

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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From the Commodore:

No insider news here. Just a few facts most of us already knew. We sail boats better than we sing songs and we've got weeds six feet tall in dry storage. The good news, we can fix half of our problems, and the other half. We *flat* don't care. Thanks to Rick Brandorf, Paul Schye, Deann Gadalla, Ardie Condon,

Julie Barth and Janet Van Epps. Pretty *sharp* group of sailors and they put in a lot of time and work to make a nice evening - wonderful! Even if they can't sing.

Relative to the jungle in dry storage; we're on it, we can fix it, and we will, but it's going to take time, perseverance and patience. I'll pause here, count to ten, and give everyone a chance to look around and see who heard them blurt out **WT_ !?** Myself included. I know, I'm thinking the same things you are. But as I explained to a few sailors Saturday night, we expected a battle with weeds this year, especially if it turned out to be a rainy season. That which it has. And not to be a shmuck, but it's all outlined in our March minutes. We anticipated much of this. It's not what any of us want, but we'll get there, in time.

Jeff (owner of "the Grounds Guys") came to breakfast Wednesday morning and he sat down and answered every question we could throw at him. Jeff told us more than once that if he weren't 100% certain we would get the results we wanted, he wouldn't have shown up for breakfast. Good point Jeff.

For the record: the Ground Guys have sprayed three times this season (once for free) and they will be back out in a week to cut the majority of the weeds down. Next year, we'll have a head start on our weed control program and get a timely start in February or March. We won't spray again until fall - October or November. During the the summer months we should be 95% weed free, or "the Ground Guys" will take care of it free of charge. It's in our contract.

This year we're working to sterilize the ground and eliminate several years worth of seed bank. It's easy to forget, but we are in the middle of a prairie and glyphosate only kills what's actively growing above ground, we're working on that... **and** the seed bank in the ground. (multiple chemical combinations - all state regulated and audited - we're legal and not endangering our lake) As I said before, it will take time and persistence but *we will get there*.

We'll see all you fine sailors Saturday for the Photo Scavenger Hunt, the Pig Roast and Steel Band. It's all good.

Cheers,
Tedd

90% OF THE WEEDS IN DRY STORAGE HAVE BEEN CUT DOWN AS OF 7/28
TIDY UP UNDER YOUR TRAILER; CINDER BLOCKS, OLD TIRES, LUMBER, CABLE, MISC. JUNK
ETC. AND WE CAN SAFELY CUT DOWN THE REST OF THE WEEDS - THANKS!



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What do Chad Johnson and Willie Nelson have in common?

Turns out not a lot, but there are a couple of things. Study these two fascinating photos, then scroll on down for the rest of the story.

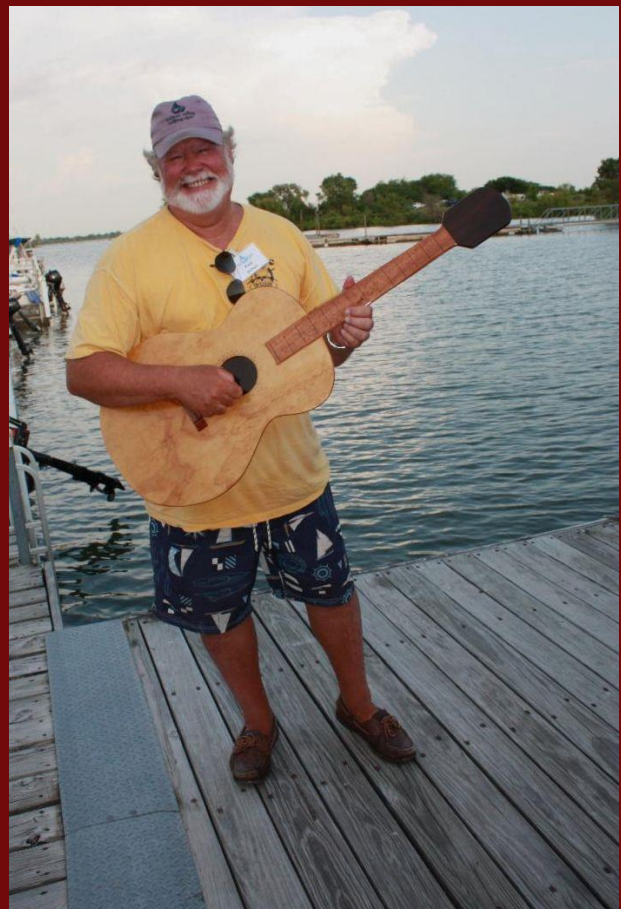


**Sailor Santa
Kick'n out the bass with
45 Walnut Valley Sailing Club Sailors at the
Christmas in July Social!**



Two of the ten sailor musicians that turned out (guitars in hand) for the Christmas In July Party and Sing-a-long. Paul Schye took the show with his amazing improvisational rifts, solos and dance moves... Paul never missed a beat. Well done Paul. Is that a vintage Gibson guitar? Wow!

Special thanks to: Deann, Ernie, Bill, Rick, Chad, John, Janet, Julie and Ardie and all of the rest of you elves that stuck your collective necks out and gave the Sing-a-Long a try. It wasn't pretty, but it was fun! And hey, we never knew if Brenda, Kevin, Preston or Kate could sing - or not, but now we do! We'll just leave it at that.



Finally: Gold Star for Chad Johnson and his banjolele. Chad wrote a song including WVSC lyrics with three part harmonies for Rob, Gwynne and Jennifer G. Nice touch - well done.

Cheers to Christmas in July!

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 Aw! 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,
- Great turnout; misty, rainy, foggy weather. A few of the Cool Boats Sailed anyway. We'll see you at the next one. 74 degrees and 12 mph forecast

CHRISTMAS IN JULY, July 24

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

ACOUSTIC SING ALONG, July 24 What a night. Watch out Towanda Boy's Choir!

FINAL SUNDAY SUNDAES, July 25

- 2:00 PM Paul and Charlie were in charge. It had to be good.

AUGUST:

PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT, PIG ROAST & STEEL BAND...

ALL August 7th !!!

- 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT
- 4:50 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
- 5:00 - DINNER FOLLOWED BY A LIVE STEEL BAND @ 7:00

CARDBOARD BOX BOAT RACE & FLOAT-A-THON, August 14

- 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

"WHY I LIKE TO RACE: IN A SINGLE SENTENCE"

FROM ALL OF OUR RACING FRIENDS
OUT ON THE WATER

**They sail in
Kansas?**

Blaine Van Dam



**Don't have to do
yard work.**

Preston Brammer



**Sailing gives me
a feeling of
freedom and
racing is a
fun way to
challenge myself
and compare my
skills to others,
hopefully getting
better along the
way.**

Stuart Funk



**For the challenge
and camaraderie.**

Amos Cape



Racing a sailboat is a combination knowledge, skill, planning and crew coordination, none of which is a requirement for crossing the start line!

Chad and Suzie Johnson



I like racing and most any kind of competition because racing especially forces you to live in the instant moment of the reality of your sport to achieve success; evaluating, judging, acting, and living with the results of your decisions.

Steve Kubin



**I like to race
because you
can't get lost;
there's always
another boat to
follow.**

Bill Grabendike



To humble Tedd

Hayden Griffin



**It's the most fun
you can have at
7 MPH.**

Rob Brown



**It keeps Rob
Happy!**

Ginger Brown



**My favorite part
of racing is the
start.**

Randy Malcom



**For the
competition and
challenge at the
starting line.**

Gary Pierce



I love the cat and mouse games at the start - and if you stay in the pack - at the mark roundings too.

**Tedd
Blankenship**



**Because
El Dorado Lake
sunsets never get
old.**

Deann Gadalla

**Love the
camaraderie, on
and off the race
course!**

Ardie Condon



**I like to to sail
because
it's meditative.**

Joseph Gadalla



**Racing is the
best way to make
you a better
sailor.**

Gene Nold



**It is as much fun
watching
sailboats as it is
riding on them,
and racing gets
you in the middle
of lots of boats.**

Alan Loehr



I told Hayden we only had room for one picture of each sailor, but she insisted - so I felt obliged to put in a second photo. It's all good.

Hayden Griffin



Teamwork and camaraderie, I learn something new every time we're out!

Terry Clark



**Because it
teaches me how
to sail correctly;
it makes me a
better sailor.**

Dana Herring



**An obvious lack
of better sense.**

Sid Rousseau



**Making memories
of the
camaraderie...
and the stories to
tell.**

Ernie Condon



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



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 the donation process. If you wish to keep your donation confidential, simply check the appropriate box. Last month to donate. We haven't reached our goal yet, but we're getting closer all of the time. Thanks for your thoughtful donations.

We'll be purchasing one or more new dock benches soon!

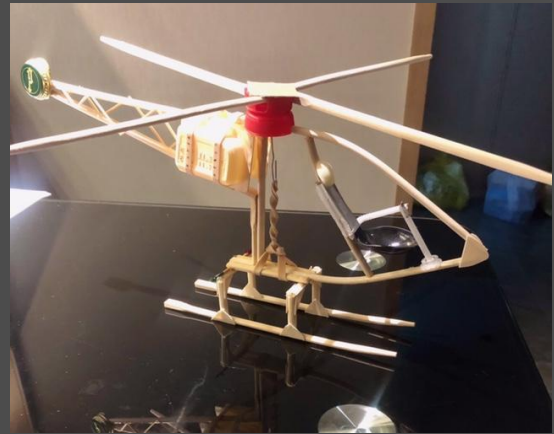
For details or additional information please contact: Deanne Gadalla 316-641-7385



Chad and Willie spend a lot of time in lonely hotel

rooms: Chad makes cool stuff out of old chopsticks and rubber bands, and Willie... well you'll just have to ask Willie how he spends his time in lonely hotel rooms.

Our official answer: "Chad and Willie *obviously* go to the same barber shop - at least once a year and they both like to play guitars and ukes late into the night." Actually if you LOOK CLOSE Chad has a copy of Paul Goodison's book on Racing Laser's.



If you have to be holed up in a lonely hotel room in China for a month, that's a great book to take half way around the world to study. Well done Chad! Oh, and nice work on the helicopter.



WOMEN'S LASER RADIAL 2020 SUMMER OLYMPICS - TOKYO, JAPAN

NOTICE: WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB MEMBERS

We are currently taking "right to salvage bids" for the HYDROHOIST in slip A9 .

If you are interested in this hoist, please contact Tedd Blankenship at 316-775-1064. You will be asked to submit a written bid via email to teddblankenship59@gmail.com including a copy to treasurer Paul Schye @ p.e.schye@gmail.com. We will accept bids for the next 10 days: Wednesday, August 11th midnight is the deadline.

The high bid will win the hoist. Do not submit bids for parts of the hoist please. Bids are for the entire hoist. The winning bidder is responsible for the safe removal of the hoist in a timely manner. Upon approval from the board, it is possible that this hoist may be moved to another WVSC slip and be refurbished to working condition. Bid at your own risk, *the hoist is accepted as is* and we (WVSC board and Harbor Master) make no assurances of said hoist's condition. We floated this hoist a couple of weeks ago and it has remained floating since that time. Prior to our work, the hoist had been at the bottom of the slip-lake for at least a year. There is no pump, no electrical box, or wiring. The bunks need recovering. *At this time we are aware of only one interested party.



**Triple Dog Dare You
-sea above-
below and behind you**

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

Laura was a sailing instructor Janet and I sailed with in Minorca Spain. Last we heard, Laura had completed her college degree and had been accepted into an apprenticeship to become a commercial ships captain.



Menorca Sailing; Mahon Harbor, Menorca Spain

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SUMMER RACING SCHEDULE 2021

AUGUST!

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

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

Date Month RC

5 May Blaine Van Dam
12 May Gene Nold
19 May Dana Herring
26 May Dana Herring

26 June Tedd Blankenship
31 July Ernie Condon

28 Aug Blaine Van Dam

2 June Kubin/Malcom
9 June Dana Herring
16 June Stuart Funk
23 June Rob Brown
30 June Bill Grabendike

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

2 Oct Gene Nold
9 Oct Blaine Van Dam

28 July Rob Brown

4 Aug Bill Grabendike
18 Aug Amos Cape
25 Aug Deann/Ardie

1 Sept Tedd Blankenship
8 Sept Amos Cape

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

Blaine's Top 10 Reasons for Racing Sailboats at WVSC:

10. it's far less expensive than sailing in the America's Cup, and we don't have to quarantine in NZ for 14 days
9. Though the race can take hours, the entire course is within the Central Time Zone, so you don't have to reset your watches enroute to the finish
8. There is no overtime, extended time, or extra innings...it's over when the sun goes down
7. It takes incredible seamanship and skill to sail through obstacles (underwater trees) that are invisible to the crew
6. It's totally fair, as we sail different boats on different paths through different winds and different waves to the same finish line
5. The fishermen seldom troll through the starting line during the starting sequence, but when they do, they always follow proper maritime right of way rules by hailing "what are you guys doing?"
4. For our non-racers, the penalty for race infractions is 360 degree turns, which essentially means you end up in the same spot heading in the same direction...our crew completes those really fast—want to see it again?
3. Where else can you spend thousands of dollars for a race boat, hours and hours prepping you boat, and compete at a blistering 3-5 kts in a venue with no spectators or revenue -- ESPN, are you listening?
2. Regardless of how you place on the water, we all finish at the dock at the same time with a post race social and a cold beverage – literally a "draw"
1. They sail in Kansas?





Your Couch

Photo Scavenger Hunt
Pig Roast & Steel Band
All August 7th

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Terry and Sherri were sailing their boat when a massive hand rose out of the water and then slowly disappeared.



**Terry and Sherri thought,
"That's the biggest wave we've ever seen."**

**Now scroll back up and watch the YouTube
of surfers surfing massive waves in Portugal. It's worth a look.**

Boats & Gear for sale:

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

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
316-655-2159, fwharvey@cox.net

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 (above)

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.

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