

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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From the Commodore:

It won't be long now before I'll be quietly reverting back to

the comfortable position of dockhand. Everyone loves a dockhand...don't they? The next Commodore remarks you read in this space won't be from me, I'll be out on the docks, or better yet, I'll be out on the water.

And, unless the waters part and the sky falls, Chris Proudfoot will be our next Commodore. I'll do my best to support Chris and the new board and ask that all of you do the same. We've had a great year and accomplished so much - none of which we could have done without the never ending help from so many WVSC sailors. Thanks to one and all. I appreciate your time, your help, and your input. I've had a fine time and enjoyed the entire season as Commodore. Thanks again.

As for Chris, he's a great guy and he's biting at the bit to get started as Commodore. Amen. As for me, next spring I'll toss you a line and hand you a cold drink - from the docks.

In the meantime, I'm going to be spending the winter months working on a "big boat." Janet lived on a 45' steel ketch for a couple of years and has always reminded me she wanted no part of another big boat. Well... we've got one now! Thanks to Dave and Whitney Pullen, Janet and yours truly have a wonderful Catalina 22 neatly tucked away in our shed at home. We have lights, water, a roof overhead and pretty soon I'll have *free time* to "work" on a boat.

If perchance you see a shiny new "big boat" heading into the docks next spring - toss them a line - it might be me - or it might be one of your fellow WVSC sailor friends. With any luck, it might be Janet too.

Cheers,
Tedd

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WELCOME NEW WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB

MEMBERS - 2021- WE'RE PLEASED AS
PUNCH YOU'RE HERE. YOU FINE FOLKS
HELPED MAKE THIS SEASON ONE TO
REMEMBER. THANKS!

Hector & Marla Camacho
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LOOK CLOSE

These super-cool birds will be migrating through anytime now, if they're not already out at the lake, they will be soon! Nine foot wing spans, fly in huge flocks and follow the thermals from northern Canada down to the Gulf of Mexico.

Pelecanus onocrotalus or Great White Pelican. (not to be confused with *Carcharodon carcharias*) You can guess who *Carcharodon carcharias* is or as my dad would say, go look it up...

2021 Social Calendar & Important Dates

NOVEMBER

Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 13th 6:00 PM ZOOM MTG.

or RSVP Deann Gadalla for reservation to live meeting.

Limited seating - first come first serve - by reservation only
for live mtg. RSVP TEXT: 316-217-5014

DECEMBER

Walnut Valley Sailing Club Annual Christmas Party

Friday, December 10th, 5:30 PM

Fulton Valley Farms 5079 SW Fulton Rd Towanda, KS

RSVP required by Nov. 30th please TEXT 316-217-5014

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: 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!

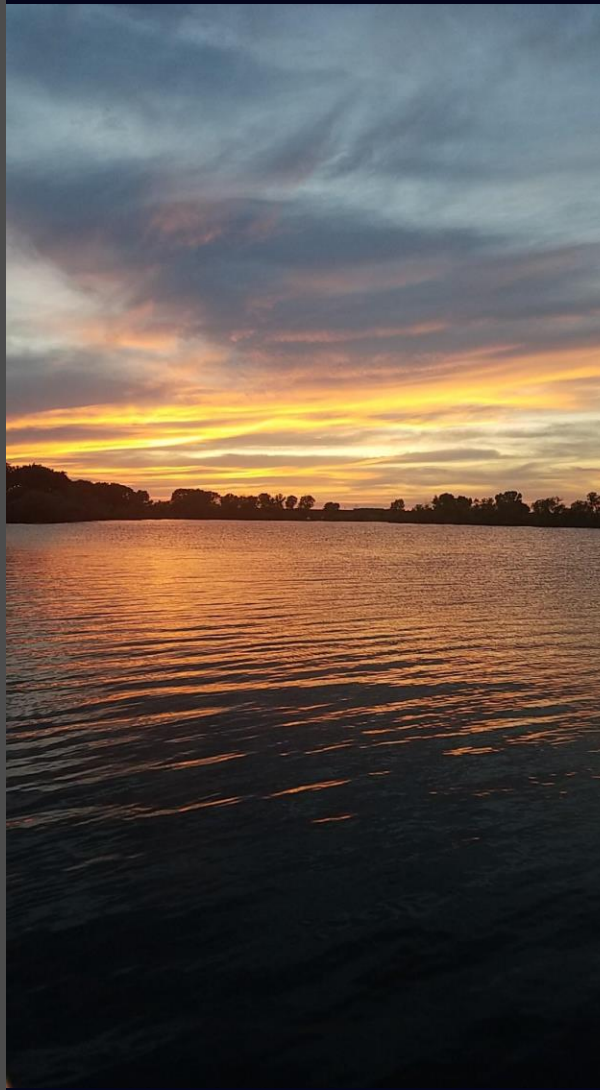
The Year In Pictures Walnut Valley Sailing Club - 2021















































For those of you who like your information in black and white, with times, dates, annotated, notated, collated, and disseminated with references. Here's the list of photo's in chronological order as they appear above - of course.

Should you find a mistake, omission, oversight, or misrepresentation of any kind...please call Brenda.

First Hike
Big Bash Boat Splash Launch
Party
New Signs X 2

Weed Control Queen
Smok'n Hot Chili Cook Off
"Gardening"
45 & Under Extravaganza
Our New Flag

WVSC Ladies Road Trip
Photo Contest and Photo
Go Fund Me (new benches
coming soon)
Clean Up Party w/Uncle Gene
Secret Sailor
National Tie Your Dock Lines
Uncle Gene's Swap Meet
24 HRS On the Water Crew
Triple Dog Dare You (Hugo
Boss)
All The Cool Boats Sail

Wednesday Morning Breakfast
Bunch
Photo Scavenger Hunt
Beyond B' Docks Overnighter
Prince and ZZ Top
The Pig Roast Party
Racers Racing
Carboard Boat Skippers
Ralph Loren's New Fall
Collection
Closed for Business
Open for Business



Don't Be Shy

We would love to see, hear, and/or read about what you're up to. If you have ideas, photo's, short articles, video clips, travel stories, **or you can see into the future** 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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It's hard to believe, but **Hayden Griffin** - alias Roll Tack - sailor, racer, U.S. Sailing certified instructor and all around good kid... is getting married! The lucky groom to be is known as

"The Fireman" - alias **Caleb Fistler**

Congratulations from all of us at Walnut Valley Sailing Club Hayden and Caleb. We wish you both the very best!
Cheers



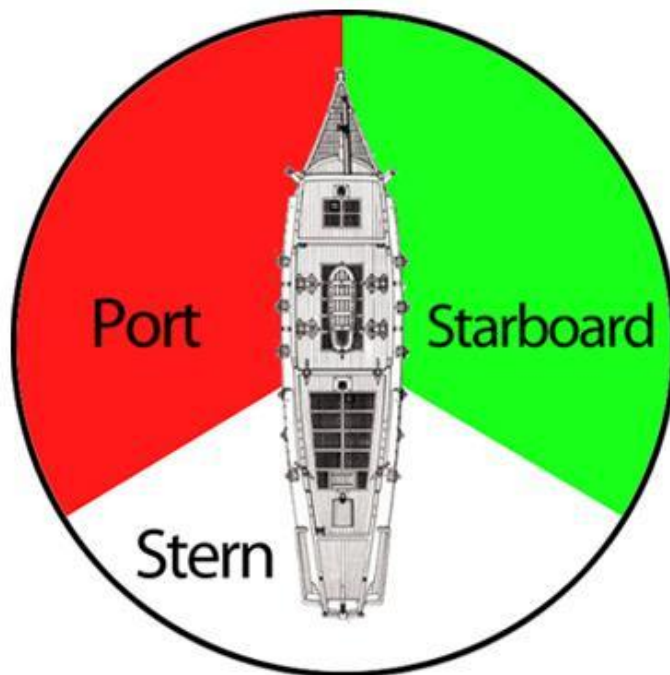
Your Couch

WVSC ANNUAL MEETING, Saturday Nov. 13th

WVSC CHRISTMAS PARTY, Friday Dec. 10

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Alan L., a fine WVSC sailor once asked me if I knew the difference between port and starboard...



I said "No, I've never had a glass of starboard Alan."

Boats & Gear for sale:

(and WANTED items this month)

WANTED:

GOOD CLEAN DOCK BOX

PRICE NEGOTIABLE; SEE JANET!

or call Tedd Blankenship 775-1064

Catalina 22 Sails

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

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



We will be listing these for sale through the internet websites in the near future. However, we want to make these available to any

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,
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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.

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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