

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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BEYOND B DOCKS AND SO MUCH MORE...

From the Commodore:

Any honest sailor worth his salt will promptly tell you I'm full of malarkey (among other things) if I were to suggest for even a moment that "I've sailed the world." True enough. I haven't sailed the Tyrrhenian Sea yet, but it's on the radar. I have sailed the Whitsundays in Australia, down the East river of Manhattan Island, all over the BVI's, the Bahamas, Spain, Rhode Island, Maine, Cheney and Lake Perry. I've seen a bucket load of truly spectacular places from the helm of many a good boat. I'm lucky and I'm grateful.

But none, and I say that with all sincerity, none of the adventures mentioned above were any more gratifying than the "Beyond B Docks" adventure we had Saturday night just off the west shore of El Dorado Lake... in Kansas. A mere thirty minutes from my front door and one quick broad reach down to the southern most cove of *our lake*. It just doesn't get any better than that, no matter where you sail. In a word, the entire Saturday evening overnigher was sublime. It was absolutely wonderful, gorgeous, enlightening, pleasant, low key, simple, restful, peaceful, interesting and at times... borderline educational. It was nice to be so close to home, no airports, no taxis, no schedules, no tips, no worries; perfect moon, beautiful weather, great friends and *just enough* free board on the Pram to keep most of us afloat. Life is good.

In the next few weeks, we have a lot of fascinating stuff coming up. We have a couple more Saturday races, (never too late to jump in there) the Smoke'n Hot Chili Cook Off (everyone loves the Chef) a Dry Storage Cleanup Festival, (free rental rakes) Official WVSC *Reverse Launch* Your Boat Day (pull your boat with WVSC friends; remember the Big Splash Launch Day?) and in the near distant future a great WVSC Christmas Party at Fulton Farms... not to mention our spectacular Annual Meeting in November AND the managers special at Dillon's on stove-top-stuffing. (both usually right around Thanksgiving)

Needless to say, it's not over yet! Get out there, have some fun and we'll see you on the water, at the Chili Cookoff, free rental rake in hand Saturday, at the reverse launch party, at the spectacular annual meeting, in the self serve speedy check out lane, and/or having a hot toddy with Santa and lassoing a reindeer from the back of a behemoth Clydesdale at Fulton Farms.

It's all good, and it's all still ahead of us!

Cheers,
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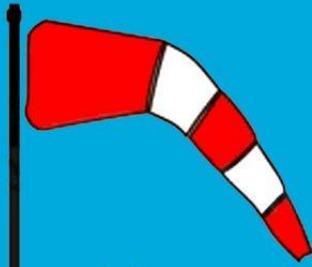
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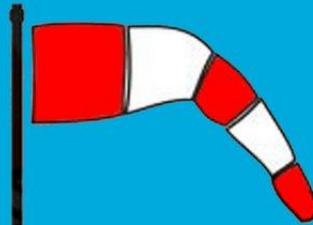
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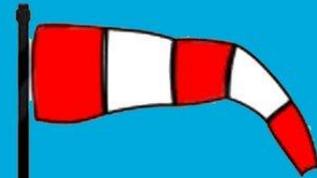
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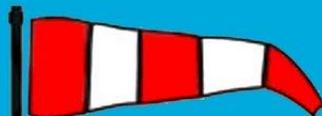
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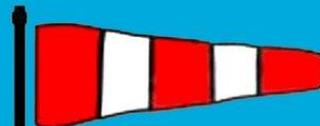
6 knots
11 km/h
7 mph



9 knots
16 km/h
10 mph



12 knots
22 km/h
14 mph



15+ knots
28+ km/h
17+ mph

Our windsock is more than a decoration. Obviously it shows wind direction, but did you know that it's calibrated to indicate wind speed as well? Each band represents about 3 knots. As the wind speed increases each band slowly moves to a horizontal position. At full horizontal, our windsock measures 15 knots of wind... or more.



Joseph Gadalla and his
mysterious pirate ship
October 31st 2016
12:00 midnight

2021 Social Calendar & Important Dates

OCTOBER

SMOKIN-HOT CHILLI COOKOFF

- Saturday, October 2
- 6:30 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.

DRY STORAGE CLEANUP DAY

- October 2nd THIS SATURDAY! 10:00 - 2:00 PM

PULL YOUR BOAT PARTY WITH FRIENDS AND HELP

- Saturday, Oct. 16th 10: 00 - 2:00 PM

WATER TO BE TURNED OFF

- Wednesday, Oct. 20th: we will turn off the water and winterize the clubhouse etc. Bathrooms will be closed and a porta-potty will be placed in the parking lot.

NOVEMBER

Annual Meeting

- Saturday, November 13th 5:30 - 9:30 PM

House of Schwan 3636 N Comotara, Wichita KS

DECEMBER

Walnut Valley Sailing Club Annual Christmas Party

- Friday, December 10th, 5:30 PM

Fulton Valley Farms 5079 SW Fulton Rd Towanda, KS

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



Merry Christmas

JOIN US FOR A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS DINNER
AND BEAUTIFUL EVENING AT FULTON VALLEY
FARMS

Friday, December 10th, 2021 - 5:30 PM -
Fulton Valley Farms
5079 SW Fulton Road, Towanda, KS

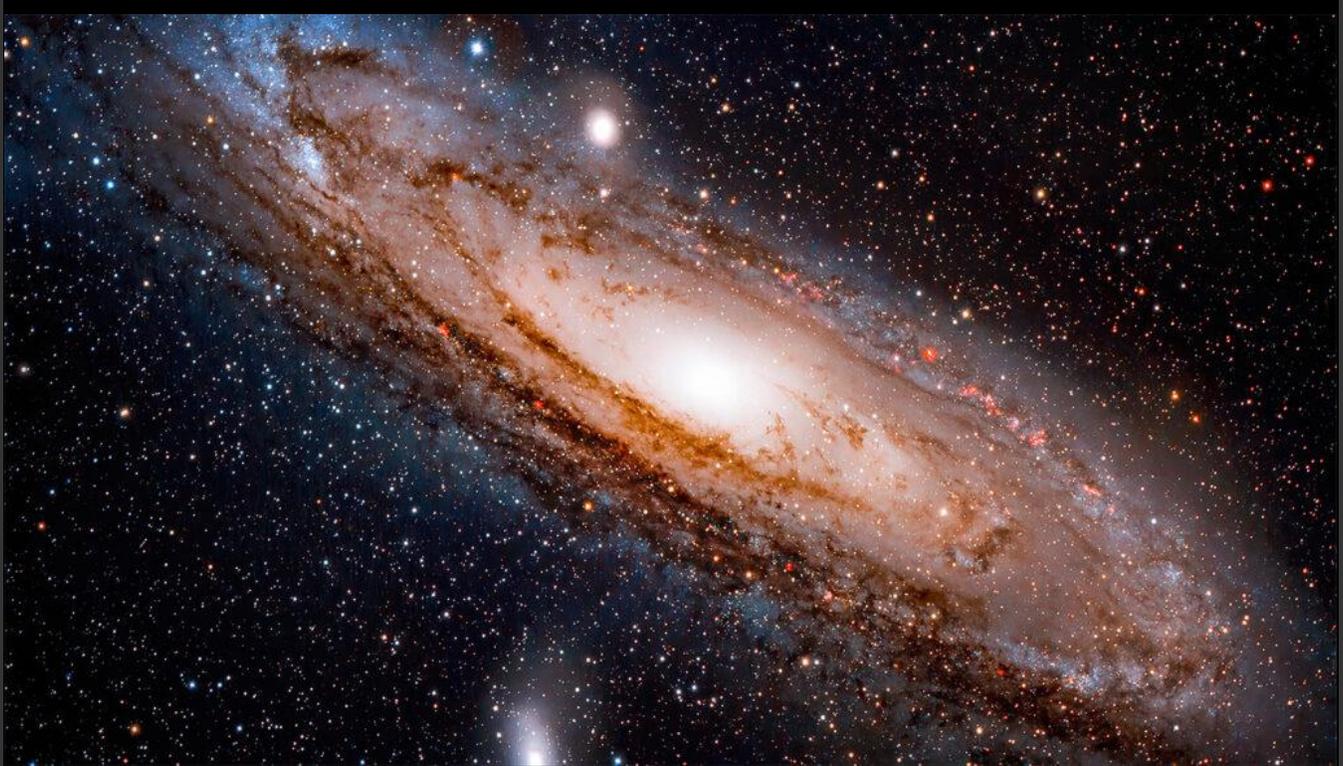
RSVP Required by Tuesday Nov. 30th
Text or Phone: Deann Gadalla 316-217-5014

- \$35 per person includes full Christmas dinner, live entertainment, glass of wine or beer and Champagne toast. Beautiful walking paths with literally hundreds of thousands of lights, live reindeer and sled, Clydesdale horses; all on a 150 year old working farm. Best of all, your Walnut Valley Sailing Friends will be there, and probably Santa too!



"WATCH AND LEARN"

40% MENTAL DIFICIENCY OF ONE OVERCOME BY
60% PHYSICAL STRENGTH - SHEER POWER OF OTHER
(LOCAL PADDLERS)



Brenda Welch's new iphone 13 Pro Max is Out Of This World!

Brenda shot this amazing photo off the stern of Moonstruck II Saturday night... just Beyond B Docks! Nice photo Brenda! We had seven boats anchor out and the night sky was one to remember!

In case you were wondering-pondering-contemplating...the Milky Way galaxy will merge with neighboring Andromeda (pictured) about 10 billion years from now — a bit later than previously estimated. If you would like to know more, see Kevin Welch or Paul Schye; both esteemed nationally recognized night sky authorities/afficiandos.

OK, before Brenda gets swamped with calls from outer space and beyond about her new iphone let me come clean. Brenda didn't actually take this spectacular photo - but she could have. Photo above (pun intended) is used with permission; Science News, 2021

Beyond B Docks

...And So Much More
Overnighter











We have two beautiful 8' park benches
on order for our main walkway!
Thank you one and all.

Please note: our benches may not get here until December due to shipping backlogs.



Triple Dog Dare You

You owe it to yourself to watch this one.
Poetry in motion. (foiling)

(double click the triangle)



"WHERE'S BRIAN?"

After hearing about the Covid-19 outbreak aboard aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71) I decided to sign up to fight covid on Navy ships. After some training and work in Norfolk, VA, I got orders to report to USNS Amelia Earhart which was then at Guam. I have been the ship's doctor since then. Getting the vaccination rate from 3% to 96% has kept covid from coming up the gangway so far, but that was not easy. With crew turnover we are always getting unvaccinated new crew. I can't email about where we are or what we do, but I can write in a paper letter where I have been. The mail (Fleet Post Office/FPO) is pretty slow, especially incoming. Well, that's about all the news here. Thanks for your email.

All the Best,
Brian



Don't Be Shy

We would love to see, hear, and/or read about what you're up to. **On a pirate ship 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.

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**FALL RACING SCHEDULE 2021
OCTOBER**

Fall Weekend, Saturday

2 Oct Gene Nold

Show 1:00 PM

9 Oct Blaine Van Dam

Race 2:00 PM * 2 Races

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

SMOKIN-HOT CHILLI COOKOFF, Oct. 2

DRY STORAGE CLEANUP PARTY, OCT. 2

PULL YOUR BOAT PARTY, OCT. 16TH

WVSC ANNUAL MEETING, Saturday Nov. 13th

WVSC CHRISTMAS PARTY, Friday Dec. 10

JOKE OF THE MONTH

What did the sailor get when he divided the circumference of his pumpkin by its diameter?



Pumpkin Pi

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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