

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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Preston Brammer and Preston Brammer
On the Docks; Summer, 2021

From the Commodore:

It was a blast to have Preston's grandson running around the docks for a day. Preston II is a polite, curious and energetic kid. Given the opportunity, most kids are. Saturday we hosted our annual Cardboard Boat Race and Float-a-thon. Brooke and Taylor brought their kids out and so did the Grabendikes. As expected, everyone had a great time. Wonderful kids, beautiful day. The boats they built, well only kids build boats like that. No-one predicted the Grabendike boat to last 30 seconds on the water. Dawson and Dominic didn't just build a boat, they built a floating model of New York City. What's that we asked? "Those are outriggers, and that's our inflatable dinghy, and those are stairs to the upper deck..."

As we begin to think about summer winding down we need to start planning for next year. It's been three years now since we've had a summer sailing program. Our boats and equipment all need attention. Everything needs to be cleaned and organized. We need new board members on the STEP board and we need new ideas. The sailing program we've supported the past twenty years was second to none, it was quality from top to bottom. That was then. We need to plan for the future and we need to start now. My recommendation is we commit to a sailing program for next summer. We identify times and dates and we put them on the calendar by Thanksgiving. Then we get to work and offer sailing instruction next summer. No looking back.

Relative to instructors, we need to assume we won't find any. If we don't, we'll have to rely on WVSC to cover the courses. Our other option, we decide as a club to no longer offer sailing instruction and we dismantle twenty years of work. We sell the boats as per the 501c(3), liquidate our assets and move on.

I've had dozens of folks ask me why we weren't having a sailing program this summer.

The simple answer: It takes a lot of time, planning and work. It's never easy. During the summer the hours are 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM and it's always hot. The days are mentally challenging and physically draining. Safety concerns never relax, and if you think they do, you shouldn't be working with kids on the water. Something always breaks when you need it most. The whole operation looks simple, but in reality, it's a major production.

As a retired teacher of thirty years, I think it's all worth it. If you want to stay young, curious and energetic like Preston II, then we need to get kids back out on the water and on the docks. We need kids bopping around the clubhouse as much as they need us.

If you want to see a WVSC sailing program next year, by all means - please step forward. We're counting on you. We're open to new ideas and we're listening to what you have to say. Don't be shy.

Cheers,
Tedd

Dear
Preston -
Dear
Preston

Meet your
new friends:
George,
George,
George,
George,
George, and
George.



They're a nice bunch of guys. Maybe you two Preston's should invite the George's out for our next WVSC barbeque. Don't worry about the grill, I think George has one. Oh, and don't forget to invite George's sister, Georgetta. Maybe we could invite my dad Ted too.

From Tedd and all of your friends at Walnut Valley Sailing Club!
Cheers.

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LOOK CLOSE

Okay, maybe not that close!

Note: The editor's camera has an auto focus feature that at times has a mind of it's own. In this case, the camera auto-focused on what it believed to be the most attractive face at the table.

Great camera; highly recommended.

Special thanks: Zach Kissack Head Chef & pig roasting extraordinaire, Sous Chef Terry Clark, First Mate Alan Loehr



**SPEAKING OF GOOD LOOKS
AND**

STAY'N ALIVE!

WVSC members please click on the link above and watch this video.

"I thought I knew." Things have changed. Please watch this important video produced by one of our very own. This information could save a life on the docks, at home or where-ever you happen to be. Thanks **Stuart Funk** for producing this fun and informative video. Well done.



The PHILLIPS Emergency AED is located directly behind our main entry door to the club house. Call 911 first for a medical emergency. If you believe a defibrillator is needed, take the box off of the wall and open it. The voice instructions for use will start automatically.

If you haven't already, please watch the video provided above... talk with a medical doctor or Stuart Funk to answer any further questions you may have.

An AED, or automated external defibrillator, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

2021 Social Calendar

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.

WICHITA PADDLERS; CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB INVITATION, Sept. 25th

- We've invited a few fellow water enthusiast to come out and share a day of fun on the water with us at

Walnut Valley Sailing Club. We didn't know what to expect, but the response so far has been great. Chips and dogs for everyone! Come out and help show off our club and meet some fun folks at this casual get together. Want to help? Contact Austin Bayes or Chris Proudfoot

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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.

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



**ALL THE COOL BOATS SAIL
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH
BREAKFAST AND THEN...
ALL THE COOL BOATS SAIL!**

A Few of the Regulars
at Wednesday Morning Breakfast
and a sampling of the stuff they do...
other than eat breakfast.



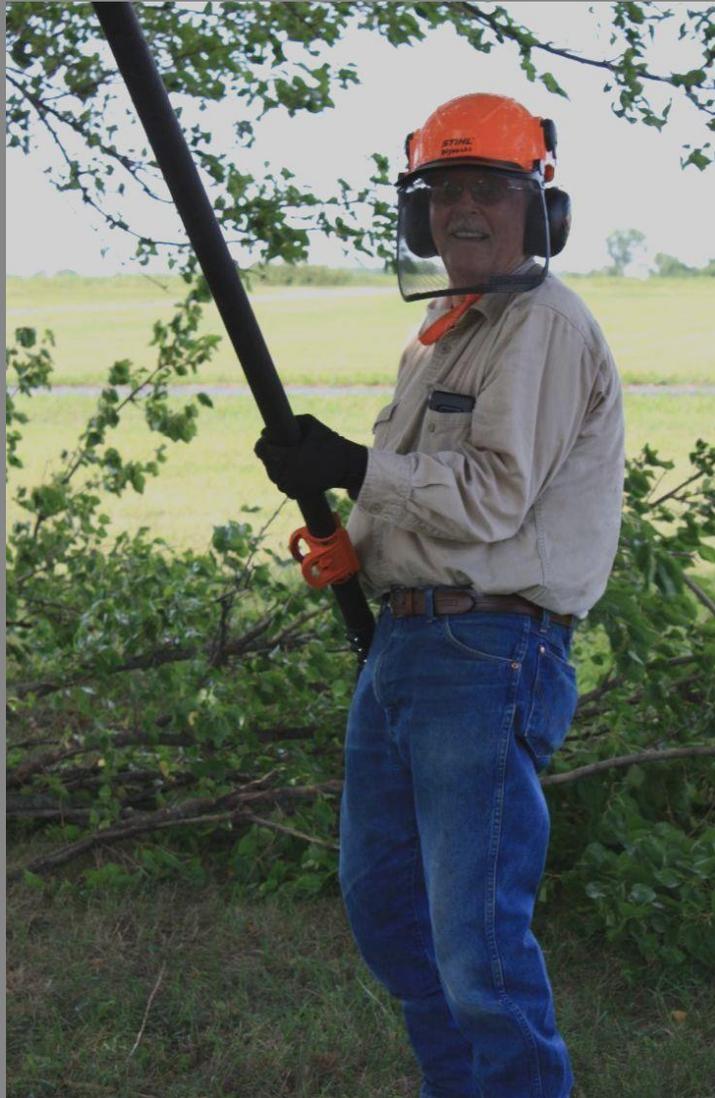
Front left to back: Gary Pierce, Bill Allman, John McCabe, Charlie Volk

Front right to back: David Reynolds, Tim Miller, Greg Dreschler (guest) Hector Camacho

Harbor Master
Charlie Volk
taking
measurements on
our old flag pole.
Some day I'm
going to take a
picture of Charlie
not doing
something
productive,
probably the same
day I snap a
picture of a Woolly
Mammoth.



When **David Reynold's** isn't volunteering and driving 400 miles per week for the American Red Cross, he comes out to the lake for Wednesday morning breakfast so he can work. Dave's dog **Luna** is usually along for the ride too and occasionally helps with trimming trees.





Hector Camacho is a quick learner. He's obviously been watching Charlie around the docks and learning. Basically, Hector walks from one place to another and just fixes stuff, quietly.

John McCabe
and **Tim Miller**
just installed their
newly refurbished
rudder on the
Clipper 26 they
sail together. No
big deal, they're
always at the
ready, prepared
for everything,
and happy to
help with
anything.
In case you we're
wondering; John
shops at *Old
Navy* and Tim
shops at *North
Sails - Avant
Garde*.



This is the first version of **Preston Brammer** that we're aware of. Preston II pictured above is quicker under foot, quicker on the water, knows his multiplication tables, eats less, costs about the same, and is slightly higher maintenance. Other than that, they're two peas in a pod. Last words heard on the dock: "Anyone seen my grandson, I know I brought him out this morning, didn't I?"



Randy Malcom
and **Amos**
Cape often
show up for
Wednesday
Morning
Breakfast on
Saturday nights.
We've tried to
explain to them
that we have
Wednesday
Morning
Breakfast on
Wednesday
mornings.
If you can help
explain the
concept to these
two fine sailors,
that would be
great. We'd love
to have Randy
and Amos out
for breakfast,
and you too!
Everyone is
welcome at
Wednesday
Morning
Breakfast, no
matter what day
it is!





Hayden Griffin often tries to sneak in and take the last strip of bacon. We caught her hiding under the sink last week. We gave her two strips of bacon anyway, no questions asked.



Two Old Salts looking at another Old Salts boat. Actually the Old Salt at the bow is a *new* WVSC member. **Bill Allman** is a Scow sailor who just joined WVSC. Welcome aboard Bill. The Other Old Salt is the real deal.

Gary Pierce has been a member of Walnut Valley Sailing Club since 1959.

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

Thanks to all of you that were able to participate in our Go Fund Me Campaign. We'll be replacing our old faded plastic - treated lumber benches with two new benches soon. We plan to have a casual dedication ceremony and sail once our new benches are installed.





Camping is not allowed on Walnut Valley Sailing Club Premise

It is not a rule, regulation or bylaw of our club. The state controls who, what, when and where visitors may camp in El Dorado State Park. I spoke with Seth Turner directly last week for clarification and he told me that camping on our premise is only allowed by special permit. A regular state camping permit for numbered camp sites is not valid on WVSC property. Please do not camp in our parking lot, on our lawns or any other WVSC property. As a club, we are guests in the park and need to be respectful of the state laws, rules and regulations. Thanks.

*Hats off to those of you who politely and promptly moved your campers last week to numbered camping pads in the park. Your help and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,
Tedd Blankenship
WVSC, Commodore - 2021

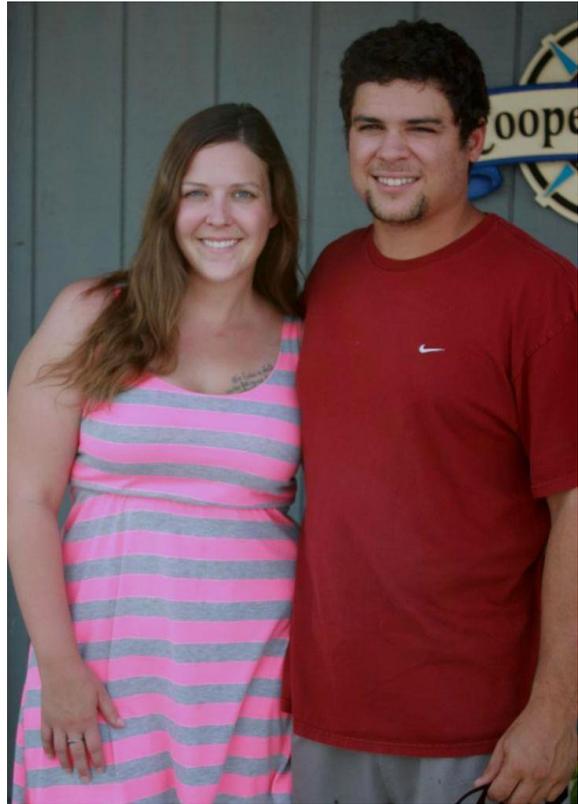
Welcome New Walnut Valley Sailing Club Members

Brooke Hosler & Taylor
Crumley,
Landon Hosler, Lillie Watson

Brooke and Taylor are new members and just picked up a "new" 30' sailboat from Stuart Funk. They're both novice sailors, but ready to get out there and learn all they can.

Landon and Lillie won the Cardboard Float-a-thon with their "square rigger." Lillie floated a good ten to fifteen minutes and could have gone all afternoon. Landon had other ideas, all in good fun.

Welcome to WVSC sailors!





Triple Dog Dare You

The 49th edition of Rolex Fastnet Race started from Cowes, England, on 8 August, with over 300 yachts setting off into the teeth of a strong westerly. First held in 1925, the demanding offshore classic has a legendary status in sport. Organized by the Royal Ocean Racing Club, the race has been partnered by Rolex since 2001 and demands the very best in skill, determination and teamwork to succeed. Divided into seven starting groups, the fleet crossed the Royal Yacht Squadron line and headed west down The Solent, before

entering the English Channel. Competitors are a mix of professional and Corinthians, experienced and newcomers, young and old. With the race finishing in Cherbourg, France for the very first time, the crews face a new twist to the near 100-year-old challenge. Discover more <https://on.rolex.com/3rZ3ENi>



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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Our New Flag Pole and Flag

A few of you may not have known, but we've had a flag pole in our south lawn for years. You probably never noticed it, because we seldom had a flag flying on it. Charlie Volk took it upon himself to do the leg work, find a company willing to move the pole and get the job done. Now our new flag is proudly flying at the main walkway. It's lit at night and looks great.

Thanks Charlie.

SUMMER RACING SCHEDULE 2021

SEPTEMBER ALREADY!

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

Fall Weekend, Saturday
Show 1:00 PM
Race 2:00 PM * 2 Races

Date Month RC

1 Sept Tedd Blankenship
8 Sept Amos Cape

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.

Contact: Blain Van Dam



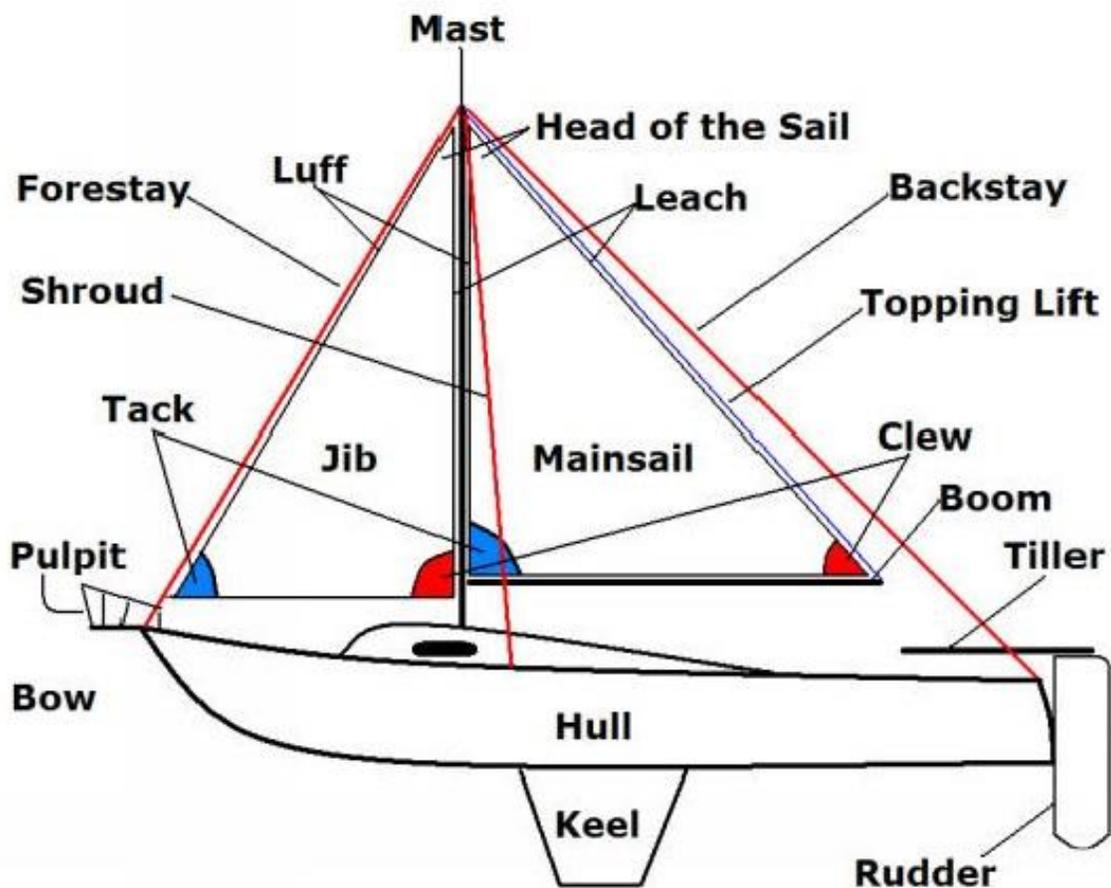
Your Couch

Sept. 4th "Breakfast and All the Cool Boats Sail"

Sept. 18th "Beyond B Docks Overnighter"
Sept. 25th WVSC Hosting Kayak -
Paddleboard Club

JOKE OF THE MONTH

What do you call a sail with only two corners?



I haven't got a clew.

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



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

Too many extras to list
Contact Fred Harvey at
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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.

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

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