

# THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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DECEMBER 2021

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From the Commodore:

I hope that all had the opportunity to give thanks and spend time with family over this Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you for the election to the office of Commodore for the 2021- 2022 season, I humbly accept this position and look forward to working on the challenges for next year. Your club needs your help! We need all members to actively promote the club and work on recruiting new

membership. We have room for anyone who can be involved, no matter how small, to help with all committees. We are still looking to fill two Board of Governors positions. WVSC has a great community and is a hidden gem in the area. With everyone's help we can ensure a vibrant club going forward.

Regards,  
Your Commodore,  
Chris Proudfoot

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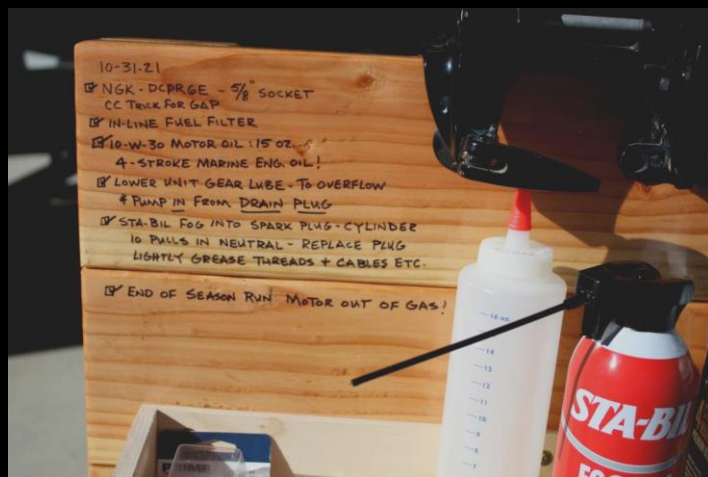
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# LOOK CLOSE



## Is your outboard ready to tuck away for the winter months? A few things on Santa's Outboard Motor Maintenance list:

- if you haven't already - run the engine out of gas - put fuel stabilizer in any gas you plan on keeping over the winter
- install a new spark plug and set the gap - a credit card is usually about the perfect gap, or rummage through your rusty old tool box and find your bent feeler gauge
- replace your inline fuel filter
- change the lower case oil and engine oil - 90 weight and 10W30 respectively \*unless of course you have a 2 stroke engine
- take out the spark plug and spray a shot or two of fogger into the cylinder then gently pull the starter cord 4 or 5 times
- grease any zirks on the motor and lightly oil cables and linkage
- replace the impellor - and **yes** you can do it - and should every year
- be safe and build yourself a proper motor stand - if you would like a copy of printed plans for the stand above - just ask - Or click on the link below:

[LINK TO PLANS FOR OUTBOARD MOTOR STAND](#)

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## 2021 Social Calendar

Walnut Valley Sailing Club Annual Christmas Party

Friday, December 10th, 5:30 PM

Fulton Valley Farms 5079 SW Fulton Rd Towanda, KS

**RSVP BY THURSDAY, 12:00 PM, 12/2 AND YOU'RE  
GOOD TO GO! 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

**48 HOUR GRACE PERIOD**

TEXT DEANN BY 12:00 NOON DEC. 2ND AND WE'LL SAVE A  
RESERVATION FOR YOU.

NO WORRIES! YOU CAN MAKE IT AND WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU!

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 Journey Begins

If you haven't met WVSC member Michael Sheppard you need to. Mike is a gung-ho kind of guy and he's jumping back into the sailing world full tilt. The latest and greatest: Mike is taking on this soon- to- be- fine Catalina 25. The boat was donated to the Summer Sailing Program and has been on the water, in water, and all about the water for *a few years* now. **After an extensive group survey** by Gary Pearce and the Wednesday Morning Breakfast bunch, we - that's 'The Royal We' - have come to the collective conclusion that this Catalina 25 is indeed a great project boat for... Michael.





Nothing to worry about here  
Michael -  
**We have bread that looks worse  
than that.** A little Clorox and a  
once over with the power washer  
and you'll be amazed...





**Lemon Pledge and a soft clean cotton rag:** Spray on wood, wipe gently with the direction of the grain, dust off and buff to desired sheen. Gentle on fabrics - won't damage gelcoat, fiberglass or upholstery.



I'll be right back Michael. Two minutes out here on the docks and my coffee is stone cold. I need a lid and my good gloves - said the Harbor Master.

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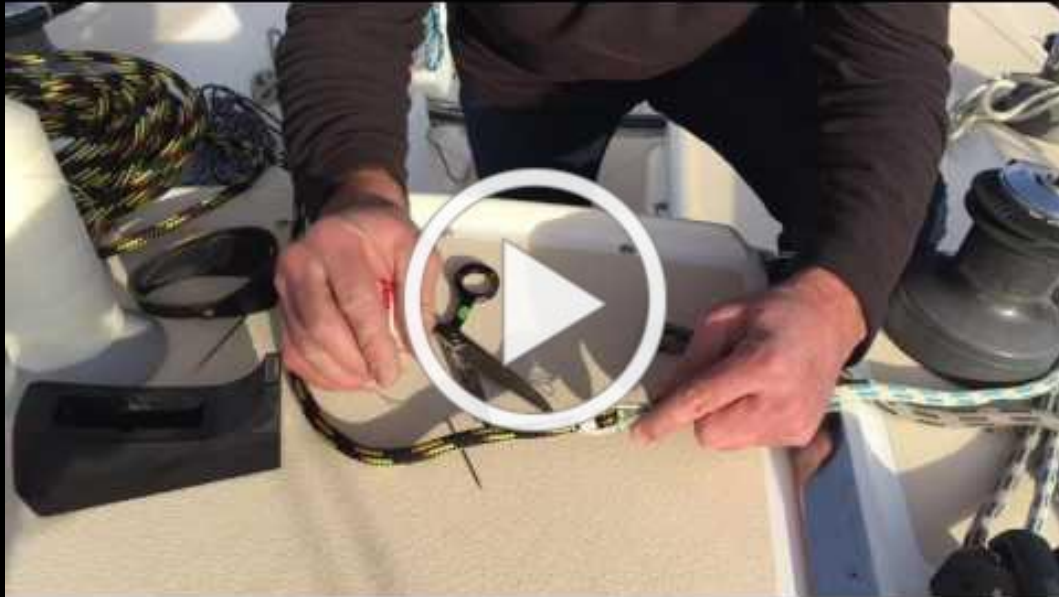


Not available in 55 gallon drums but you can buy it on Amazon at a reasonable price and...

This stuff actually works Michael. Wet your non-skid decking down with water, splash on some Sure Step deck cleaner by Star Brite, brush vigorously and then power wash or hose the dirt and grime off magically. It works.

**This part you'll never believe Michael:** you CAN wax your non-skid decking and it won't turn it into an ice rink. It's safe, it's effective and it will make your new Catalina 25 shine. You can bank on that one.

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Tis the season to install some fresh new halyards on that 4,000 lb. triangular shaped mystery box under the tree. **Triple Dog Dare You** to watch this video to the *bitter end*... and not learn something new!



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Such a good looking bunch of sailors... we had to run their photo two month's in a row. Not in the photo? No worries, come join us any Wednesday morning, better yet, join us *every* Wednesday morning; Benton Airport, 9:00 AM. Ladies are welcome too - and if you join us ladies, we'll not only pour your first cup of coffee, we'll pay for it too! - just those kind of guys- April 15th we move back to the clubhouse and fix breakfast, maybe a sink too.







The Coveted "Lean on Me" Award  
presented to "The Master Of All Things  
Good" Sir Kevin Welch

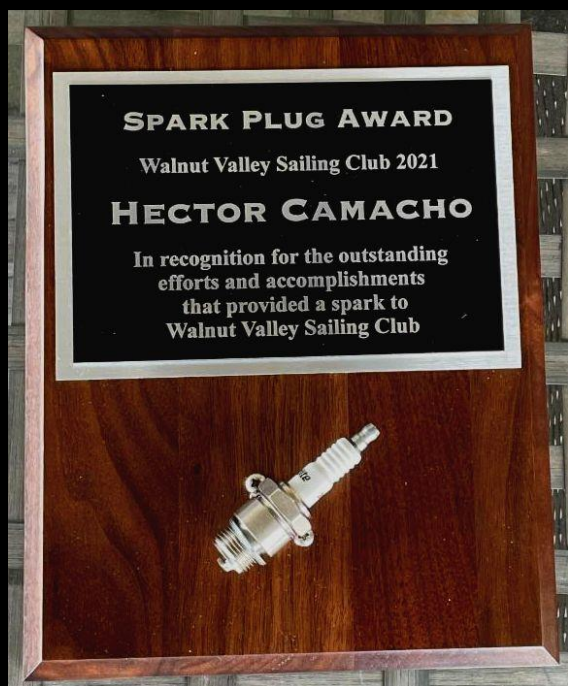
Thanks for letting me lean on you all  
season long Kevin... your help is always  
good help.

Former Commodore Tedd  
Bill Wither's Lean on Me 45 by Aretha Franklin

Prestigious "Lean On Me" Award  
bestowed upon "The Most Generous  
Queen Of All" Deann Gadalla

Thanks for everything Queen D. Oh and  
by the way, did you send out the WVSC  
Christmas Party reminders?

Rear Commodore Tedd  
Bill Wither's Lean on Me 45 by Club Nouveau



## SPARK PLUG AWARD Hector Camacho

In recognition for the outstanding  
efforts and accomplishments that  
provided a spark to  
Walnut Valley Sailing Club

Thank you Hector - from all of us at Walnut  
Valley Sailing Club



## Commodore Tedd Blankenship

Thank you  
Walnut Valley Sailing Club

# Our racing crews sailed through another great summer

Following three years of drought, flood, and COVID, we experienced a relatively "normal" year. We competed in 22 races this summer, fairly close to our four year average of 25. Twelve different skippers and crews took the start line this season. Our Club's participation in the racing program continues to grow each year, with just over 6 race crews (including race committee) participating per race. I'm hearing we may have a couple of additional boats racing with us next summer—that's always good news.



A number of items stood out this season, including the level of competition. Our crews squeezed every tenth of a knot out of their boat, changing leads and positions frequently. Finishes were tight, often within seconds of each other. One of our club's racing program strengths--as tight as the racing is out on the course, we always find a way to end up out the docks and have a great evening. It's a great opportunity to learn, both from other skippers and from your own mistakes.



Another hallmark of our Wednesday night races is our stunning Kansas sunsets. This season in particular, with the wild fires burning out west, we experienced some amazing evening skies. Our evening races provide some of the best sailing El Dorado Lake offers – even if you're not interested in racing, come on out on Wed nights, there's plenty of room to sail outside the race course, and enjoy an evening on the docks. We welcomed two new racers this season, with Chad and Susie

Johnson sailing a very nice Gloucester 22. Our "Ladies' Choice" crew of Deann Gadalla and Ardie

Condon sailed and competed out on the water. Stuart Funk continued to improve with his Hunter 23, completely re-fitted since rescued from an "axle-deep" position in the storage lot. Preston Brammer lent his C-22 to Dana Herring to finish out the season, and Dana made the most out of that opportunity—competing directly with the C-22 fleet.

For this year's Club Championship, seven skippers and crews met the 50% participation requirement (including races and race committee). Once again, congratulations to our winners, Steve Kubin and Randy Malcom sailing their Capri 22. Steve and Randy won 12/15 races they sailed this season – well done! Preston Brammer and I sailed every race this season, and finished second. We got a good look at the stern of the Capri, we'll need to figure out how to sail faster! Stuart Funk continued to build on his improved racing from last season, sailing very consistently across the season to a solid 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Team Cape, sailing the big Hunter, finished fourth, getting the "big boat" trimmed and moving when the winds picked up. Not that there's any bragging rights in the Condon household, but Deann and Ardie barely edged Ernie on the Hobie 33 for 5<sup>th</sup> place, by a .05 average finish place. Dana Herring qualified on his Hunter 23, finishing 7<sup>th</sup>. Here's the order of finish for the skippers and boats who qualified:

WVSC Club Championship

1 <sup>st</sup>	Steve Kubin & Randy Malcom	Capri 22
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Blaine Van Dam & Preston Brammer	Catalina 22
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stuart & Melissa Funk, Troy Oberly	Hunter 23
4 <sup>th</sup>	Amos Cape and "Team Cape"	Hunter 33.5
5 <sup>th</sup>	Deann and Ardie	Catalina 22
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ernie Condon	Hobie 33
7 <sup>th</sup>	Dana Herring	Hunter 23

For the Catalina 22 Fleet, we upheld the tradition of extremely close racing and finishes. Twelve of our races met the three boat requirement, and we ended up with four of our seven C-22s qualifying. Many thanks to Preston, as we barely eked out a first place, only .10 in average finish place ahead of Rob and Ginger Brown. Dana Herring barely qualified with 6 races in his borrowed C-22, finished third. Deann Gadalla and Ardie Condon finished fourth, continuing to improve throughout the summer. Congrats to all who sailed in our C-22 fleet. Here's our four C-22 qualifiers and order of finish:



## **Catalina 22 Fleet 118 Championship**

**1st Blaine Van Dam & Preston Brammer  
2nd Rob & Ginger Brown  
3rd Dana Herring  
4th Deann Gadalla & Ardie Condon**

**In closing, we owe a “thank you” to those that support us in the Club. Whether you race or not, please thank our Committee Boat Chair Bart Peace. He keeps the rescue boat ready to run and fueled. Last, we thank our BOG and our Board Liaison, Tedd Blankenship, for their support throughout the season.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Blaine Van Dam**

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Walnut Valley Sailing Club  
Club Championship

Steve Kubin  
& Randy Malcom



Walnut Valley Sailing Club  
Catalina 22 Fleet 118

Blaine Van Dam  
& Preston Brammer



## Don't Be Shy

We would love to see, hear, and/or read about all of the [crazy contortions you've been up to](#). If you have ideas, photo's, short articles, video clips, travel stories, etc. We're interested! [Brenda is in the photo above, can you spot her?](#) 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)

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## Gold Star Awards

I asked, and these fine sailors promptly sent me the racing photos featured in this month's Windword.

### Thanks:

Rob Brown

Ardie and Ernie Condon

Dana Herring

Blaine Van Dam

Ernie sent me the Encyclopedia Britanica edition of WVSC racing photos. I think the file is still downloading to my hard-drive. Thanks Ernie!

## Gold Star Good Sport Award

Gary and Patti Mackey

We failed to list Gary and Patti as new members last month. The Mackey's are new-returning WVSC members.

Welcome back Gary and Patti and thanks for being such good sports!

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## Important Notice - Be Advised

- Our four digit security code will be changed January 15th, 2022.
  - After Jan. 15 our old code will no longer open the main gate to the docks or the keypad entry to clubhouse
  - A separate email will be sent to WVSC members prior to Jan. 15
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## Board Liaison and Committee Chairs 2022

**The list below is not accurate at this time. We'll update it as folks jump in there and volunteer! Don't Be Shy. Opportunities abound.**

### Activities Center

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Committee Chair: **Yes YOU!**  
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### Archivist

Board Liaison: Committee Chair: **After 30 +/- yrs. Dave is retiring YOU could be the next legend. Thanks David!**

### Building and Grounds

Board Liaison: Paul Schye Comm. Chair: **Plant a tree, hug a building... if that sounds like you you're the one!**

### Calling/Communication

Board Liaison: Comm. Chair: **1-800-send us a text with your name and we'll sign you up - thanks!**  
[wertheimer@att.net](mailto:wertheimer@att.net) C 316-737-5815 [rnjbarth@hotmail.com](mailto:rnjbarth@hotmail.com) C 620-200-6835

### Club Powerboat Maintenance

Board Liaison: Committee Chair: Bart Peace **Sign up, help Bart and learn from the best!**  
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### Dry-Storage

Board Liaison: Committee Chair: **Stuart Funk is the greatest, and he could use your help. Stuart signed up to be Vice Commodore this year. Thanks Stuart.**  
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### Harbor

Board Liaison: Committee Chair: **It may take 2 or 3 of us to replace Charlie... or maybe he'll go it another year!@#??**  
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### Long Range Planning

Board Liaison: Chris Proudfoot

Committee Chair: **We need someone young here!**

**We 're planning "Long Range." Could be YOU.**

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### Membership

Board Liaison:

Committee Chair: **You'll be great!**

### Public Relations

Board Liaison: Tedd Blankenship- Windword

Committee Chair: **Eye could use yore help**

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### Racing Activities

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### STEP/Sailing Academy

Board Liaison: Deanne Gadalla

Committee Chair: **You'll be famous!**

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### Sailing Activities

Board Liaison: Deanne Gadalla

Committee Chair: **Just imagine what YOU could**

**do!**

[deanngadalla@yahoo.com](mailto:deanngadalla@yahoo.com) 316-217-5014

### Security Master

Board Liaison: Kevin Welch

Committee Chair: **Kevin Welch is usually easy to get**

**along with, he definitely needs "help."**

[Kwelch50@gmail.com](mailto:Kwelch50@gmail.com) C 316-322-5212

### Social

Board Liaison:

Committee Chair: **What an opportunity! @#\$**



## Your Couch

WVSC CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday Dec. 10 - 5:30 PM

Fulton Valley Farms

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## Joke Of The Month

Why don't aliens celebrate Christmas?



**Because they don't want to give away their...  
presence.**

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**Boats & Gear for sale:**  
(and important WANTED items this month)

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1977 COLUMBIA T-26 CRUISER  
+ EZ LOAD TRAILER | \$ 7,500

MITCHELL SOUTHERLAND

918-408-0035

MITCH.SOUTHERLAND@GMAIL.COM



SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE  
PHOTOS & INFORMATION!



### FEATURES

- Ready to sail! Mainsail and jib in good condition.
- 2014 Tohatsu 6hp four stroke outboard motor - runs great.
- All AC & DC power gutted and replaced.
- All new lights, electronics, furnishings.
- Battery charger.
- USB & 110V outlets throughout cabin.
- New upholstery on interior and exterior cushions.
- Composite decking.
- New freshwater system.
- Refinished interior woodwork.
- New hatch boards.

Contact: Mitch Southerland 918-408-0035  
[MITCH.SOUTHERLAND@gmail.com](mailto:MITCH.SOUTHERLAND@gmail.com)

**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.

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 316-655-2159, [fwharvey@cox.net](mailto:fwharvey@cox.net)

The following boats were donated by members of the Club and, unfortunately cannot be used in our summer training



**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](mailto:genenold@att.net).

**Interested in an Etchell's?**

Contact Gene Nold 734-3981 or Gary Pierce 686-8823 for details. Boat is in the yard now!

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 via the internet in the near future. However, we want to make these available to any members interested in purchasing a boat prior to public advertising.



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