

# THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

MARCH 2022



Look now because this spectacular  
winter wonderland scene is about to change...

**THE OFFICIAL WVSC  
BIG BASH BOAT SPLASH LAUNCH DAY  
IS COMING TO A DOCK NEAR YOU SOON!**

Saturday, April 16th

# Walnut Valley Sailing Club

Photo courtesy: Kevin Welch

## From the Commodore

remarks will return  
next month.

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## Captain's Fire in the Galley Cookoff

Saturday, June 25th

Plan your menu entry 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?

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.

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## 2022 WVSC Social Calendar

Our WVSC Social Calendar is 97.035% accurate as published... however we need to stay flexible just like these two fine WVSC sailors. No telling when something extraordinary may pop up... when it does, we need to be ready to jump on board and give it a go. Stay tuned, stay in touch and by all means, stay flexible! As always, if you have an idea for a social event, don't be shy! Let us know.



## **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:**

- **Click on the link below** to view the number of days, hours and minutes until our Official WVSC Big Bash Boat Launch Day, Saturday April 16th...

### **WVSC BIG SPLASH BOAT LAUNCH DAY**

## **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 an enthusiastic support boat making plans for a friendly night of fun again this year. All we need is you.

**OCTOBER:**

**SMOKIN-HOT CHILI 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

**33 Feet of Speed**  
just isn't quite enough speed for  
Ernie & Ardie Condon... obviously





## Ernie and Ardie Condon

now have a combined total "63 feet of speed" with the addition of their newly acquired Etchells 30. The Condons also own a Hobie 33 aptly named "Need For Speed." The photos and video attached below illustrate a sampling of the work Ernie has completed on his Etchells 30 trailer.

We can't wait to see this beauty on the water next spring Ernie! The boat that is...thanks for sharing!









Click on the YouTube video above for Ernie's trailer transformation magic and the YouTube link below for deck line handling wizard-tree.

- trailer transformation magic by Ardie & Ernie Condon
- deck line wizard-tree by some guy on the docks



## Look Close

Don't know if it's true or not, but word on the docks is that Julie Barth taught this fine deck hand everything he knows

- Click on the link above and check out these amazing dock hands
- We're planning an impromptu line cleating contest at the Official WVSC Big Bash Boat Launch Day - Saturday, April 16 - not your typical dock cleating skill level unless your name is Cindy Hoedel or Kate Brammer
- No worries, **you** still have plenty of time to practice your line cleating skills

- See Brenda Welch or Julie Barth for details



### ***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.



## 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. Use the new code at the main gate, the clubhouse door, for the alarm system and dry storage.

## Tech tip of the month:

Is a JACKERY portable power station in the mix for you? Watch the video below and be prepared to be amazed...



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**Did I hear someone say** crank up the music, turn on the fan and fetch me a cold one out of the fridge?

Maybe not but they could have with the Jackery 300 on board. Not only that you can: charge your phone, jump start the outboard, light the Kansas Coliseum, power the lunar rover and so much more.

This compact little powerhouse recharges quickly on AC power, DC power, solar, wind, nuclear reactor or methane gas produced by a goat. For some sailors mental telepathy works.

Ok, I got a bit carried away.

Watch this YouTube video if you think you might be interested in a portable power supply on your boat. It *will* run a small freezer-cooler indefinitely on solar power. No kidding.

The JACKERY 300 is pretty darn cool and as you read above, amazingly versatile. Don't be shy, take a look!

## **WVSC Meeting Minutes 2/10/22**

### **Gadalla's office**

Members in attendance: Paul Schye, Chris Proudfoot, Kevin Welch, Preston Brammer, Troy Oberly, Stuart Funk, Austin Bayes

Call to order 7:18.

Commodore's remarks: Met with Wednesday morning breakfast club, had some difficulty with entry gate keypad working properly. No notable additional news.

Approve January minutes. Motion by Stuart F. - Second by Paul S. - Motion approved by all.

Membership concerns – No additional concerns aside from entry gate keypad.

New Business – New dock corners for slip B10 presented by Tedd Blankenship for board approval. Motion to approve addition of corners per WVSC guidelines. Motion by Paul S. – Second by Kevin W. Motion approved by all.

New dock corners for Preston Brammer's slip presented for board approval. Motion to approve Preston's slip for corners per WVSC guidelines. Motion by Paul S. – Second by Kevin W. Motion approved by all.

Committee Reports:

Powerboat – No new information. Cushions are still at upholstery shop.

Harbour – New ID plates for all slips are going to be made this season. They will be a contrasting blue and white color made from UV resistant plastic.

Activities center – No new information.

Membership – Membership application for Mark Dresselhaus [sp] presented to board for approval. Nomination for approval motion by Paul S. – Second by Kevin W. Motion approved by all.

New member Bill Allman [sp] is now on registry. Resigning this season are Zak Kissack, and Jeromy & Ashley Fisher.

STEP – Insuring the Catalina 14.2s, Whalers, and Sonar for this season. New outboard has been purchased for one of the Boston Whalers. 501c3 evaluation is in works for renewal consideration next season. Stuart has reached out to the Sea Scouts (division of Boy Scouts of America) to engage our STEP program. Currently waiting on a reply. Stuart will also start training sometime this spring to acquire his instructor certifications through US Sailing. Start marketing campaigns for this season.

Archivist – Moving records to Troy Oberly's House this season.

Public Relations – Suggestion for monthly open houses for the general public and a few specialty events to engage public interest. Review ideas for Facebook page.

Finance – Paid Blaine for Racing awards, and Sales tax paid. Currently, the club has 67 Paid Regular Members.



Dry Storage – Still Dry for the most part. A little soggy from snow melting in some areas....This season we will be checking tiedown anchors for condition and marking all tiedown anchors with high visibility paint. locations. Reviewing dry storage ID markers for replacement if needed. Cleanup when weather permits.

Building and grounds – Grass service covered by Troy for this season, identifying mowing areas for firebreak.

Calling – No new information.

Racing – No formal meeting for this season aside from reviewing committee boat. Date to be determined.

Social – Still looking for possible volunteers to help this season. Ideas for a club Cookoff for a social.

Government relations – Review lake regulations with membership in regards to boat requirements and safety equipment on board. Corp of Engineers has inspected the club for environment regulations. Everything ok at this time.

Security – Kevin W. disassembled the keypad on the entry gate and repaired internal components. Entry gate is now working properly. Review pricing for new keypad locks for clubhouse and gate entry.

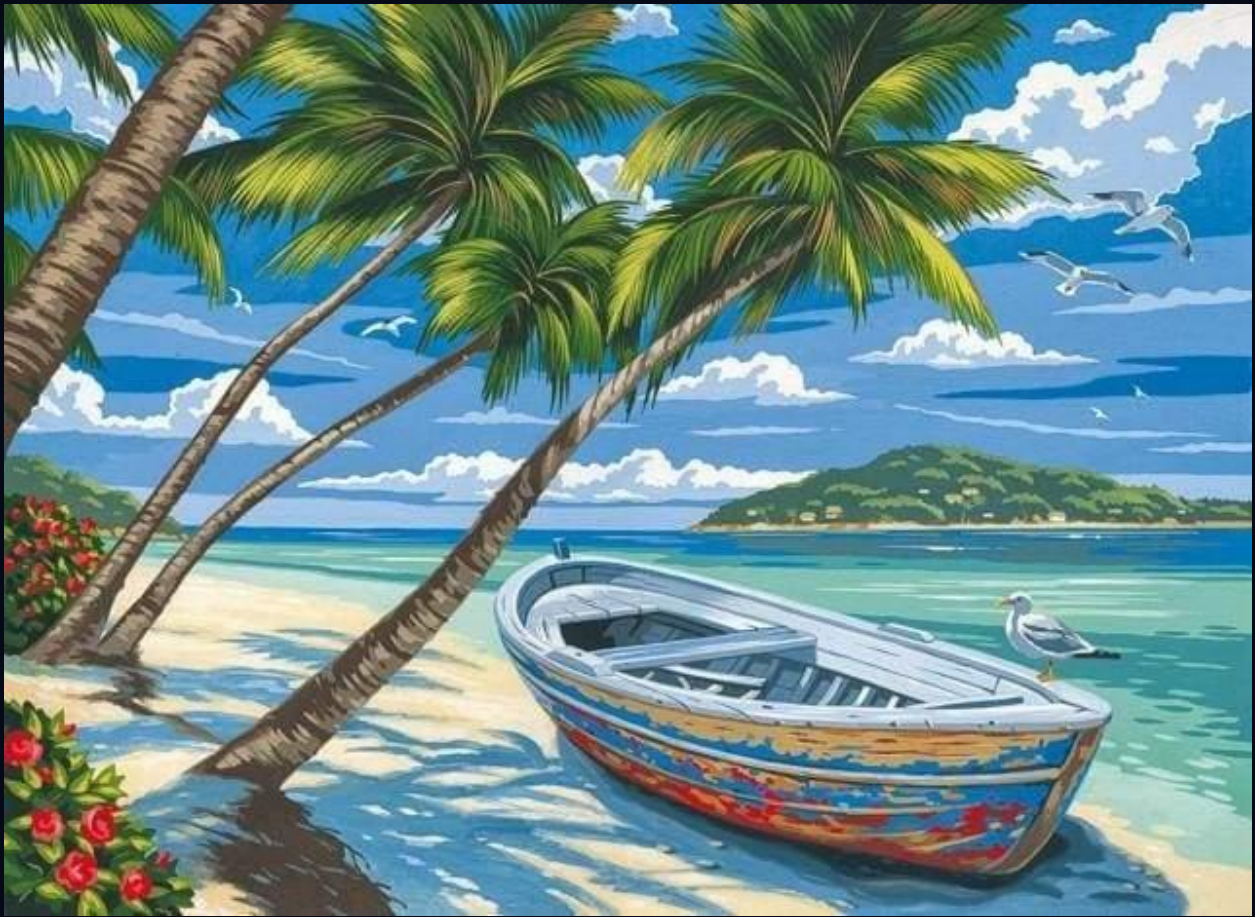
Sailing Activities – No new information.

Business Calendar- March 1 Slip rentals due.

Old Business: Standardize policies on abandoned property on Club premises.

Motion to adjourn by Stuart – Second by Paul S. Motion approved by all 8:42 pm

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## Don't Be Shy

We would love to see, hear, and/or read about your photo's, short articles, video clips, travel stories etc. Thanks for the anonymous paint by number entry this month. "The clouds look so real." Did you paint that beautiful seascape Paul Schye? Hmmm...

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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## 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**

Only 19 days  
until Spring!

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**JOKE OF THE MONTH**



How do Walnut Valley Sailors like their drinks?

On the docks of course!

## 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 -

### **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**

Fully equipped: 1999 Mercury 9.9 O/B

\$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)

**1979 Catalina 27**  
with trailer \$6500  
"Just Cruisin" currently in WVSC  
dry storage - north line next to  
fence Contact Liz: 316-253-4310  
photo below

& galvanized trailer. Boat has been  
sailed by WVSC members since  
purchased new in 1988. Asking  
\$3,000 WVSC dry storage space 422  
photo below



**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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