

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

APRIL 2022



Troy O inspects batten reinforcements on a 3DL code sail before lamination on a 3D mold at North Sails.

Photo by Paul Todd / Outside Images



**Meet multi-talented WVSC
Treasurer and ukulele
aficionado Paul Schye.** "I got my
start on the uke playing air guitar
at the WVSC social back in 21."

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If the cover photo of Troy leaves you with more questions than answers, click on the link above and prepare to be surprisingly amazed.

2022 WVSC Social Calendar

If you would like to help out with a social event, don't be shy. We need you, your time, your talents and your cheerful take the bull by the horns attitude! Give any board member a call.
or 316-775-1064 Janet or Tedd

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: Like a good scout - "Be Prepared" for the month of March:

sunblock, raincoat, speedo, parka, fog horn, kite board, lightening rod, ice melt, Gatorade, thermos, sun glasses, flashlight, ice axe, Yeti Cooler, candle, dry suit, wet suit, snow shoes and two fresh stalks of aloe vera

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. We're working on getting a "food truck" for the big event. If nothing else, we can promise you a truck... and some food! It's all good.
- 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](#)

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 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!



NEW YORK YACHT CLUB AMERICAN MAGIC CORE SAILING TEAM CONFIRMED

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Newport, R.I. - Today, New York Yacht Club American Magic, the U.S. sailing team challenging for the 37th America's Cup, confirmed the core sailing team roster: Tom Burnham, Lucas Calabrese, Andrew Campbell, Riley Gibbs, Paul Goodison, Gary Pierce, Michael Menninger, and Dan Morris.

**Congratulations to our very own
Gary Pierce. Gary has been selected
as team statistician for the 37th**

running of the America's Cup. Gary has a long history with the America's Cup and will now have an official place on the team. Gary will work under the direction of Paul Goodison' (2008 Olympic Gold Medalist - Laser) as the teams top statistical analyst. If we don't see Gary around much, it's because he's at the New York Yacht Club preparing for the next America's Cup! We couldn't be more proud Gary. Congratulations from all of us at Walnut Valley Sailing Club. Go team USA.



Don't be shy... you qualify!
Captain's Fire in the Galley Cookoff
Judge or Participant

- Saturday, June 25th
- Plan your menu entry now or get your chef's hat on and let us know you would like to be a Captain's Fire in the Galley Cookoff Judge? We need three Captain's Fire in the Galley Judges.
- email: teddblankenship59@gmail.com

- call 316-775-1064 and ask for... Janet or Tedd
- no background check required
- details in the May Windword

SPRING BREAK FOR SKIPPER AND CREW ALIKE

David, Porter and Chris practice one hand for the boat
and one hand for yourself aboard Jim and Tammy
McEwen's S2 - "Porch Time 3.0"



RIGGING ONLY



About us

The Rigging Loft Inc was established in 1984 to provide sailboat rigging, yacht hardware and provide on site hands on, quality rigging services to sail makers, boat yards and boat builders in South Eastern Massachusetts. The need for a direct link to the end consumer became evident in the late 80's as often we received orders for inappropriate and non compatible running rigging, standing rigging and hardware. Pricing became an issue as many of our wholesale accounts failed to acknowledge the impact of the shrinking dollar of

the late 80's and early 90's. Rigging Only was established to fill this void. Rigging Only was established to fill this void. Rigging Only is dedicated to providing The highest quality yacht hardware, sailboat running rigging, sailboat life lines, sailing rigging, and sailing lines available.

Our Mission

Rigging Only is dedicated to providing quality yacht hardware, sailing lines and rope as well as standing rigging for sailboats and sailing craft at affordable prices to the sailing community through out the world. Providing technical expertise on selection and installation as well as the best prices from all major hardware manufactures is our goal.

Comparing

At Rigging Only we encourage price comparison. We have noticed that some of the on line sailing stores have increased prices significantly. Most of these folks have an office only and do not have any significant hands on experience with the gear you are purchasing. Their products are generally drop shipped from a wholesaler and the actual assemblies for running rigging, life lines, and standing rigging are contracted out to a sailboat shop like ours and based on the discount they receive. Many of these business's consist of folks who are programming people that happen to have sailing as a hobby. Rigging Only is a full rigging service shop and sailing store owned and operated by riggers. Our technicians are trouble shooting, problem solving, and repairing rigging on boats like yours everyday. All running rigging, standing rigging, life lines, and wire splices, are made right here in our rigging shop and have been for 27 years. We sell the highest quality sailing line, yacht hardware, and sailboat rigging available. We deal with the manufacturers of products, not wholesalers. We know our products. At Rigging Only we're sailors too. We have the experience and appreciation for the demands placed on gear and people for both offshore and coastal cruising.

Phone: 508-992-0434 email: sail@riggingonly.com Fairhaven, MA

Note from the editor: I called Dan at Rigging Only in Fairhaven, MA. last Monday morning. Dan had me measure my boat at a few points and fill out a simple form. I sent him the measurements and by Friday I had a custom set of lifelines. Saturday morning I installed them on our Catalina 22 without a hitch. I'm pleased as punch with the quality of the lines, and the beautiful craftsmanship in the work. Dan's a bit cantankerous, but aren't we all at times. Highly recommended.

Unfortunately I'm not getting any kickbacks. I keep trying.



Look Close

Linda is *reportedly* the
"Best Dock Line Handler EVER"
Obviously Linda has *never* visited WVSC

- We're planning an impromptu line cleating contest at the Official WVSC Big Bash Boat Launch Day - Saturday, April 16
- Still need help or reassurance? See Brenda Welch or Julie Barth for dock line Tips and Tricks - "WVSC Resident Pros"



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.

Contact: **Stuart Funk** mictfunk@gmail.com 620-382-5866 or any WVSC board member.



From WVSC Security Chief:

The WVSC four digit code has changed. Use the new code at: main gate, dry storage, clubhouse door, and for the alarm system. Members only please.

Important notice from Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism

Walnut Valley Sailing Club members: be assured that KDWP&T will continue to provide security to our facility and grounds. We have been asked to report any suspicious activity or persons on or about our property or within the park.

KDWP&T Management: "We will be present at the boat ramp as a part of our daily patrols. If any issues arise or any suspicious characters appear, please call 911. Encourage members to keep their property secured, and don't leave anything left out."

Be aware park management and law enforcement are currently using surveillance cameras in the park to identify vehicles reported to be conducting suspicious activity. Your help in keeping our club and lake facilities safe and secure is appreciated. Please be vigilant and report anything-anyone you deem to be of importance to law enforcement by dialing 911 immediately. Descriptions of vehicle make, model, color and license plate numbers are very helpful and should be recorded when safe to do so.

Government Liaison Chair
Gene Nold

Tech tip of the month



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New Mercury electric outboard makes big debut at Miami boat show

The much anticipated Mercury electric outboard created a big buzz with its unveiling at the Miami International Boat Show last month. The motor on display was a concept model designed to showcase the main features of the new line – named ‘Avator’ – with the formal release and models for sale coming later this year.

There has been a lot of talk since last year about one of the world’s largest gas outboard manufacturers going electric. Mercury Marine President Chris Drees said at the company’s Investor Day in May of 2021 that “We’ll launch five new electric outboard models by 2023, and intend to be the market leader in both conventional and electric marine propulsion by the end of that year.”

Roughly 1 out of every 2 boats in the U.S. recreational boat fleet are

powered by Mercury products, and the company has a tradition of innovation that goes back to the first Thunderbolt gas outboard in 1947. So when they put their technical people on a new project, they are bringing unique experience and expertise.

Meeting Minutes 3/10/22

Gadalla's office

Members in attendance: Paul Schye, Chris Proudfoot, Preston Brammer, Austin Bayes

Members in attendance via Zoom: Stuart Funk, Kevin Welch

Call to order 7:07 PM.

Commodore's remarks: The pending snowstorm is causing difficulties, but we were able to pull it together to meet a quorum for tonight's meeting. Thank you all.

Approve February minutes. Motion by Preston B. - Second by Austin B. - Motion approved by all.

Membership concerns – No major concerns, a few members have made a request to move to new slip locations.

New Business – Corps. Of Engineers Real Estate inspection found some issues to be addressed this season. Slips A22 and B40 has breakers that needs replaced. Slip A24 corner boards need tended to. Slips A38 and A26 need corner boards removed or add dock box. The finger between B33 and B35 has soft boards. Slip B37 needs the corner boards removed. We will remove the damaged boards and replace breakers in the affected areas this season.

Committee Reports:

Long Range Planning – No new information.

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

Harbour – New ID plates for all slips are completed and working on installation.

Activities center – No new information.

Membership – Mark and Barbara Dresselhaus rejoined the club.

STEP – Stuart F. has purchased a U.S. Sailing membership and is going to be starting online training. Need to inspect the 14.2s for maintenance this season.

Archivist – No new information.

Public Relations – No new information.

Finance – 70 paid regular members. 3 Affiliate members. 3 Inactive members.

Reviewing the fee schedule for month to month slip rentals for revision.

Dry Storage – Gate rollers need to be serviced and members need to make sure the gate is locked if they are the last ones out. Cleanup will be announced before launch time.

Building and grounds – No new information

Calling – No new information.

Racing – List for signup on race committee is out for members interested in racing this season.

Social – Suggestion for a Mongolian Barbecue added to list of socials this year.

Government relations – Real Estate inspection has been completed, and we are planning on inviting new lake management out to the club for a meet and greet this season.

Security – Dry Storage gate was unlocked - Notice to membership to ensure premises are secure before leaving.

Sailing Activities – Review activities with Tedd for calendar.

Business Calendar- Workman's comp insurance and Slip Rental Overdue Notice April 1. First Quarter Sales and Use Tax. Barkley Net "Zoom" Audit, and Billing for Cords and Bubblers April 15.

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Don't Be Shy

We would love to see, hear, and/or read about your photos, short articles, video clips, travel stories, **your dog walking experience in Central Park... or any other interesting endeavor you've been up to lately.**

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

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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! 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:



YOUR COUCH

Only 16 days until the official
Big Bash Boat Splash
WVSC Launch Day!



What?

You thought we could keep
your favorite big blue box forever?!@#

The water should be back on at WVSC
April 15th, give or take a few days.

JOKE OF THE MONTH



A distress call comes in from "Desperado"

to the El Dorado State Park Auxiliary Coast Guard:
"Mayday! Mayday. Desperado here. We're just north of the dam on a cap-sized boat."

"Sorry Desperado - We can't assist you. We've got all we can deal with searching for regular-sized boats."

That's a cap-sized boat Charlie - did you notice the ducks?

Happy April Fool's Day to Gary
and all of our friends at the
New York Yacht Club
America's Cup 2022

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 -
\$150 obo.

Contact Stuart Funk at 620-382-5866
or mictfunk@gmail.com

NEW LISTING

1990 Catalina Capri 26

"South Forty" Nearly new, Mercury
9.9; 4 - Stroke 'Big Foot'

'Sail On' brand trailer, Roller furling
genoa, self tailing winches
9.75' Beam, 3.5' Draft, Wing Keel
All sails in good condition
Asking \$16,500 for Boat, Trailer and

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

The following boats were

donated by members of WVSC.

Proceeds help fund the youth
program.

Contact Gene Nold at 316-734-3981
(phone or text) or genenold@att.net.

1988 Gloucester 23

Fully equipped: 1999 Mercury 9.9 O/B
& galvanized trailer. Boat has been
sailed by WVSC members since
purchased new in 1988.

all equipment
Contact Arnie Kroupa @
316.250.4161
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photo below

PRICE REDUCED \$1,000
WVSC dry storage space 422
Gene 316-734-3981
photo below



1988 Precision 18
Sold to one of our very own
WVSC sailors. Looking forward to
seeing this fine boat back out on
the water!

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