

# THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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Our September board will be meeting at the WVSC Clubhouse. Any members interested in joining the meeting are welcome. 7:30 PM 9-8-22

## 2022 WVSC Social Calendar

### 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.

**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!

**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.**



**ALL THE COOL BOATS SAIL**

**This Saturday, Sept. 3rd 9:00 AM**  
Coffee and donuts 9:00 AM



On the water by 10:00 or thereabouts

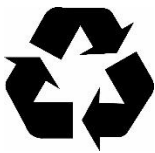


## CAMPING BEYOND B DOCKS...

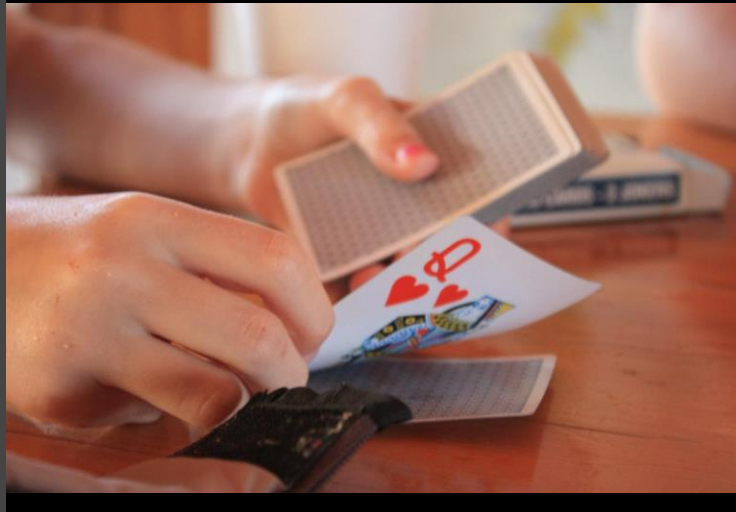
There's nothing quite like it! Saturday, Sept. 18  
Meet on the docks 5:30 - Off the docks by 6:30

**Good Friends - New Friends - Old friends - Young Friends**

**Never camped on your boat or not sure about anchoring out? No worries, we'll help you get set up and make sure you're anchored safe and secure.**



**At Walnut Valley Sailing Club we recycle**, reduce and reuse: beer cans, pop bottles, plastic, paper, cardboard, aluminum, scrap metal, old boat parts and... **great photos!** The photos above are from last years "Camping Beyond B Docks." We had a great time! You can do it too!



Practicing for the  
Poker Run





Austin scores a Queen of Hearts on a Stick,  
or is that a Two of Spades on a Pole?



## Poker Run Fun

Meet the Winners and Losers  
All good sports with the exception of one...

Bow to stern: Deb Aschbrenner, John Aschbrenner, Paul Schye,  
Justice, Kassie, Austin Bayes, Charlie Volk, Troy Oberly,

Not pictured: four of spades, six of diamonds, an eight, a two and a nine

## Triple Dog Dare You



## Orca Encounters With Sailboats Becoming Commonplace

Some skippers have reported boats being attacked, while others



have described encounters with Orcas as rough play. Sailboats in waters all over the world are being pushed, spun about, bumped, rammed and tapped repeatedly.

Episodes can last anywhere from a few minutes, up to an hour or more. Rudder's are often a target and have been ripped free of boats or have had large chunks bitten away.

Orca encounters have become so common off the coast of Portugal that many sailors avoid sailing those waters altogether.

## Tech Tip of the Month

A sample of the data collected on Andrew Claycombs' *watch* during Seth's first sail which lasted two hours, twenty minutes and twenty eight seconds. \*See data tables below.

If you would like to know our average speed, maximum speed, side drift, top lift, friction co-analysis, longitude, latitude, tide charts, dew point, way point or the First Mates mother's maiden name, it's *all* below...

We're explaining tale tells and proper laminar flow over the leach, whilst the young guys are tracking our heart rates, sleep patterns and the molecular structure of bottom paint and what the soup of the day is at the Doo Dah Deli. Actually it's all pretty fascinating.

Andrew and Seth are kicking around ideas to produce a professional video highlighting Walnut Valley Sailing Club. Andrew travels the world as a videographer and Seth is his "boss." We'll keep you posted!

4:38

El Dorado - Seth's 1st Sail

Andrew Claycomb  
Aug 17 @ 10:10 AM · Sailing

2:20:28 Time

8.89 Distance (nm)

0 Calories

3.8 Avg Speed (kt)

52 Total Ascent (ft)

View All Other Activities

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Pace

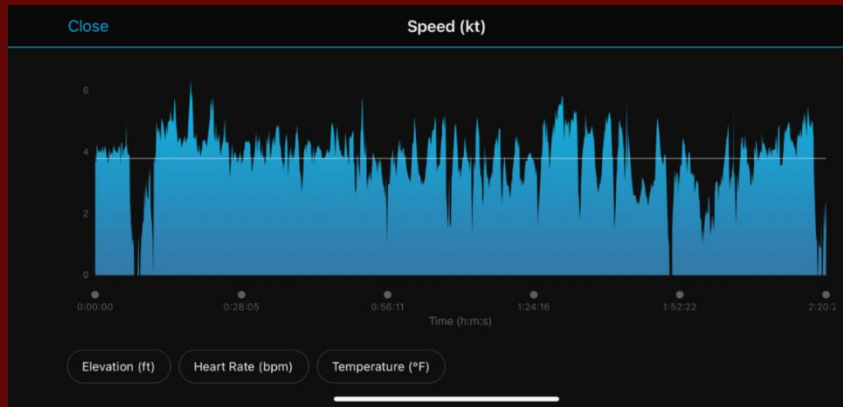
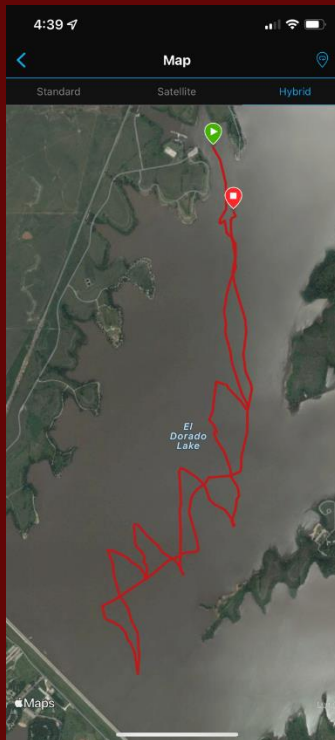
Avg Pace	15:48/nm
Avg Moving Pace	15:33/nm
Best Pace	9:25/nm

Speed

Avg Speed	3.8 kt
Avg Moving Speed	3.86 kt
Max Speed	6.37 kt

Timing

Total	2:20:28
Moving Time	2:18:10
Elapsed Time	2:20:28



Our circuitous route to the dam and back looks like we might have encountered a pod of Orcas along the way, but I assure you we didn't.

Need a shot of fun to cure the summertime blues? Turn the volume up



just enough the neighbors won't hear, then sit back and enjoy the ride.

Tim is a past instructor of our Summer Sailing Academy, a coach for US Sailing, a kite board instructor, a life long Laser sailor and the last I heard, a commercial pilot. This is old footage, but still great to watch.



Tim Fitzgerald - Lake Weatherby, Kansas City

## Out on The Race Course

Racers, We completed Race #20

for the season Wednesday night, 24 Aug. It didn't look too promising when our crews started showing up, with the lake as smooth as glass and the flags hanging straight down. Temps were warm at 92, with clear skies. A light breeze started to fill in as we rigged the boats, so we headed out to the lake. Preston and Tedd were RC again this week, and once again, they handled a 40 degree wind shift, adjusted the marks and set up a 3 lap "1" course with a good NE breeze.

Six crews checked in to race, another great turnout for our racing fleet this season. I didn't get a great look at the fleet as we approached the start line on starboard, as we had a Capri 22 tacking into our leeward position, and an Etchells closing fast on our stern. All three boats crossed the start line at or near the gun, with our C22 ending up to leeward, Ernie in the middle, as he somehow squeezed the 30 footer in between us and Steve, all on starboard. That 3-ship formation continued to fly upwind, all 3 boats nearly side by side, about 2/3 the way up to the windward mark.

All 3 boats tacked over to port in unison. On the port run up to the lay line, the Etchells pulled ahead as the wind built. Ernie and crew rounded first, followed by our 22, with the Capri right on our tail. The long downwind was a little shifty, as all the boats ended up jibing their spinnakers or genoas to keep the boats moving along. The Capri pulled ahead of us, and raced close to the Etchell's back upwind.

The racing continued close. Dana and Bill G were sailing a few feet apart on the downwind leg. On the last upwind leg, we headed over to the left side of the course. At one point, the Capri overtook the Etchell's and led the fleet back to the finish line, with those 2 crews finishing only 44 sec apart. We picked up a little more ground back upwind to finish third in sequence.

Corrected times for the finish were as close as it gets--Congrats to Steve and Randy for another win, by 1 sec over Kevin and I. Stuart again finished a strong 3<sup>rd</sup>, but it was close at only 32 sec ahead of the Etchell's. Dana and Bill G rounded out the fleet.

We've enjoyed a string of nearly perfect evenings on the dock, with another clear night and bright sun set, thought it's steadily creeping earlier each week—now about 8:15. Thanks again to Preston and Tedd for setting up and adjusting a challenging but fun course to sail. (I'm still thinking about all the "1 sec" opportunities missed just with the tiller—yikes!) All in all, another Wed night that keeps us coming back to sail.

Cheers,  
Blaine

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**Deck Hand "Bob" is obviously struggling both mentally and physically** with this strange, absurdly long pole. Suddenly the skies part and everything just seems to *click*. It's a miracle!

[CLICK HERE TO SEE A SUMMARY OF RACE RESULTS THROUGH MID-AUGUST!](#)

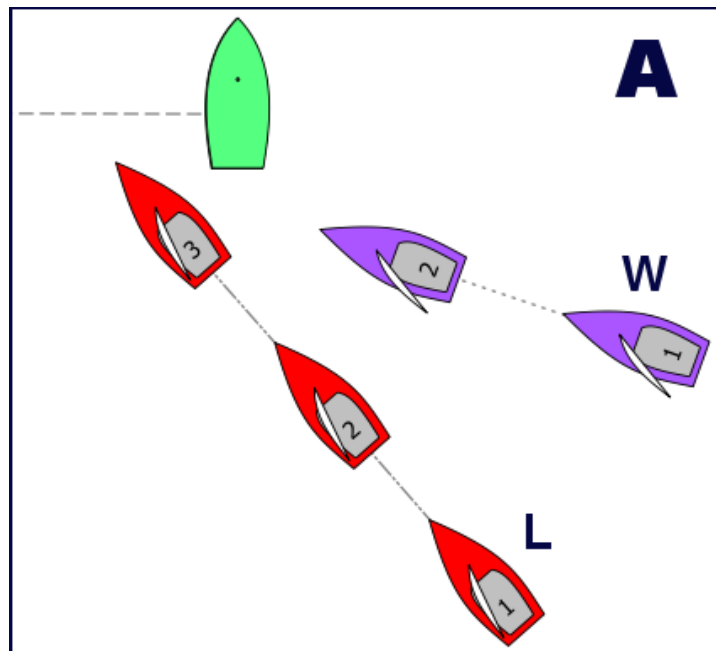




Who has right-of-way here skipper?

## Barging:

Perhaps the most frequent breach of the Racing Rules of Sailing occurs when boats "barge" at the start. This is especially true for starts with lots of novice and less-experienced sailors. At position 1, there is less than 20 seconds to go to the starting signal. The purple boat (W) is a windward keep-clear boat aiming to go between the RC boat and the red boat (L), a leeward right-of-way boat. Because the boats



are "approaching to start" RRS 18 does not apply between them. L is on a straight-line course to start just after the starting signal. L is going to have to turn down to avoid a collision with W. When L turns down then W breaks RRS 11, *On the Same Tack, Overlapped*, because L had to take "avoiding action" and therefore W did not "keep clear" of her. This is the classic "barging" situation – W

is taking or attempting to take room that she is not entitled to and is "barging" between L and the RC boat; W therefore breaks RRS 11 by failing to keep clear of L.

**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.



**Bill and Dominick Grabendike** out on the race course Wednesday night. The tradition continues. Bill used to sail with his dad Jim Grabendike back in the eighties on Santa Fe Lake. They raced Snipe #

18025.

# LOOK CLOSE



Along with long summer days and warm weather,

**the blue-green algae bloom season is in full swing in Kansas** and it is again necessary consider the risks when

people and animals access lakes and ponds.

Excess nutrients in ponds and lakes, in combination with warmth and sunlight, make it possible for cyanobacteria (also known as blue-green algae) to multiply exponentially, leading to discoloration of the water and/or the formation of scums, a condition known as a HAB (harmful algal bloom). HABs have the potential to generate dangerous toxins that can sicken or even be deadly to people and animals. Some of the toxins can be irritating to the skin and mucous membranes. Inhalation of water droplets, for example when swimming or water skiing, can cause irritation in the airways. Ingestion of affected water is, however, the most dangerous form of contact. It can lead to severe gastrointestinal inflammation with vomiting and diarrhea, and absorption into the rest of the body may lead to life threatening adverse effects in the liver and the nervous system.

Not all types of blue-green algae or other causes of water discoloration and scums produce toxins, but if such conditions are encountered it is best to assume that the water could be dangerous until its safety can be confirmed.

If water discoloration or scums are encountered at a publicly accessible lake, please contact the HAB Hotline (785-296-1664) established by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), or file a report on their website: <http://www.kdheks.gov/algae-illness>.

For private lakes and ponds, samples may be sent to the KSVDL



for testing. For more information, please call KSVDL Client Care at 866-512-5650.

As of 8-26 we're good to go on El Dorado Lake and are clear of the Blue-Green Algae watch.

## Meeting Minutes 8/11/22 Walnut Valley Sailing Clubhouse

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Meeting held at Walnut Valley Sailing Clubhouse

Members in attendance: Chris Proudfoot, Troy Oberly, Stuart Funk, Austin Bayes, Preston Brammer,

Kevin Welch, Paul Schye

Call to Order: 7:36 pm

Commodore's remarks: Out of town last week so couldn't make the races but sounds like a good

turnout. Wind was decent and the temperature has been more favorable than prior races. No new

information from club members as far as concerns.

Motion to approve July BOG Minutes: Motion by Paul S. Second by Stuart F. – All approve

Membership Concerns: N/A

New Business: Annual Meeting planned to be held in person this year. Calling House of Schwan to see if

we can reserve for a day in November. (Target for the Annual Meeting on the 12th. Target for new

Board meeting for the 17 th ).

Look at options for Christmas Party.

### Committee Reports

**Long Range Planning** – Outline set up for new training program. Stuart will be outlining the training

dates for next season.

**Powerboats:** Tow strap for pontoon 5/8" x 100' to be ordered.

**Harbor:** Ladder tops, electrical boxes slated for paint. Board replacement in process.

**Activites Center:** N/A

**Membership:** Name tags for new members to be printed. Potluck BBQ on schedule for the 27 th .

**Summer Sailing Academy:** Stuart signing up for final class in September in Florida for U.S. Sailing Trainer Certification.

Archivist: N/A

**Public Relations/Media:** Charlie still working with Zant technologies for web hosting.

**Finance:** Overall projected to run under budget for the season. Greg Rincker will be working on the

budget for next season.

**Dry Storage:** Schedule club work party for dry storage cleanout on 10/8. Proposal for weed spraying

presented to club for next season. Total proposal for next season is \$4529.56. Reviewing options and

getting bids from other companies.

**Building and Grounds:** Everything in good shape. May hire out company to clear shoreline with brush hog.

**Calling:** N/A

**Racing:** 8 boats out last Wednesday, good racing conditions for a change. Review ideas to promote racing activities for new members.

**Social:** Barbecue went well, next social is set for 8/27 – New Member BBQ

**Government Relations:** Went to State Noxious Weeds Dept. for weed control advice. Staffing is short for Wildlife and Parks but we do have a contact number to call if we need to reach them. No issues at this time.

**Security:** Motion sensor went off on the 1 st of the month. No issues found in the clubhouse.

**Sailing Activities:** Poker Run called off due to high wind, reschedule for 8/20 3:30-5/30.

**Business Calendar:** N/A

**Old Business:** Send out RSVPs for new member potluck and start search for new board members. We will need 5 positions filled for next season. Waiting on a bill from legal for Lease agreement amendments.

Motion to Adjourn: Next meeting to be held at clubhouse. Motion to adjourn 9:17 by Stuart F., Second by Paul S.Meeting

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**7:30 PM 9-8-22**

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*The Senior Editor Will Be 95 Next Month*



After we plopped the First Mate into the cockpit we had a nice sail.

Dinner on the docks, Mariachi on the CD player and a beautiful sunset. It doesn't get much better than that... **and no that's not me at the helm!** I wasn't around to buy a pair of *trousers* in 1933.

Ted SR. & Dorothy Blankenship - circa. 1920's  
Blankenship JR

photo by: Tedd



## Take that Pesky Weed!

We've identified the problem and we're working on an affordable, effective, solution. Mare's Tail is an invasive weed that continues to stay just ahead of ag. research across the country. We'll keep you posted.



# 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 otherwise. 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.

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**Bart Peace is a man on the move** and he always delivers... Last week the battery went dead on the Committee Boat which caused immediate pandemonium on the docks. "OMG, Wednesday night races!"

But just like always, Bart came to the rescue. Within minutes of our call, Bart was on his scooter and headed directly to the battery manufacturer some 6,785 miles away - in Japan we think? Within 24 hours Bart had a new battery installed on the R/C boat and we were up and running again!

Thanks Bart. We appreciate all that you do.



## 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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# YOUR COUCH

ALL THE COOL BOATS SAIL Sept. 3

CAMPING BEYOND B DOCKS Sept. 18

## JOKE OF THE MONTH



Is that:

"Hard a Lee, Helm to Lee or Port a Lee  
Skipper?"

said the young deckhand to the Captain. "On this old tug and  
with this bunch of scruffy sailors... It's *Casu a Lee*."



# Boats & Gear For Sale

**It's official. We now reciprocate with Ninescah Yacht Club.**  
You can list your boats and gear for sale in the Mainsheet and the Windword.

Contact Angela at Ninescah to place your free ad:  
[editor@ninescah.org](mailto:editor@ninescah.org)

## **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)

## **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

## **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)

## **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

**Wanted:**

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

**Please contact Hector  
Camacho**

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

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