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The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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2022 WVSC Social Calendar

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.



SMOKIN-HOT CHILI COOK OFF

Saturday, October 1st
6:00 Happy Hour, 7:00 Dinner
That's tonight sailors - see you there!



CAMPING BEYOND B DOCKS

There's nothing quite like it and...

you never know what you might see in the middle of the night.

This year was no exception. Ask Ernie, Ardie, Kevin, Brenda, Paul, Tedd, Preston, Jim or Tammie to explain the picture below.

Until you knew what it was, it was rather mind boggling.

Pretty cool none the less. Hint: It made a lot of noise and it was bigger than a dolphin. A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!



Triple Dog Dare You



Tech Tip of the Month



When the water level is about four inches below the Security Chief's right foot, we're at "pool." To put it technically, Kevin's foot is four inches above *pool level* in this photo. Gary measured the water level at our docks and determined we are currently 18" below pool - which is the same measurement the Core of Engineers posted for Wednesday, Sept. 14th. Gary claims his tape measure is accurate to within 16 ounces - give or take a cup.



"Where art meets science"

If you only click on one video link this year,
let it be this one. It just doesn't get much better than this.

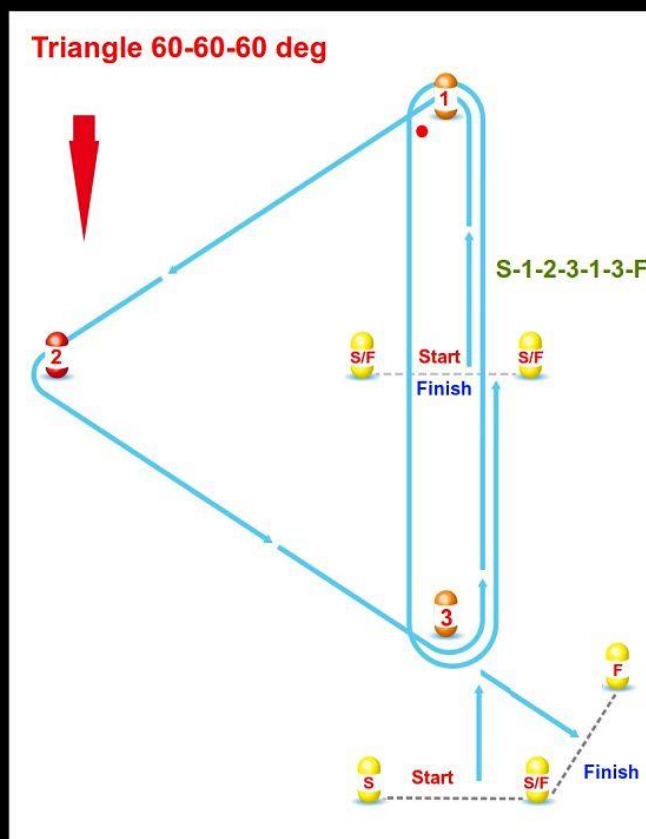
Out on The Race Course

We finished off the Wednesday night “Season of East Winds” with another beautiful evening to sail. Temps were low 90s, skies clear, with winds out of the East at 9. Our crew handled RC duties, thanks to Kevin and Bill Allman for their efforts. With sunset at 7:47, we had the course set up prior to the skipper’s meeting, with a Modified Olympic course, 2 laps, set up at a 070 course.

Five crews checked in to race, Preston and Deann on C22s, Dana and Stuart on H23s, and Steve on the Capri 22. Chris Proudfoot and Gary Mackey crewed for Ladies Choice and Dana, respectively. As usual for this summer, the winds clocked around to 090 right as we started the race, and the skippers hit the line at full speed on starboard. It was close at the windward mark, with the Capri edging out Preston’s 22 around the buoy. That order held to the finish line, with Stuart settling in at 3rd, Deann and Dana in pursuit. There were a number of wind shifts throughout the evening, with the Capri and C22 splitting tacks on occasion.

Once again, we saw an extremely close finish. Congrats to Preston and Tedd on their win, with a corrected finish time a mere 20 sec ahead of Steve and Randy. Both crews sailed a great race, with genoas popping out swiftly around the marks. Stuart and Troy again sailed into a solid 3rd, with Ladies’ Choice and Dana rounding out the fleet.

All the boats returned to the docks just as the sun was lowering, and we had yet another great crew social on the docks, with a bright moon overhead. Appreciate the RC, skippers & crews showing up promptly, we were able to carve out one final Wed night race with very little daylight. Well, that captures a summer of Wed night racing, as we shift to Saturday afternoons this weekend. Skipper’s meeting at 1, race at 2, two races.



Hello racers,

See you Saturday,
Blaine



There were a lot of good boats on
the starting line Wednesday night...

Congratulations on the win Captain Brammer!



Who has right-of-way here skipper?

THE PORTSMOUTH YARDSTICK?

Racing handicaps may sound complicated, however, it's merely a simple way to compete fairly sailing different boats on the same race course.



Our club uses the North American Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap information from US Sailing. The Portsmouth handicap uses a Time on Time correction, naturally adjusting for changes in wind speed. The Portsmouth system works well for our club, as we have a variety of boats sailing a different course each week. Our handicap numbers range from the low 70s to 100, with the faster boats with the lower numbers. A boat with a

handicap of 72 should sail the same distance in 72 minutes as boat with a 96 handicap sails in 96 minutes.

Here's how it works: Ernie & crew sail the course in 40 min 30 sec on his rocket ship (Etchells/HC 78.6), his corrected time is $(40.5 \times 100) / 78.6 = 51.53$ or 51 min 32 sec. Deann and Ardie sail the same course, finishing 9 min later in their C22. With a HC of 96.3, the Ladies' corrected time is $(49.50 \times 100) / 96.3 = 51.4$ or 51 min 24 sec.

It's not difficult, the scoring equation is right on our race sheets, and there are apps available to make it even easier. Hope this helps explain how we score our racing fleet, let me know if you have any questions.

Cheers,
Blaine

Don't let a few racing rules spook 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 Saturday.



Rob and Ginger Brown are adjusting to their new home, new sailing club and... retired life in Virginia

This is a copy of the note I got from Rob last month along with some wonderful pictures of Rappahannock River Yacht Club. Life looks great in Virginia!

Good to hear from you. I've been enviously reading about your racing exploits each week. Looks like great weekly participation from the club. I just got the Catalina 22 a slip and in the water a couple weeks ago but still haven't had a chance to sail her. She is in the boat yard at the moment getting an antifouling bottom since I no longer have a lift. Hoping the temps will cool down and we can participate in the fall PHRF series that starts in September. We joined the Rappahannock River Yacht Club which is within a couple of miles from our new home in Irvington, Virginia. The biggest fleet here on Wednesdays are the Cape Dory Typhoon. Something else to learn about!

Glad to hear you are enjoying your Catalina. We are still in the market for a bigger boat to explore the Chesapeake on some of the many cruising outings available to us. In the short term we have completely gone to the Dark Side by picking up a Boston Whaler Outrage 17 to putter around the creeks and rivers. Nice for cocktail evening cruising. We also got a kayak for a bit of exercise.

In July we took a charter class with the WoodenBoat School in Brooklin, Maine on the Sparks and Stephans 42 yawl AQUILA. A great time sailing the Eggemoggin Reach, dodging lobster traps and learning to deal with 6' tides, currents and fog. Coincidentally we ran into someone who lives in Brooklin and met you, Steve Harris I think was his name. Small world, particularly when you sail and live in Kansas.

Here in the Norther Neck of Virginia we are enjoying blue crab off our dock and plenty of Rappahannock oysters and exploring the local area. Even got set up to grow some oysters off our dock. Hope to see you and Janet here some time. You are more than welcome. All the best to the crew at WVSC. Ya'll come see us in Virginia.

Rob & Ginger

Sailing AQUILA in Maine last month.

LOOK CLOSE



NOW YOU SEE IT....

NOW YOU DON'T - HAPPY HALOWEEN SAILORS

Meeting Minutes 8/11/22 Walnut Valley Sailing Clubhouse

BOG Meeting Minutes 9/8/22

Walnut Valley Sailing Club

Members in Attendance: Paul Schye, Stuart Funk, Kevin Welch, Troy Oberly, Preston Brammer, Chris

Proudfoot, Austin Bayes

Call to Order 7:33

Commodore's remarks – New member BBQ had a good turnout and Wednesday night's race went well

– Congrats to Preston on the win!

Motion to Approve August BOG Meeting Minutes – Motion by Stuart F., Kevin W. second – All approve

Membership Concerns – In need of volunteers for next season's Board of Governors.

New Business: Set up Nominating committee, and Awards committee.

Committee reports

Long Range – Current focus is sail training program and certifications for next season. There is interest

from new and prospective members for a formal training program.

Powerboats- Nav lights not functioning properly on committee boat. Fuel line/clip needs to be replaced.

Bimini top needs serviced. Depth gauge intermittently working. Veneer on front of panel dented in.

Scheduling for service work on committee boat to be scheduled.

Harbor- Finished with board replacement for this season. Ordering lumber for next season. Painting tops

of swim ladders. May replace ladders as needed if deterioration is apparent.

Activities Center- N/A

Membership- New member BBQ completed. Membership name badges updated.

STEP/Sail Training – Signed Dissolution agreement. Motion to approve STEP dissolution agreement and

to accept assets as repayment of loan. Motion by Paul S. Kevin W. Second. – All approve

Archivist- Setting up timeframe to run through records and organize documents.

Public Relations – Flyer out for Open House, we have had interest this season and response from the general public. Set up schedule for next season open houses.

Finance- Under budget for the year. Reviewed budget for next season based on 75 memberships.

Dry Storage – Reviewing weed control options for next season. Current bid is nearly double what this season was. Replace No Trespassing signs, and price out new markers for dry storage locations.

Building and Grounds- Light East of the building is out and needs replaced. Stuart ran brush hog along

shoreline and cleared out brush. Sign to Club needs repainted or replacement.

Calling- N/A

Racing Activities- End of month Saturday afternoon skipper's meeting is at 1:00

Social – Mongolian BBQ early next season. New member BBQ had a good turnout from members.
Government Relations-. There has been activity at the quarry and park rangers are monitoring this area.

No known issues, and we have noticed that the gate entrance has been manned more often recently.

Security – N/A

Sailing Activities – Beyond B dock – Overnight campout on the water coming up.

Business Calendar- Work credits to Paul by September 15 th .

Old Business- 11/12/22 from 6pm – 9pm. House of Schwann booked for annual meeting. Reviewing options for Christmas party venues.

Motion to Adjourn – Next meeting location to be determined. Motion to adjourn at 9:06 by Paul S.

Preston **FIRST Just kidding, Preston seconded the motion to adjourn - but won the race!**

Don't Be Shy



What's *your* boating story...

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.

Send information to: teddblankenship59@gmail.com



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\$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.**



YOUR SPOOKY COUCH

SMOKIN-HOT CHILI COOK OFF

Saturday, October 1st

See you at 6:00 this evening for Happy Hour!

JOKE OF THE MONTH



Did you hear about Jim & Tammy McEwen
finding a witch asleep in their V-birth?

Nice folks, they let her *sleep a spell*.

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

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

NEW LISTING!



1987 Hunter 28.5 With Trailer

Asking \$12,000

Walnut Valley Sailing Club Slip B31

David Bonifield

316 706 2902

977 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

deanngadalla@yahoo.com



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



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