

# THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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AUGUST 2022

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*Nearly all* of the photos-videos in the August Windword were shot by WVSC members - all within the past 30 days. Nice!

photo by Justice Oberly

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**From the Commodore:**

**Dear fellow WVSC members,**

In recent years there has been an ongoing problem with members not renewing memberships and lease agreements and failing to remove their property from the club. Other times payments are made up to 6 months late, after repeated attempts to collect. While the WVSC board endeavors to assist anyone in a difficult situation, often times volunteering free labor or services, these ongoing problems consume an inordinate amount of time and effort that can be best used elsewhere. In order to standardize procedures, and strengthen the clubs' legal position, the Walnut Valley Sailing Club Board of Governors have amended the leases for dry storage and wet slips going forward for next year. The changes more accurately reflect the requirements of the Kansas Self Storage Act, and are similar to what is available at most commercial storage operators. In short, the club will have an implied lien on all stored property ONLY enforceable after 45 days non-payment (other conditions apply). I feel that the new lease agreements are the easiest and cheapest method to protect the club from someone abandoning their boat and receiving free storage.

The board has also passed a motion that requires a signature on all leases (don't forget liability insurance required to). Copies of the new lease agreements are available for members from the Commodore via email ([ccpro@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ccpro@sbcglobal.net)).

Respectfully,

Chris Proudfoot

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# 2022 WVSC Social Calendar

If you would like to help out with a social event, don't be shy. We need your help and enthusiasm. Please give any board member a call, text or an email or 775-1064 Janet or Tedd

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## This Saturday!

**Poker Run, Two Brother's BBQ & Sing Along**

**Saturday, August 6th - Prizes: \$25 \$50 \$75**

**3:30 Poker Run, 6:00 Dinner, 7:00 Sing Along**

**Text RSVP by Wed. 8-3 to Deann 316.217.5014**

- bring your lucky hat
- your life jacket
- your appetite
- your tuning fork...
- your six string guitar or your four string uke
- banjo, mandolin, uke, guitar, sticks, triangle, tambourine - It's all good and we won't judge you!



**New Member Welcome  
& Potluck Dinner August 27th  
5:30 - 6:30 Happy Hour, Dinner 7:00**

- BBQ by our very own! Pit Masters Chris Proudfoot and Troy Oberly are firing up the grill. Word on the docks is "They like it HOT."
- Bring a side or a desert... or both if you're feeling gung-ho. We'll eat it and then some. Thanks!

. ALL WVSC MEMBERS ARE INVITED

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**FINAL SUNDAY SUNDAES, August 28**

- 2:00 PM
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**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!
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# All the Cool Boats Sailed

and *most* of the Cool Captains too!

All the Cool Boats Sail again

Saturday, Sept. 3rd

9:00 AM - Don't Miss It

Coffee and donuts 9:00 AM at the clubhouse

On the water by 10:00 or thereabouts

Captain Stuart looking dapper

photo by Justice

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## **Poker Run - BBQ & Sing Along Explained...**

Saturday, August 6th

Meet at the clubhouse @ 3:30

### **Poker Run - on the lake: 3:30 - 5:30**

- 3 or more boats anchor out and have playing cards on board
- Poker Run participants sail up to within 10' of anchored boats and grab a poker card off of a stick (cards will be clothes-pinned to a long stick) Not comfortable sailing close up to another boat, no worries. We'll use a megaphone to yell what your lucky card is!
- Once each participating boat has five cards, they all sail back to the clubhouse where the best "poker hands" win prizes!

- **Poker Run Prizes: \$75 \$50 \$25 Gift Cards**

### **BBQ - on a plate: 6:00 PM**

- Catered BBQ by "Hog Wild"
- \$12.50 for adults & \$5.00 for kids 12 and under
- price includes meat and two sides etc.
- please bring a desert to share with fellow sailors, poker players, pirates and Elton John

### **Sing Along - on the docks: 7:00-ish**

- A smash hit last year and though we didn't accept any record deals, we had multiple offers. Come join the fun.
- If you play an acoustic instrument or like to sing in the shower, We Want You!
- Stick around, have a cold beverage and "Sing Along" with the rest of us. You don't have to be "good." Kate Brammer and Janet Van Epps were there last year, and they've both been invited back....

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**Triple Dog Dare You**





## Speed Agility Grace and Beauty see for yourself...

drone footage - compliments of Ernie Condon

And yip, it's all good. We're within the current rules and regulations for safe and legal drone operations at the lake. We checked with park management July 21st. The rules are a bit complicated, but not hard to abide by when you know what is and is not allowed. Don't shoot the messenger, or at a drone - ever - with anything! The penalties can be significant and are enforced by Fed. Regulations.

### LOOK CLOSE

New Satellite Imagery Confirms "Milk Seas" and for the first time shows in great detail the true expanse of this amazing phenomena. Milk Seas were long believed to be

## nothing more than seafaring folklore... do you remember the passage - Chapter 42 in Moby Dick?

*The mariner, when drawing nigh the coasts of foreign lands, if by night he hear the roar of breakers, starts to vigilance, and feels just enough of trepidation to sharpen all his faculties; but under precisely similar circumstances, let him be called from his hammock to view his ship sailing through a midnight sea of milky whiteness—as if from encircling headlands shoals of combed white bears were swimming round him, then he feels a silent, superstitious dread; the shrouded phantom of the whitened waters is horrible to him as a real ghost; in vain the lead assures him he is still off soundings; heart and helm they both go down; he never rests till blue water is under him again. Yet where is the mariner who will tell thee, "Sir, it was not so much the fear of striking hidden rocks, as the fear of that hideous whiteness that so stirred me?"*



The shot of a ship drifting through opaque glowing water, indistinguishable from fog or mist has been used many times on screen to indicate lurking terror or an abandoned ship, but the milky sea is not just a filmic phenomenon.

In 1864, Captain Raphael Semmes wrote from his cabin on the CSS Alabama about passing "from the deep blue water into a patch of water so light it startled me... The whole face of nature seemed changed, and with a little stretch of the imagination, the Alabama might have

been conceived to be a phantom ship lighted up by the sickly and unearthly glare of a phantom sea... "

For crews who often firmly believed in sea monsters and mermaids, gliding through a 'milky sea' for hours must have been utterly terrifying. Also called mareel, the milky sea is caused by bioluminescent bacteria, billions of trillions of them, that live throughout the water column from the surface to the sea floor.

Mesmerized sailors in the 1800s had absolutely no idea what was causing the effect, but were pretty sure it was something sinister. They described it as looking like milk or clouds from horizon to horizon, plowing through molten lead or sailing on a field of snow. Our understanding now is a little deeper but how it happens and why is still a bit of a mystery.

Steven Miller is a senior research scientist at Colorado State University and describes bioluminescence as "the white whale of satellite remote sensing". Earlier sensors could not see it, but the instruments Miller uses can measure low levels of light like moonlight.

For the rest of the story go to:

<https://www.bbcearth.com/news/the-mystery-of-the-milky-sea>

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Captain Stuart Funk and First Mate Troy Oberly

These finely color coordinated sailors race  
*Baruska* a quick and nimble Hunter 23

Not only that, they both serve on the WVSC board and smoke Norwegian cigars!

## Out on The Race Course

**Perfect evening Great racing.** Temps in upper 80s, winds 9-10 filled in higher than forecast, and tapered off for race 2. Ernie & Co set up a 2 lap Ed Webb course square to the wind, and the wind direction held all evening—imagine that in KS! Again, thanks to all the racers and RC crew that showed up—

**drone footage - compliments of Ernie Condon**

Ernie is a past Commodore, board member and active racer too!



we had 6 boats take the start line. Both starts were competitive, with nearly all the boats near the start line as the gun went off. Race 1 was close at the front, with Steve and Randy edging out Preston and Tedd by 21 sec for the win. In Race 2, the Capri pulled ahead, but we had an amazingly close race for 2nd, with multiple lead changes during the race. The RC shortened the course to 1 lap due the decreasing wind speed, and we found ourselves trailing Preston's boat by a few boat lengths as we rounded through the start line on the downwind leg. With Kevin's flawless pole set, we were able to pull abeam Preston and rounded the leeward mark on the inside of the turn. Preston immediately split tacks as we continued on port. After both boats tacked, we crossed once again a few hundred yards from the finish line. Preston and Tedd executed a perfect lee bow tack, and our boats were literally a foot apart, side by side, on starboard tack heading to the finish ~100 yds ahead. We fell slightly back with the dirty air, and we crossed the finish line 7 sec behind Preston's #2 boat.

Congrats to Steve and Randy on both wins. The finish order held for both races. We followed up an evening of spirited racing with an even better night on the docks. At twilight, a bright red full moon rose, with clear skies and a nice cool breeze breeze across the docks. That's why we race—the competition, the sailing, the "sunset sail"

back to the marina, and our post race get together on a perfect night—simply doesn't get any better.

Race results are posted below - we'll see you next week.

Cheers,  
Blaine



Blaine Van Dam at the helm of *Invictus*  
looking calm, cool and collected.

Blaine has served on the board, is our current Racing Activities Chair. and is also a past Commodore!

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**Place Boat Time Corrected Time Handicap July 6th Race 1**

- 1 Kubin - Malcom Capri 22 24:25 27:28 88.9
- 2 Brammer - Blankenship C22 29:49 30:58 96.3
- 3 Van Dam - Welch C22 29:56 31:05 96.3
- 4 Funk- Oberly C22 35:55 37:20 96.2
- 5 Gadalla - Condon - Barth C22 38:13 39:41 96.3
- 6 Herring - Elizabeth - Tyler Hunter 42:45 44:26 96.2

**Place Boat Time Corrected Time Handicap July 6th Race 2**

- 1 Kubin - Malcom Capri 22 11:07 12:30 88.9
- 2 Brammer - Blankenship C22 13:06 13:36 96.3
- 3 Van Dam - Welch C22 13:39 14:10 96.3
- 4 Funk - Oberly Hunter 16:19 16:58 96.2
- 5 Grabendike C22 16:49 17:28 96.3
- 6 Herring - Elizabeth - Tyler Hunter 18:04 18:47 96.2

**Place Boat Time Corrected Time Handicap July 15th Race 1**

- 1 Kubin - Malcom Capri 22 23:00 25:52 88.9
- 2 Brammer - Blankenship C22 28:58 30:05 96.3
- 3 Van Dam - Welch C22 30:58 32:09 96.3
- 4 Funk - Oberly Hunter 23 34:33 35:55 96.2
- 5 Gadalla - Condon - Barth C22 42:12 43:49 96.3
- 6 Herring - Elizabeth - Tyler Hunter 23 42:32 44:13 96.2
- 7 Grabendike C22 44:28 46:11 96.2

**Place Boat Time Corrected Time Handicap July 15th Race 2**

- 1 Kubin - Malcom Capri 22 39:24 44:19 88.9
  - 2 Brammer - Blankenship C22 43:01 44:40 96.3
  - 3 Van Dam - Welch C22 45:12 46:56 96.3
  - 4 Funk - Oberly Hunter 23 51:10 53:11 96.2
  - 5 Gadalla - Condon - Barth C22 56:21 58:31 96.3
  - 6 Herring Elizabeth - Tyler Hunter 23 58:26 60:44 96.2
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## Paul Schye and his 'Oh So Cool Catalina 22'

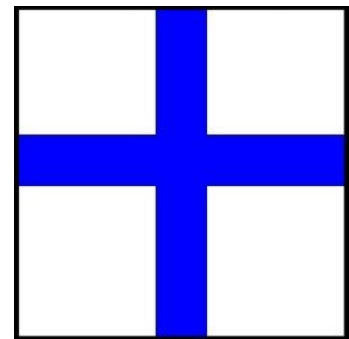
trimmed to near perfection.... Paul is our club Treasurer, plays the tenor uke with reckless abandon and has served on the board many times.

### Individual Recall One Horn Blast

The Individual Recall Flag advises sailors that one or more identified boats started prematurely and must return to the Start Line to start correctly. If they continue to Race without re-Starting, they will be marked as On Course Side (OCS) of the Starting Line and will be disqualified or penalized according to the Sailing Instructions.

The Individual Recall Flag is flown until all boats in that Start have started correctly, or until 1 minute before the next fleet is to start.

Note that the Individual Recall Flag may apply to more than one boat, if they have been identified. Don't assume it was only one boat who was OCS at the Starting signal - if in



doubt, Restart!

**Don't let a few racing rules scare you off!** There are really only about four rules you need to know, and the rest.... you'll learn them as you go. It's all in good fun and we would love to see you and your boat out on the course. See you next Wednesday! Cheers.

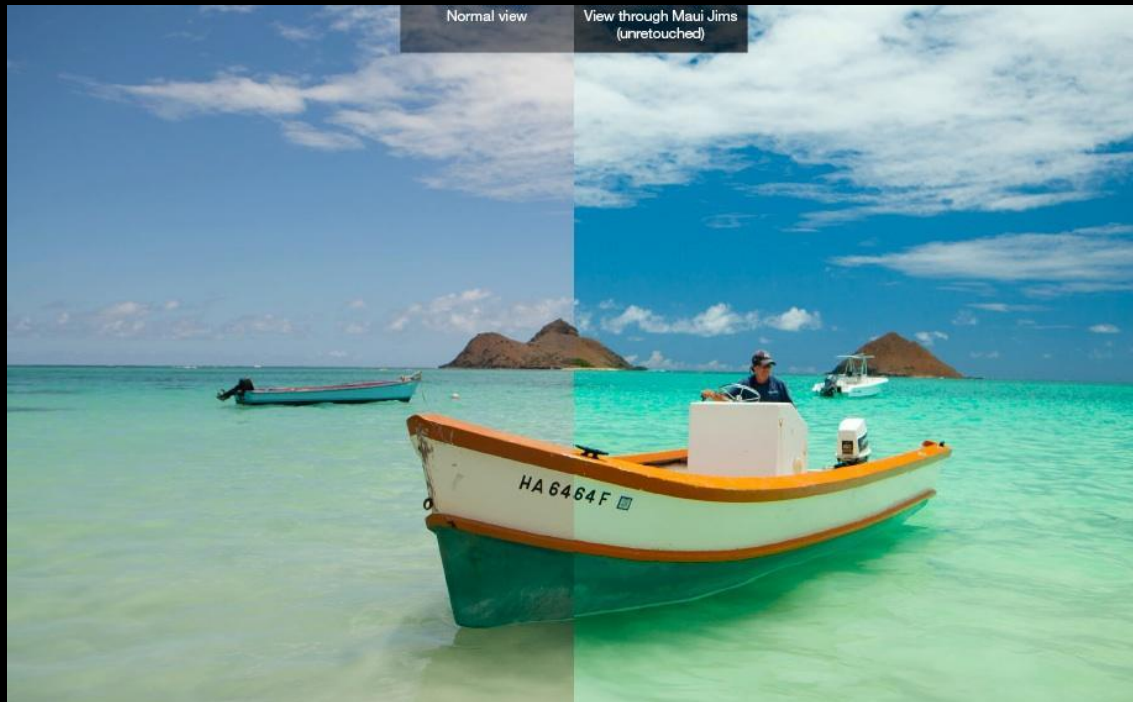
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# TECH TIP OF THE MONTH



## Are you wearing Polarized Sunglasses?

[How to protect your eyes: The pros and cons of polarized lenses. A great article!](#)

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## Meeting Minutes 7/14/22 Gadalla's office

BOG Meeting 7-14-22  
Deann Gadalla's office

Members in attendance: Tedd Blankenship, Troy Oberly, Stuart Funk, Paul Schye, Chris Proudfoot, Gary Pierce, Kevin Welch, Austin Bayes. Preston Brammer

Call to Order: 7:13

Commodore's remarks: Thank you for coming out on a hot evening. Everything is going along as well as can be expected. Did not make this week's race, but we do have new members to confirm for approval, and welcome to the new members.

Motion to Approve June BOG Meeting minutes: Motion by Paul S., Kevin W. second. All approve

Membership concerns: N/A

New Business: Hick's Membership approval – Motion by Paul S. pending membership payment, Troy O. Second, all approve.

Michael and Sarah Zeola membership approval – Motion to approve by Austin B., Paul S. Second, all approve

John, Anne Staples membership approval – Motion to approve by Paul S, Tedd B. Second, all approve

Vote to accept new WVSC Lease agreements – Motion to approve by Preston B, Troy O. second, all approve.

Vote to require Signatures on new Lease Agreements – Motion to approve by Paul S., Preston B. second, all approve

STEP Board is retiring this season, and resources to continue STEP as a 501(c)3 are currently not being pursued with the intention to initiate a new Board. A new sailing program is being created for Walnut Valley Sailing Club to be outlined by the end of this sailing season, however it will not be under the 501(c)3 entity. Vote to Dissolve STEP entity and 501(c)3 – Motion to direct STEP board to dissolve 501(c)3 entity as proposed by STEP Board with the intention of repaying WVSC outstanding loan balance by Paul S, Tedd B. second, All approve.

Committee reports:

Long Range Planning: Outline new sail training program parameters. Rough draft for review by next meeting. Outline plan for Sonar restoration.

Powerboat: In operable condition. Needs tow rope replaced.

Harbor: Charlie is in first stage of replacement planks. Second stage is to address planks that may need replacement. Inspect ladders – Paint upper portions of ladders in hi-viz paint for safety purposes.

Activities center: New battery for defibrillator set for install this weekend.

Membership: New members – Michael and Sarah Zeola, John and Alice Hicks, John and Anne Staples.

Update name tags, and membership cards on request. Open houses set for the rest of the season.

Sail Training: Outline new program including personnel requirements. Stuart is setting up for certifications out of state later this season.

Archivist: N/A

Public Relations/Media: Send out flyer for next open house. Working on transition for website for updating support.

Finance: 73 members plus 3 signed new members. Budgeted season with 76 members. Projections for spending within budget for the rest of the year.

Dry Storage: Re-evaluate weed control – may need to increase treatments/fall back on club labor?

Building and Grounds: Check for crack sealing schedule for this year on lot. Mike Shepherd – new chair for building and grounds.

Calling: NA

Racing Activities: Racing has been active and scheduled races have been going off without a hitch.

Social: Aug 6th Poker run (Cabelas gift cards \$25, \$50, \$75) at 3:30-5:30, BBQ at 6:00, 7:00 – 7:30 happy hour. Singalong at 7:30

Meeting at 6:00 PM August 27 th for New Member Potluck. Dinner at 7 bring a side. Meat for grille will be provided

Government relations: Have not met new management yet. Make contact with new management.

Security: No issues with security.

Sailing Activities: Poker run August 6 th .

Business Calendar: On track

Old Business: Need board members. Membership eligibility is increasing for next season. Will need 5 new board members for next season. Windword note:

**Our August board will be meeting at the WVSC Clubhouse. Any members interested in joining the meeting are welcome. 7:00 PM 8-11-22**

Motion to Adjourn by Austin B., Paul S. second at 9:18 pm.



Future WVSC Commodore's and America's Cup Skipper's!





Future Olympic RS 200 Sailor!



## Nice socks

Former Commodore and WVSC board member.



## Marestalk / Horseweed

Canadian horseweed, Canada fleabane, etc.  
Scientific name: *Conyza canadensis* (L.)

Marestalk or Horseweed is a native annual forb. With the advent of no-till farming practices and repeated use of glyphosate products, **Marestalk has become glyphosate-resistant** and a major weed problem in the corn and soybean areas. **Marestalk is also resistant to some ALS inhibitor (amino acid synthase) and PPO (cell membrane disruption) herbicides.**

We've identified the problem and we're

working on an affordable, effective, viable solution. We have options and we now know that the middle of the summer (after the plant has bolted) is NOT the time to try and control it. Progress none-the-less. We'll keep you posted.



**Richard and Julie Barth looking good!**

Skipper Richard has served as Commodore and on the board.



## Charlie Volk and Greg Rincker sailing one cool Catalina 25

Charlie is our esteemed Harbor Master and Greg serves as our by the book Book Keeper.  
Both of these fine sailors have been Commodore and served multiple times on the board.



**Captain Kevin Welch, First Mate Brenda  
and Deckhand Maddox on their sparkling Catalina 320**

Captain Welch is currently on the board and aspires  
to one day sell hot dogs and cotton candy at Wrigley Field.

Ever wondered where Hugo Boss  
gets the inspiration for their  
breathtaking sailing stunts?  
Look no more!

video clip compliments of Preston Brammer





## Don't Be Shy

We would love to see, hear, and/or read about your photos, short articles, video clips, travel stories, rock climbing... or any other interesting endeavor you've been up to lately. Sailing or not.

This month's featured photo:  
**Melissa Woody** puts that old jib halyard to good use! Word on the docks is she's not shy about hopping in the bosun's chair either.

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: [teddblankenship59@gmail.com](mailto:teddblankenship59@gmail.com)

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## Need a few work credit hours? Step to the front of the line!

\$10 per hour up to 10 hours. We need you! Work hours directly reduce your annual fees by as much as \$100. Not only that, you'll go home feeling great about pitching in and helping out. If you can only help out an hour or two here and there, no worries. That's fine. Hours are flexible, options abound and the dress code is always **Ernie Condon Casual**. If about now you're experiencing a slight tingling feeling all over your body, please contact a board member.

Or just say, "Hey, how can I help?" We'll be right there.

**To all of our fine WVSC friends out there working to keep the lights on...  
thanks. We appreciate your time and effort.**

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### PHOTO CREDITS

**Coveted Gold Star recipients:** James Steck, Ernie Condon, Deann Gadalla, Kevin Welch, Dave Barker, Preston Brammer, and The Oberly Crew

**Double Coveted Gold Star recipient:** Justice, who shot the cover photo and a dozen other wonderful photos. Justice will be a H. S. freshman this year. "Go Tigers"  
**For those of you that submitted photos, but don't see them in this issue - we know who you are and we'll try to get yours in next time! Thanks, TB**

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## YOUR COUCH

August 6th Poker Run, BBQ & Sing Along

August 27th New Member Welcome Potluck Dinner

August 28th Sunday Sundaes

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## JOKE OF THE MONTH





**Faced with walking the plank** or taking a shower at sea scruffy sailor Troy chooses to walk the plank and insists he'll eventually... wash ashore.

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## 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

### **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

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)

### **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](mailto:amkroupa6@gmail.com)  
photo below



### **Wanted:**

**1987 or Newer Catalina 22 swing keel** in good condition OR any good keel boat ready to single hand.

**Please contact Hector Camacho**

Too many extras to list  
Contact Fred Harvey at  
316-655-2159, [fwharvey@cox.net](mailto:fwharvey@cox.net)

### **1977 Force 5 AMF Sailboat and Trailer**

Everything you need to get on the water today is included.

Estimated retail value: \$1,850 not including extra tiller/rudder and extra centerboard (valued at \$500 each). Work done professionally to fix small cracks. Hull is in good shape & 98% dry!

Asking \$1,100.

Call or text Deann Gadalla @  
316.217.5014 or  
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Two sails- one white, one yellow, orange & white  
Two Mahogany centerboards  
One C/B is new condition  
Two Mahogany rudders  
I have two sets of rudder tiller. One needs a little repair.  
Boat cover  
Heavy duty trailer

or [Teddblankenship59@aol.com](mailto:Teddblankenship59@aol.com)

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