more, the merrier. July 24th.

Quantity is more important than quality. Dig out that old guitar/uke and start working on your calluses.

Rick Brandorff has volunteered to coordinate. If you have questions please contact Rick at: [brandorff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brandorff@sbcglobal.net) and let him know your interest. Learn one song or learn the whole playlist, but **Join In! @#\$**

**JULY 24th: following the Christmas in July Social... and maybe a cup of eggnog!!**

Be a Guitar/Uke Hero and volunteer. So far: Paul S, Hayden G, Ernie C, Rick B, Willie N. Yours truly, Bill G., Brenda, Kevin, Kate, Preston, are ALL IN. Oh, and Ardie and Deann too.

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## Triple Dog Dare You "Hugo Boss"

The stuff James Bond movies are made of, but this is the real deal. Sailing stunts on steroids'.

If you don't double click on the link above, you're definitely missing the boat. One of the best of the best!





## Junior Sailor Answers The Call!

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.

Send materials to: [teddblankenship59@gmail.com](mailto:teddblankenship59@gmail.com)

- response to request for *boats and fireworks* -  
You go Girl!

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## SUMMER RACING SCHEDULE 2021

### JULY!

#### 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

#### 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

**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

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

**Breakfast & All The Cool Boats Sail - July 10th**

**Christmas in July - July 24th**

**followed by Acoustic Sing Along**

**Final Sunday Sundaes - July 25th**

## **JOKE OF THE MONTH**

Word on the docks is that Captain Brown has been working on his boat for weeks now, something about a broken centerboard??? No one knows for sure. Bill certainly doesn't know, Kubin doesn't have a clue, Randy? Forget it... and good luck getting an answer out of Kevin, Dana, Alan or OMG, Amos. The only thing we all know for sure is that when Captain Brown and First Mate Ginger finally get back out on the race course, they'll definitely have...



"a fixed keel."

## Boats & Gear for sale:

Two new listings this month

### Catalina 22 Sails

1 - Main sail in good condition - \$150 obo.

1 - 135 Genoa mylar sail good condition - \$200 obo.

I also have a cabin enclosure that goes over the popup cabin and has zippers in the front and rear for air to pass through and opening for the companion way for a 26 foot Clipper Marine in great condition - \$150 obo. Contact Stuart Funk at 620-382-5866 or [mictfunk@gmail.com](mailto:mictfunk@gmail.com)

### 1998 Precision 18 Fully Equipped \$7,500

150% Genoa, Jib has roller reefing  
Shoal keel with swing down C/B  
Harken blocks & rigging  
Nearly new Yamaha, 4 stroke, 4 HP  
O/B included  
Too many extras to list  
Contact Fred Harvey at  
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The following boats were generously donated by other members of the



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 (above)

Fully equipped with 1999 Mercury 9.9 outboard and galvanized trailer. This boat has been owned and sailed by

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.

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](mailto:genenold@att.net).

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