

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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Happy New Year
Walnut Valley Sailing Club!

Meet our new Commodore Chris Proudfoot

Below are five questions we asked Chris at a recent Wednesday morning breakfast along with his answers. Next month we'll return to the "From the Commodore" format.

1. When did you get interested in or start sailing Chris?

"I grew up in Connecticut and used to fish for fun with my dad on Long Island Sound. He was a pretty hard core fisherman, and our style of fishing involved a little bit of work. I used to watch these sailboats going by and think that would be a lot more relaxing! In high school I had two guys in my class from England whose family lived on a boat, and I thought that was pretty cool. One night at work the topic got around to what do you want to do for retirement, and I said I always wanted to live on a boat and sail. The guy I was working with asked if I knew how to sail, which I didn't, so I figured it was time to learn. That led me to an ASA 101 class at Oologah lake in OK, and membership at Walnut Valley Sailing Club."

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3. Fun- Interesting facts about Chris Proudfoot:

"I earned my Private Pilot's certificate at age 17. I hold ASA 101, 103, 104 ratings. (sailing certificates) I'm a bit of a foodie.

I like to cook (and eat) and appreciate a nice glass of wine or a good beer. I think the best recipes are the things we make and enjoy with family and friends."

4. As one of the young guys, what's your vision for WVSC in 10 years?

"It's nice to be considered a 'young guy' at 51. I'd certainly like to increase the membership roster to help with the financials and filling all the committee positions. We need to offer sail training

2. What is your dream boat or on your sailing bucket list?

"I like the classic plastics, mostly for affordability. Like most sailors, I'm always boat shopping. I'm very impressed with sailors on YouTube making impressive voyages with modest boats. My retirement dream boat would be something along the lines of a Southern Cross 35, or a classic Tartan 37. Right now I'm between boats and if anyone knows where there is a Merit 25 in good shape....

Sailing bucket list would include things like the following; buying a boat in the Northeastern U.S. and revisiting some places like Nantucket, Block Island, Connecticut River and Byram CT (where I learned to fish and run a boat with my grandfather). Traveling down the ICW and stopping at some historic or interesting places along the way. Taking my own boat to the Bahamas and Cuba if it's accessible. How about an offshore passage to the Caribbean, or Bermuda? Seeing the Pacific Ocean? The list is endless..."

again in some form. I'd like to see the club have a fleet of Sonars, Catalina 22's or whatever so that people we train could race one design and have something along the lines of 'Community Sailing' where members who might not be able to handle the chores of ownership, would have access to a boat. If we ever get past Covid, what would be really cool would be club facilitated adventure travel, annual sailing trips organized through the membership."

5. What do you like most about WVSC?

"Some of the great things about WVSC: We are not some pretentious yacht club. Everyone is always there to lend a hand. Our racing scene is challenging but good natured, think there has been one protest in the last five years! The facilities; 24 hour access to dry storage, clubhouse and 12 month a year slip rentals! The people that you get to meet; engineers, professors, accountants, physicians, business owners, teachers, EMT's, and sometimes aircraft mechanics!"

Look Close



Beaufort Number	Wind Speed (miles/hour)	Wind Speed (km/hour)	Wind Speed (knots)	Description	Wind Effects on Land
0	<1	<1	<1	Calm	Calm. Smoke rises vertically.
1	1-3	1-5	1-3	Light Air	Wind motion visible in smoke.
2	4-7	6-11	4-6	Light Breeze	Wind felt on exposed skin. Leaves rustle.
3	8-12	12-19	7-12	Gentle Breeze	Leaves and smaller twigs in constant motion.
4	13-18	20-28	11-16	Moderate Breeze	Dust and loose paper are raised. Small branches begin to move.
5	19-24	29-38	17-21	Fresh Breeze	Small trees begin to sway.
6	25-31	39-49	22-27	Strong Breeze	Large branches are in motion. Whistling is heard in overhead wires. Umbrella use is difficult.
7	32-38	50-61	28-33	Near Gale	Whole trees in motion. Some difficulty experienced walking into the wind.
8	39-46	62-74	34-40	Gale	Twigs and small branches break from trees. Cars veer on road.
9	47-54	75-88	41-47	Strong Gale	Larger branches break from trees. Light structural damage.
10	55-63	89-102	48-55	Storm	Trees broken and uprooted. Considerable structural damage.
11	64-72	103-117	56-63	Violent Storm	Widespread damage to structures and vegetation.
12	> 73	> 117	> 64	Hurricane	Considerable and widespread damage to structures and vegetation. Violence.

December 15th at 2:00 PM we had sustained winds at 18 - 23 mph with gusts hitting 35-40 mph on B-docks. When gusts hit 30 mph we were forced to step into the wind or get pushed backwards; at 40 MPH we had to find something to hold on to. Kneeling on one knee from the top of the dam Kevin and yours truly

recorded a 61.5 mph gust

Kevin Welch took the photos and kept a firm hand in the middle of my back while I held the anemometer. I've never seen water and mist blow off the surface of the lake like it did that Wednesday afternoon. Charlie Volk advised us via cell phone it was time to double reef. Good advise Charlie.

2022 WVSC Social Calendar

Here it is but HEY! Don't shove off the docks just yet...we're still getting calls, emails and texts with all sorts of interesting ideas for our 2022 Socials. If you have an idea for a social, let us know. **We've got time and nothing is set in stone.** Don't be shy. Give us a call, text or email, send a letter if have to.

Just let us know what you're thinking or dreaming up. It's all good and we want to hear from you. We'll get official times and dates nailed down... soon.

January:

FIRST HIKE - NEW YEARS DAY

- El Dorado State Park; 1:00 PM TODAY! Meet just below the dam. It's an easy hike even if you're in less than stellar shape. (groomed trails, nothing too steep or rocky, dog friendly) You can do it and it's great fun. We'll see you there!

February:

March:

APRIL:

THE BIG BASH SEASON OPENER & "OFFICIAL" LAUNCH DAY, April 16

- Launch your boat today with friends and help, OR just come out watch the fun and hang out with the rest of us. It's all good!

MAY:

JUNE:

UNKLE GENE'S SWAP MEET, June 4

- 10:00-2:00
- Don't miss it. Always a good time and you might pick up a boat, a bargain a beer and a braut! How can you beat that? Didn't think so. Come on out.

SCAVENGER HUNT, * tentatively planned for June

24 HOURS ON BOARD & "MOSTLY UNDER SAIL" CHALLENGE June 11

- 10:00 AM June 11 - 10:00 AM June 12
- Murmurs of a few brave boats and crews gearing up to hit it head on. Quick Trip is taking orders for Red Bull... by the case. We had three boats last year, looking for five or more this year. You can do it!

CAPTAINS FIRE IN THE GALLEY COOKOFF, June 25

- Your famous FLAMICHE AU MAROILLES off the galley and plated up eloquently in 61 minutes - 33 seconds flat OR your favorite recipe presented to our very own world renowned WVSC galley judges. Details coming soon. *A timed cook off with judges, awards, fun and good times!

JULY:

CLUB BREAKFAST & ALL THE COOL BOATS SAIL, July 9

- 9:00 AM Breakfast, Cool Boats Sail after breakfast
- First of two "All the Cool Boats Sail" events,

- Nothing to prove here, we know you're cool, you're going to sail with us.

Long Distance Race * tentatively planned for July

FINAL SUNDAY SUNDAES, July 25

- 2:00 PM

AUGUST:

POKER RUN, * tentatively planned for August

PRAM-SABOT BOAT RACE & FLOAT-A-THON, August 20

- 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 28

- 2:00 PM

SEPTEMBER:

CLUB BREAKFAST & ALL THE COOL BOATS SAIL, Sept. 3

- 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!"

CAMPING BEYOND B DOCKS AND SO MUCH MORE, Sept. 18

- We had a blast last year. Good friends, fine pizza, perfect night.
- We have boats already signed up and a enthusiastic support boat making plans for a friendly night of fun again this year. All we need is you.

OCTOBER:

SMOKIN-HOT CHILLI COOKOFF, Oct. 1

- 6:00 Happy Hour, 7:00 dinner
- Can you spell kie-ann? Do you like kie-ann pepper?
- Come on out anyway, we'll have some bel peppers too!

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

In a strange surreal sort of way it was a good afternoon

Teamwork got Zach's boat back on the water in a couple of hours and luckily no one got hurt. As far as we know, Zak's boat is going to

be just fine once he gets the insides washed down, cushions cleaned up and the engine dried out. A questionable through hull coupled with 45 MPH winds are the suspected cause of the downing. Special thanks to those who walk our docks regularly just to check things out. Kevin Welch and Chris Proudfoot among others.

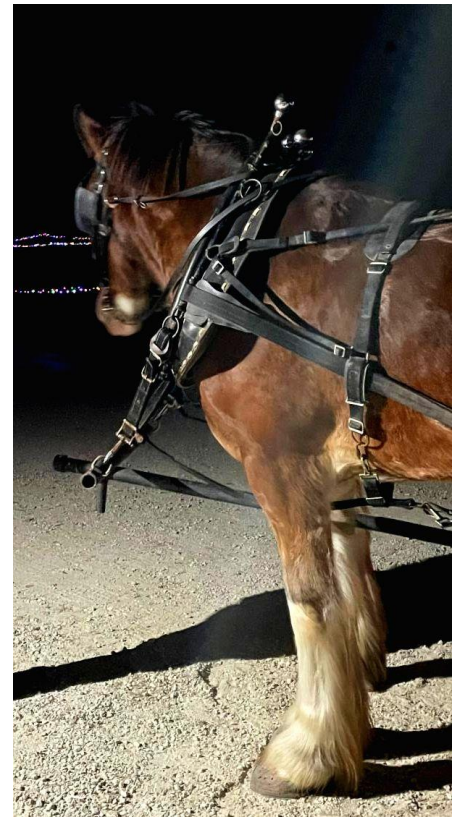
Thanks:

Kevin Welch, Sheri & Terry Lewis, Amos Cape, Chris Proudfoot, Tedd Blankenship and Zach's friend from work. All of us at WVSC can't wait to see you and your fine boat back out on the lake this spring Zach!









A fine looking horse, a good looking boat, and a great looking couple

Not necessarily in that order. Everyone had a great time at the WVSC Christmas Party Dec. 10th. It was cold, but good friends and a great holiday toast helped warm things up! Thanks to one and all that made it out.
Pictured: Bob the Horse, The Santa-Sloop, Richard and Julie Barth



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



The Official Un-Official Tech. Tip of the Month

Butyl Sealing Tape and Marine Formula

First things first:

Marine Formula is expensive, crazy expensive. The 4 OZ. spray bottle above cost a whopping \$26 from Catalina Direct. You don't want to knock it over with your cup of coffee or leave it on the docks. XFasten Butyl Sealing tape is relatively cheap. A friend of mine once told me that William Sonoma puts a \$285 toaster on the shelf immediately next to a \$475 toaster so the former appears to be a "reasonable bargain." I've applied the same logic here.

Now for the Official Un-Official Tech. Tip:

If you need to remove a fitting from your boat that was affixed using a silicone product or commonly used 3M 4200 or 5200 adhesives, then the Marine Formula may be worth the price. It removes silicone products and many others with great efficiency and it WON'T hurt your gel coat or fiberglass. Carb. cleaner is quick and easy but it may dissolve your gelcoat, your fiberglass, your hands and eventually your boat. Not a good plan. A plastic scraper and a quick spritz with Marine Formula is all you need. It works.

Butyl Sealing Tape is a form of cut and place sealant. (sailors Play Dough of sorts) The beauty of this tape is that it never goes bad, won't dry out, harden or lose it's elasticity. It will keep your fittings and through hulls water tight. One

caveat, Butyl Tape is only good with fittings that are through bolted. You can't use simple wood screws on a hand rail and expect Butyl Tape to seal properly. It takes a moderate amount of pressure to create a water tight seal with Butyl Tape. (through bolting) Once you tighten a bolt with Butyl Tape though, it's good, possibly for decades. \$16 on Amazon

TRIPLE DOG DARE YOU



Go pop yourself a big bowl of popcorn and what the heck - put some butter on it - then sit down, relax and watch this amazing video. Christian Williams is a single handed 74 year old sailor that has much more to offer than "sailing advice." We all know there's plenty of that out there. If you want something different for a change, take a look. Christian's got a pleasing outlook on life that is, if nothing else, worth some thought.

YouTube description: Full documentary, third voyage of Thelonious, an Ericson 38, Los Angeles to Hawaii and return, 2021. Nineteen days outbound, 26 return...



Don't Be Shy

We would love to see, hear, and/or read about **your latest flight on the upper deck** or 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. Nice spanx Brenda.

No copyright materials please.

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Board Liaison and Committee Chairs 2022

The list below is not 100% accurate. We'll update it as folks jump in and volunteer! Don't Be Shy. Opportunities abound. Call any board member and let them know you would like to help out. We need you, we want you and we appreciate your efforts, big or small. Thanks!

*** Sorry if the columns are not lined up below - tried to fix that a thousand times- Committee Chairs magically revert to column chaos in the email. Trust me, they were lined up! OMG**

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YOUR COUCH

January 1st - New Year's Day - 2022
THIS AFTERNOON at El Dorado State Park
just south of the dam 1:00 PM
FIRST HIKE EVENT
see you there



Always after a warm
welcome and a heart felt
hug an old sailor friend of
ours at WVSC used to
politely remind us:

"Only 78 days until spring!"

Nice memories and yes,
spring is coming Ed.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

For all you racing skippers out there...

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Say his name slowly out loud once or twice,
and let it sink in. Then fill in the blanks above.

Janet gave this one the royal thumbs down
and Charlie probably will too,
but it's still a Happy New Year!

Boats & Gear For Sale

FOR SALE

1999 Hunter 260 Sailboat + Trailer

\$15,000



For more information call

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FEATURES

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- 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.

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Wanted:
Good Clean Dock Box
PRICE NEGOTIABLE; SEE JANET!
or call Tedd Blankenship toll free:

The following boats were donated by members of WVSC. Proceeds help fund the youth program. Boats will be listed for sale via social media etc. soon.

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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
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1979 Catalina 27

with trailer \$6500

"Just Cruisin" currently in WVSC
dry storage - north line next to
fence Contact Liz: 316-253-4310



For questions, please contact Gene Nold at 316-734-3981 (phone or text) or at genenold@att.net.



1988 Gloucester 23 (above)

Fully equipped: 1999 Mercury 9.9 O/B & galvanized trailer. Boat has been sailed by WVSC members since purchased new in 1988. Asking \$3,000 WVSC dry storage space 422

1988 Precision 18

Fully equipped: 4hp Johnson outboard & galvanized trailer. For details please view the following website: Precision Boat Works P-18 Sailboat. Asking \$3,000 WVSC dry storage space 111

Interested in an Etchell's?

Several suits of sail. Sound hull, good spars, rigging etc.

SOLD!



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