

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

MAY 2022



Our new planters and memorial benches funded through the generous donations from WVSC members and the families of past sailors. Thanks to one and all. Well done!



Board Member Preston Brammer studies the weather and prepares to record another log entry into the daily weather journal. Yikes.

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Captain Commodore Proudfoot is such a nice guy...



and a great sport when he heads up for the leeward boat skippered by Deann Gadalla. Cheers to all the good sports at Walnut Valley Sailing Club... both on and off the water.

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

- It was cold, windy and threatening to rain all morning, but folks showed up anyway. Thanks coming out and helping to eat the donuts.

MAY: GET IT ON THE WATER! YOUR BOAT THAT IS...

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 45 minutes flat OR your favorite recipe presented to our very own world renowned WVSC galley judges. *A timed cook off with judges, awards, fun and good times! **PIZZA FOR EVERYONE AFTER THE COOKS FINISH COOKING AND JUDGES JUDGING. THIS IS NOT A PIZZA COOKOFF - COOKS WILL PREPARE WHATEVER THEY WISH FOR THE JUDGES!!!!**

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 capsizes 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!

Walnut Valley Sailing Club Sailors are an industrious bunch

and Dana Herring is no exception. I found Dana out on the docks rethreading a turnbuckle with a hand held die. Dana's getting his Hunter 23 rigged and fine tuned for another season of racing and *coastal cruising*.

Cheers to Good Ol' Yankee Ingenuity,
Dana, chilly days, and 30 mph winds.





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

Join us on June 25th and you can:
cook, eat, drink, watch, talk, schmooze
or all of the above

- Plan your menu entry now and let us know you would like to be a Captain's Fire in the Galley Cookoff Cook?

The rules in a nutshell:

- prep ahead; slice and dice, wash, organize etc. (no pre-cooking)
- 45 minutes start to finish cook time
- cook on a stove that would be reasonable for the boats in our club
- teams of two encouraged or feel free to go-it-alone
- one main entre and one side required - enough for three judges to taste
- present one dinner plate with entry to be judged

General categories to prepare for: presentation, the entre' & side, organization & teamwork, best dressed, most courageous, time limits.

It's all in fun! Jump in there, we'll be super nice even if your soufflé' goes dead flat! We'll add a category for dead flat soufflé' and you may still win a prize.

ARE YOU GETTING FIRED UP FOR JUNE 25TH CAPTAIN'S COOKOFF?

I'LL BE THERE FIRED UP & READY TO COOK WITH MY SOUS CHEF!

Select

YEP, I'LL BE THERE WATCHING, TALKING, EATING & SCHMOOZING.

Select

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Triple Dog Dare You



If you enjoyed the video of Christian Williams on his beautiful Ericson 38 you're going to enjoy this video as well. These two fine sailors are at the other end of the age spectrum. Grab a bag of peanuts, a coke, and maybe your lifejacket for effect. Then sit back in your comfy cozy Barcalounger chair and enjoy the ride.



A few of the brave sailors that ventured out for the Big Bash Boat Launch April, 26th

We didn't launch many boats, but we did our part and ate all of the doughnuts! Pictured: Andrew Claycomb, Jim Woody, Tedd Blankenship, Paul Schye, Janet Van Epps, Melissa Woody, Kevin Welch. Not pictured: Jim and Tammy McEwen, Deann Gadalla, Bill Grabendike, Suzie Johnson, Cindy Hoedel, Nick Michaelson, and Tim Miller.

The King of Cool and our All Things BBQ sponsor connection for the Fire in The Galley Cookoff: "Max." (Max is also Andrew's crew)

SUPER EASY!!!

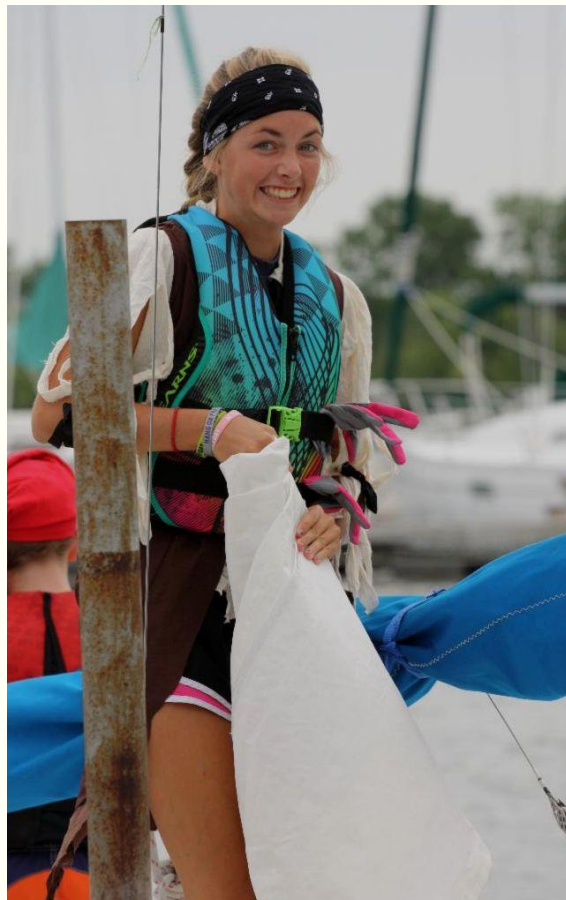


Look Close

Pondering how a sailor ties a quick and easy "dogbone shackle?" Well, ponder no more - watch this delightful YouTube video and then tie a quick and easy dogbone shackle yourself.



Does our Harbor Master ever sleep? Thanks for the great set of chocks Charlie. Now we can ditch the cinder blocks, the pipe, the rocks and the nail filled boards. If we're not careful, we may start looking like a *professional* marina. Please return the chocks to the rail after you launch your boat sailors.



Hayden Griffin got married last weekend!

Though she's no longer a kid...
she'll always be a pirate, a great sailor and a good friend.
Congratulations Hayden and Caleb from all of us at Walnut Valley
Sailing Club. Cheers to Mrs. Roll Tack & The Fireman.
Hayden and Caleb Fistler



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.



Our new keypads with ADA handles work like a dream. Gently punch in the four digit code, whisper *starfish* and turn the handle. Wah-la you're in! New on the main gate and our front door.

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

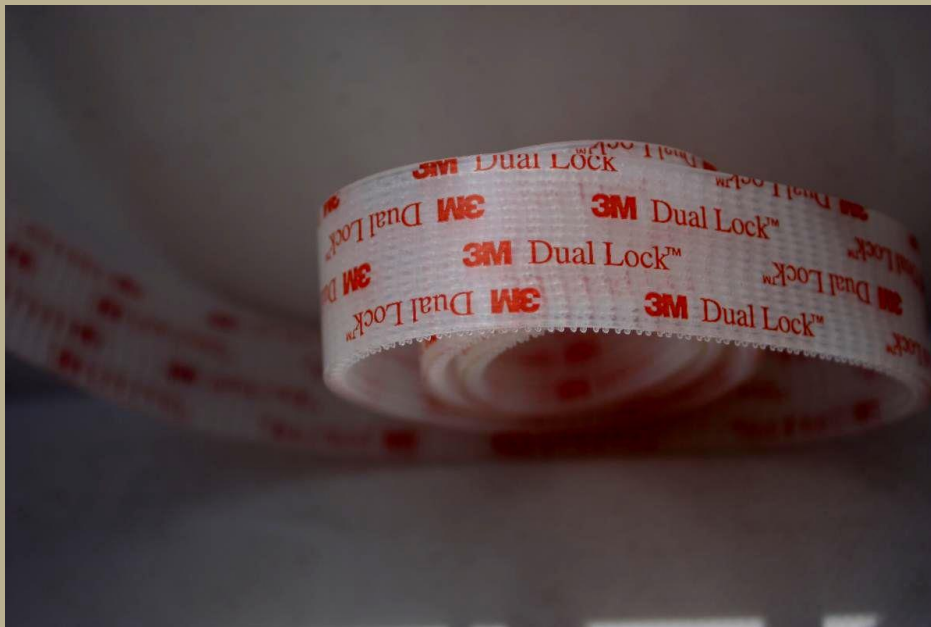
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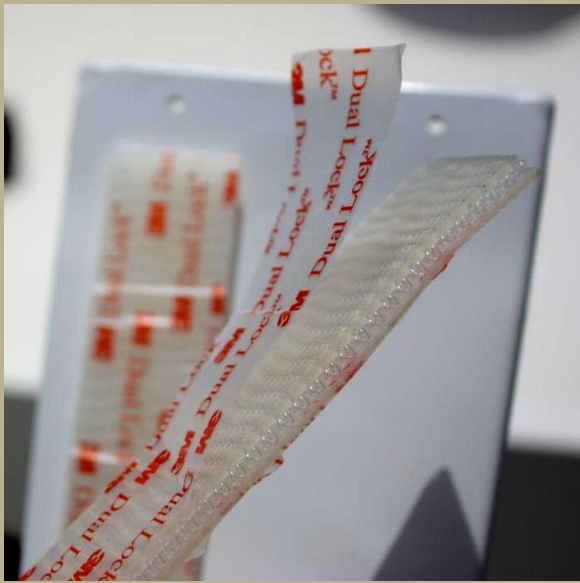
KDWP&T Management: “We will be present at the boat ramp as a part of our daily patrols. If any issues arise or any suspicious characters appear, please call 911. Encourage members to keep their property secured, and don’t leave anything left out.”

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





5 minutes 5 days 5 years
3M Dual Lock Tape is Brilliant
this ain't yo mama's Velcro

Not sure about where you want to hang that winch handle, your Tach-Tick or that sparkling new designer cup holder?

3M Dual Lock Tape could be just the ticket. The two sides of this interlocking tape are identical so you never have to look for the other half, it's all the same. The holding power is remarkable.

I've trusted this stuff to the Speed Puck on my Laser for years. Once you push the two interlocking surfaces together, they don't come apart without significant force. If you would like to see for yourself, feel free to step on the Catalina 22 in B-10 and take a look. Will it hold five pounds? Absolutely!

A 750 lb. tuna, maybe not. But it's good. Installation is a piece of cake.. All you need is a pair of scissors and a flash of imagination.

Meeting Minutes 4/14/22
Gadalla's office

Meeting Minutes 4/14/22. Dr. Gadalla's office.

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

Call to order: 7:07 PM.

Commodore's remarks: Follow up on spraying for weeds this season in dry storage. Will need motion to approve for spraying this season.

Approve March Minutes: Motion by Troy O. Austin second – All approve.

Membership concerns: Trouble with gate on dock. Help Tom Drees with boat rescue out of water.

New Business: Dry storage will be \$1010.00 per spray for weeds this season with 2 treatments for

the season. Looked into spraying this season with club labor. EPA requirements and liability with lake/grounds contamination, hazardous materials, and health risks are taken with high consideration, and believe it would be best for all to hire out treatments this season. Motion to approve by Paul S. Kevin W. second - All approve.

Website hosting: Ascential marketing, who currently hosts our website is shutting down. We have found a new hosting by Zant Technologies. There will be a slight increase in fees with Zant, however, the website will remain the same. Motion to approve utilizing Zant Technologies to host club website by Paul S. Second by Preston B. – All approve.

Gary Mackey request to add dock box on B6. Motion to approve by Kevin W. Paul S. second - All approve Committee reports:

Long range planning: Set up in person meeting to review next clubhouse improvements and programs for new membership including sailing training.

Clubhouse: Repair floor under fridge. The flooring is binding under/in front of the fridge.

Powerboat: Bart set pontoon in water for this season. Concern of slight listing (possible condensation build up) but boat is staying consistent. Cushions are finished and ready to put back on boat. \$481.11 paid for new upholstery on 3 cushions.

Harbour: Fixing corners on docks and replacing boards on B Dock and moving towards A Dock.

Changed out some outlets and breakers. Cleanup and label primary panel this season. Pump out flex hose needs replacement. Test water for straight current survey when boats are in the water.

Activities center. Water is turned on and part of sewer needs repaired. Plumber has replaced flex line between the dock and sewer. Confirm with Janine that she can continue to clean clubhouse this season.

Membership: Retrieve list of membership to add join date to roster. Update to website. STEP: Sailing class starts online 4/22 to 5/1 for Stuart for sailing certifications.

Updated sailing program target for July this season. Review 14.2s for this season. Check for cleaning/rigging/condition. Blue Whaler trailer tires are shot, and need replacement, and also has no battery.

Archivist: Gathering info on club history to display at Social events.

Public relations: Website change to Zant Technologies. Reviewing monthly open houses starting in June for Sundays. We have people interested in the club/lessons for both adults and kids and would like to be as engaging as possible.

Finance: 71 Paid members. Paid for Concessionaires fee this season, Memorial fund for benches (paid for by donations). Paid for damaged decking boards replacement. Update temporary (daily, weekend, monthly) slip rental schedule to align with current slip rates.

Dry Storage: Mark locations for slip numbers. Obtain some new tiedowns for worn/additional locations. Loose trash has been picked up. Membership thoughts on what to do with the I-beam boat hoist. Mark Dresselhaus moved to slip 410, update dry storage location on website. Move 14.2s to docks for cleanup/assessment.

Building/grounds: Mower ready. Picked up branches and located rocks. Figuring up mowing schedule and identify firebreak requirements. Check with Corps. Of Engineers and Wildlife/parks on requirements for code. Organize Dry storage building tools with basic Inventory of equipment.

Dispose of unusable floats. Review old equipment/clutter that may be disposed of.

Calling: NA

Racing activities: Meeting on 4/23/22 at the Clubhouse. There will be a review for setting up race course, operation and usage of committee boat, and how to correctly utilize the flags. Planning on open meeting on pontoon operation for club safety if someone needs to use it for a rescue/recovery operation.

Social: New members/meet the Board grill out for first social. Date to be updated on calendar for late May/early June.

Government relations: NA

Security: Gate lock on dock has finally broken and a new one has been installed. New lock is being ordered for clubhouse as well.

Sailing Activities: NA

Business Calendar: NA

Old Business: Catalina 27 has been moved out of dry storage.

Motion to adjourn: 9:10 by Paul S. Troy Oberly second. - All approve.



One application has been applied.
Vegetation will start browning soon.

the GroundsGuys

are back! The board took input from WVSC members and made the decision to leave our vegetation control to the professionals. Fact of the matter: if we sprayed ourselves we could potentially be held liable for any runoff of chemicals that impacted the lake in a negative way, ie. fish kill. The Grounds Guys are subject to independent audit and must be able to provide accurate documentation of everything they apply to our grounds. The chemicals they use are carefully regulated and closely monitored.

Don't Be Shy

We would love to see, hear, and/or read about your photos, short articles, video clips, travel stories, your bee keeping experiences in the back yard... or any other interesting endeavor you've been up to lately.

Nice work Janet Van Epps!
The Wednesday Morning Breakfast Club will be pleased to see you back at work in the apiary!

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 information to:
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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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YOUR COUCH

**May is the month to get it on the water!
For you literal folks out there;
your boat, not the couch.**

JOKE OF THE MONTH



"What did the fish say when he ran into a concrete wall?"

- dam
- It's a scientific fact that photos can be quite deceiving at times
- Rob and Ginger Brown thought the fish joke above was absolutely hilarious. They could hardly contain themselves.
- *Word on the docks is that Rob & Ginger Brown are moving east to be closer to the kids and grandkids. We hate to see these fine sailor friends go but wish them all the best.*
- *Keep in touch Captain Rob and First Mate Ginger Brown. We miss you both already!*

Boats & Gear For Sale

New Listing:

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

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 all equipment

Contact Arnie Kroupa
316-250-4161

or amkroupa6@gmail.com
photo below

Rob Brown's Hydro-hoist is for sale!

<https://www.boatlift.com/boat-lifts/>

See the hoist in slip B38. \$2000.

Rob Brown 316-828-1953

Ginger 316-992-7177

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.

PRICE REDUCED \$1,000

WVSC dry storage space 422

Gene 316-734-3981

photo below



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