

# THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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## "Summer is Coming"

Inboard to outboard: Chris Proudfoot, Richard Barth, Rob Brown, Bart Peace, Gene Plehal, Mark Reeves, Rick Brandorff, Clark Chambers, Paul Schye, Andrew Claycomb and Bill Albro

photo courtesy; Harbour Island, Abaco Bahamas

### From the Commodore

remarks will return  
next month.

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## **Captain's Fire in the Galley Cookoff**

will be here Saturday, June 25th faster than you can yell - bon appetite! Plan your menu now or... get your chef's hat on and tell us in 500 words or less why you would make an outstanding **Captain's Fire in the Galley Cookoff Judge**? Are you charismatic, flamboyant, a world traveler, certified foodie? Let us know! We need three Captain's Fire in the Galley Cookoff Judges. Don't be shy.

Send resumes, reference letters and 500 word essays to WVSC board members or email: [teddblankenship59@gmail.com](mailto:teddblankenship59@gmail.com)

**Better yet:** call 316-775-1064 and we'll sign you up on the spot!  
A certified BYOfork sponsored event. Details coming soon.

## 2022 WVSC Social Calendar

**HEY! This calendar is officially unofficial so please don't shove off the docks just yet...**we're still getting calls, emails and texts with all sorts of interesting ideas for our WVSC socials.

If you have an idea for a social or would like to jump in there and help out, let us know. We've got time and nothing is set in stone. Don't be shy. Give us a call or write a letter if have to. Just let us know what you're thinking. We want to hear from you! We'll get official times and dates nailed down... soon enough.

**Contact any board member or [teddblankenship59@gmail.com](mailto:teddblankenship59@gmail.com)**

### JANUARY:

#### FIRST HIKE - NEW YEARS DAY

- El Dorado State Park; 1:00 PM 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:

#### PUT ANOTHER LOG ON THE FIRE

- Stay warm and learn how to tie a proper anchor knot or try splicing an eye in a double braid
- Plan your menu for the Captain's Fire in the Galley Cookoff

### 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 in 60 minutes 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



# Look Close

If you've been tying a bowline on your anchor line, or five half hitches and a stopper knot... take a look. This is a proper knot for the purpose and it's easy to tie.



## **Derrick Cape Wins National Reserve America Photo Contest**

**Scenic & Seasons Category Winner**

**Photographer:** Derrick Cape

**Location:** El Dorado State Park, Kansas

This is our most popular category receiving half of the contest entries. This unique photo of sailboats in Kansas caught the attention from the judges.

Derrick started photography in 2020 and used his Fujifilm XT30 to capture this great image.

“My mother and father are part of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club where the picture was taken, and they have been sailing for about 10 years. I was back home visiting for my birthday around Labor Day weekend. I hadn't originally thought to take a long exposure of the lake with sailboats on it, but after seeing the reflection in the water I decided I had to!”

“My older sister actually saw the advertisement on Facebook and sent it to me. She remembered this photo and thought it would be a good one to submit. Many people do not associate sailing with the outdoors, and it is not an extremely common hobby so I thought that it could also spark some interest for those who would not think to see a row of sailboats at a state park.”

**Congratulations Derrick from all of us at Walnut Valley Sailing Club.  
Never knew we could look so good - in the dark. Nice!  
And yes, that's *our* cove sailors.**

photo used by permission - Derrick Cape & Reserve America - Congratulations to the entire Cape family!



**"Sailing is like playing the ukulele - you're only going to get better with practice"**

Now that we've got your attention... want to get better? Read the article below on roll tacking. And hey, roll tacking isn't just for dinghies.

Picture this: your team is sailing upwind in four knots of wind and progress is slow and hard to come by. Now it is time to tack shy of the layline and make the trek across the course toward the mark in the dying westerly wind. Going into the tack your team moves smoothly to the high side and rolls the boat, the headsail is slightly back-winded to help the bow turn. The boat smoothly turns through the wind and the sail fills on the new side. Both sails remained eased out as the boat goes into speed build first gear mode and then the boat is smoothly flattened as the sails are trimmed in once the boat is fully accelerated. All goes well and the team almost breathes a collective sigh of relief as the boat gets going toward the mark.

The value of practice and coordination of roll tacking can be the ultimate game changing maneuver. When well executed, a team can cross the fleet; if poorly executed, they may have to duck five boats only to find themselves in a dogfight.

Like any maneuver on the race course, tacking involves spending a varying amount of distance to get going in the other direction. In light air the loss is magnified in boat lengths while the boat gets up to speed. The purpose of the roll tack is to minimize the loss and provide the best possible performance during the tack.

The roll tack comes into its own in light air as it helps the foils reattach flow and the sails to power up. The time to stop roll tacking is when you are hiking as the boat has all the power it needs.

Part of the skill and art of sailboat racing is choosing the right time to try tacking.

Ideally it's done at full speed, in the flattest water possible and preferably in a puff of wind or in the best breeze possible all in the name of minimizing the loss. A lot of tacticians will tell you it never seems to like the right time to tack in light air, particularly in heavier boats, but following the procedure described above will help a lot.

Practice and Polish

There really is no substitute for practice when it comes to roll tacking. ***The challenge is even greater for bigger boat teams who have to coordinate more crew to get across from side to side in an orderly way*** and on time throughout the maneuver.

Like so many aspects of sailing, a team needs to find its own rhythm and timing. On my team, we always try to get out before the start as early as we can and practice roll tacking so that we are on the same page with body movement, helming and sail trim. At the start it is usually rough around the edges and in need of polishing, but after a while we start to flow and roll tacking becomes more and more automatic.

Here are some ideas to help with your own roll tack practice sessions.

Identify a Roll Tack Leader

On boats with three or more crew, it is good to appoint a roll tack (and jibe) leader, someone who [click this link to read full article published by Eugene Yacht Club](#)

**Credits -**

photo: Janet Van Epps

ukulele: Outdoor Ukulele; Bend Oregon

Black Mouth Cur: **Kate the infamous yodeling dog**



Quote of the month: "Sailing is like playing the ukulele" Dave Bonifield

Article full credit, compliments of: Eugene Yacht Club

**\*Photos are hard to come by in the middle of winter** - be nice - or better yet send me one of your photos! [teddblankenship59@gmail.com](mailto:teddblankenship59@gmail.com)

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### ***Things are starting to take shape...***

if you have an interest in helping out with our fine youth and adult

**Summer Sailing Academy** give Stuart Funk a shout out. Don't be shy. We would love to hear from you! We need all sorts of help; boat rigging, motor maintenance, instructors and/or mentors, inventory of equipment and of course a good spit shine on our boats, sails and equipment. If nothing else, a big smile and a huge shot of dock side enthusiasm is always welcome!

Cheers to Stuart Funk and all of the WVSC volunteers working to get our sailing program back on the water this summer!

Don't be shy. We would love to hear from you!

Contact: **Stuart Funk** [mictfunk@gmail.com](mailto:mictfunk@gmail.com) 620-382-5866 or any WVSC board member.

Above: student sailors on the infamous watermelon roundup; WVSC

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## From WVSC Security Chief:

"I'm more than happy to help out... anytime sunup to sundown."

If you find yourself at WVSC and you've forgotten the new security code, feel free to give Kevin Welch a call. He can help you out and get

you where you want to go lickety split. No worries. Kevin: 316-322-5212

**Note:** The four digit code has been changed in dry storage. Use the new code at the main gate, for the clubhouse door, the alarm system and now in dry storage too.



From the editor: this month's "**Joke of the Month**" has been rated PG-13. Only read the punchline if you're 13 or over... a sailor, or named Hector.

**TRIPLE DOG DARE YOU**  
*sea below*



Two minutes and twenty eight seconds of light hearted comic relief... and you *might* learn something along the way. Click on the link above, then sit back and enjoy. It's all good!

Word on the docks - ablative - as in "Kate has an *ablative* personality, her smile rubs off on everyone."

\* Petit Hydrocoat bottom paint recommended by one of our very own - Thanks Charlie

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**Meeting Minutes back by popular demand!** Members in attendance for the evening of 12/9/21 at Deann Gadalla's office are Troy Oberle, Chris Proudfoot, Paul Schye, Preston Brammer, Kevin Welch, Austin Bayes, and Stuart Funk. Call to order was at 7:08 PM with remarks from the Commodore welcoming everyone to a new season. November's Minutes have been amended to note that we have 7 members that have resigned. A motion to approve November's Minutes was made by Austin with a second by Paul, and all approved to pass. Membership concerns involve abandoned vessels onsite and removal operations. The board is reviewing updates to laws to comply with our by-laws with regards to keeping our facilities maintained. New business includes a motion to purchase a trailer extension for launching boats. Harbour is purchasing a trailer extension and if anyone has leads on a set of heavy duty chocks, please reach

out to us. The motion was made by Paul, and a second by Kevin. All approved and motion passed. Long range planning is reviewing last year's report to continue this season's projects. The power boat will be pulled before the cold weather sets in, and the cushions are being removed for reupholstery.

The membership directory will be updated on our website and the dates that members joined will be added to mirror the traditional handbooks. STEP is looking into training for ASA instructors to be able to continue the STEP program, and we are looking to outline an adult sailing/mentorship program for this season as well. We will also be setting up a CPR/First aid training seminar for members.

Alternative storage for our archives is being considered and incorporating some of our club history during our social events will be a highlight this season. Public relations is proposing an open house once a month to invite people out to the club.

Greg Rincker has taken the position as our Finance chair, and we currently have 56 paid members. Between checking and savings, we currently have \$115,000 in the bank. Thank you Greg! A reminder will be sent out in early spring for members to clean up their dry storage areas before kicking off the sailing season. Building and Grounds is planning a trash pick up day to stay on top of everything in dry storage. If tarps or boat covers are falling apart to the point that they are completely ineffective, we will contact the owner to see if they can be removed to prevent them from coming loose and just blowing around the yard. Troy is going to handle mowing duties this season to help keep costs down, which is greatly appreciated.

The Racing Activities committee will hold a meeting in late January or early February for racers to review participants and develop a schedule. The Social committee is still looking for a chair and the calendar set up for this season. Government relations will be meeting with lake officials over the next few months for an introduction and to review policies.

On to some final notes. The lock combinations/alarm code will be changed on January 15<sup>th</sup>, and the new combination will be provided to paid members. Sailing activities for this season will include a long distance race, photo scavenger hunt, 24 hour sail, overnight in the cove, poker run, and moonlight sail. We will be looking for organizers for these events, and we are still on the lookout for 2 more members for the board.

The motion to adjourn was called by Paul and second by Kevin at 8:52 pm. A big thank you to Deann Gadalla for lending your office for our meeting!

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## Don't Be Shy

We would love to see, hear, and/or read about your latest bike ride to the hardware store or if you have ideas, photo's, short articles, video clips, travel stories, etc. suitable for the Windword, 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 ride Greg and Nikki Rincker. Now we know how you spend your time in the off season.**

No copyright materials please.

Send materials to: [teddblankenship59@gmail.com](mailto:teddblankenship59@gmail.com)

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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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**Social**

Board Liaison:      Committee Chair:

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## YOUR COUCH

- peruse the openings for committee chairs above and then give one of our fine WVSC board members a call
- the Official WVSC Big Bash Boat Launch Day is just around the bend - Saturday, April 16th. Get your boat *ablatified* now!





Only 48 days  
until spring!

## JOKE OF THE MONTH



A pirate walks into a bar with a ship's steering wheel in his pants. The bartender says: "Hey, did you know you've got a steering wheel in your pants?"

"Aye, sir that it be" says the pirate, "it's driving me nuts!"

# Boats & Gear For Sale

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# FOR SALE

**1999 Hunter 260 Sailboat + Trailer**

**\$15,000**



**For more information call**

**316-322-5212**

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

MITCHELL SOUTHERLAND

918-408-0035

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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  
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**Wanted:**  
**Good Clean Dock Box**

PRICE NEGOTIABLE; SEE JANET!  
or call Tedd Blankenship **toll free:**  
316-775-1064

### **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  
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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

### **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.

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



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