

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

NOVEMBER 2022



Bill Allman, Steve Kubin and Randy Malcom shake out the reefs for the final race of the season. Congratulations to Steve and Randy, they continue to be the boat to beat and finished the season with a near perfect record! We're on to the topping lift in light air now Steve... Thanks for the tip!

From the Commodore:

Dear WVSC sailors,

It's that time of year again. The nights are getting colder, leaves are changing color, and oh yeah, it's time for the annual meeting. This years' annual meeting will be held in person, at The House of Schwan. After the last few years virtual meetings, I invite all to attend. As many of you know, the last several years it has been hard to attract volunteers to serve on the WVSC Board of Governors. We are presently down two members and need another candidate for the upcoming term. Any member, who is getting close to 24 months membership is invited to apply. We will be taking nominations from the floor at the meeting.

Being on the board is a great way to get involved, learn how the club works, and help effect some positive change. I hope everyone had a good sailing season and is looking forward to next year.

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From all of us at Walnut Valley Sailing Club - Welcome aboard **Fernando** and **Ana Salgado** and **Andrew Danner**. We're glad you're here. We look forward to getting to know you all and spending some time on the water together. It's going to be fun. Cheers!

2022 WVSC Social Calendar

November:

Annual Meeting, Saturday, November 12th
House of Schwan 3636 North Comotara St., Wichita
6:00-9:00 PM Bring your favorite tapas to share with your fellow sailors!

December:

Get your bells on and polished up.
The Walnut Valley Sailing Club Christmas Party is just around the bend:

WVSC Annual Christmas Party

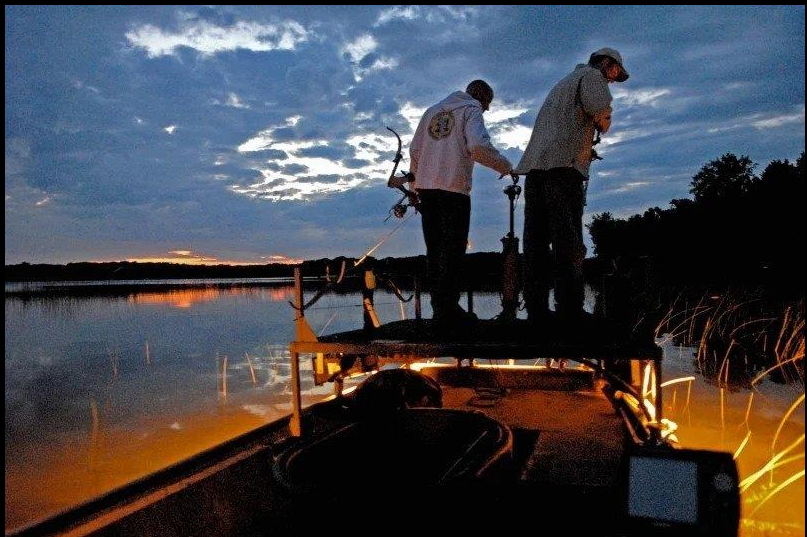
Saturday December 10th, 6:00-10:00 PM
Terradyne Country Club - Andover, KS
\$40 per person includes;
dinner, desert, champagne toast & cash bar

RSVP by Tuesday November 22 to Chris Proudfoot
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JUST BEYOND B DOCKS

Been losing sleep the
past month over the
mysterious photo below?
Rest easy - it's just a fan
boat with some bright bow
lights.





The photo above was taken by Preston Brammer just beyond B docks... on last months overnigher.

So we're told:
Fishermen stand on the bow of fan boats and fish for catfish, carp or longnose gar at night as they're spotted on the surface. Compound bows with spools of line attached to barbed arrows are used. Most bow fishing is done in the shallows along the shore. And yes, bow hunting fish is legal in Kansas.

Triple Dog Dare You



Longnose gar were netted at El Dorado Reservoir by KDWP in October of 2013 just like this one. And yip, I know we're a sailing club and not a fishing club. Just thought you swimmers might like to know who you're sharing your favorite swimming hole with.

Hats off to: Charlie, Paul, Kevin, Brenda, Stuart, Melissa, Troy, Brooke, Terry, Gale, Greg, Bart, Dani, Jim, Tammy and all of the rest of you *swimmers*.

Who needs ten toes anyway?

Tech Tip of the Month



Honestly, when was the last time you serviced your winches?

Okay, fair enough. So, when was the last time you checked the air in your tires? Yeah, that's what I thought.



According to Gary's tape
we're 2.18 feet below normal pool level; exactly what the Core of Engineers data reports. Keep up the good work Gary!

Current Readings

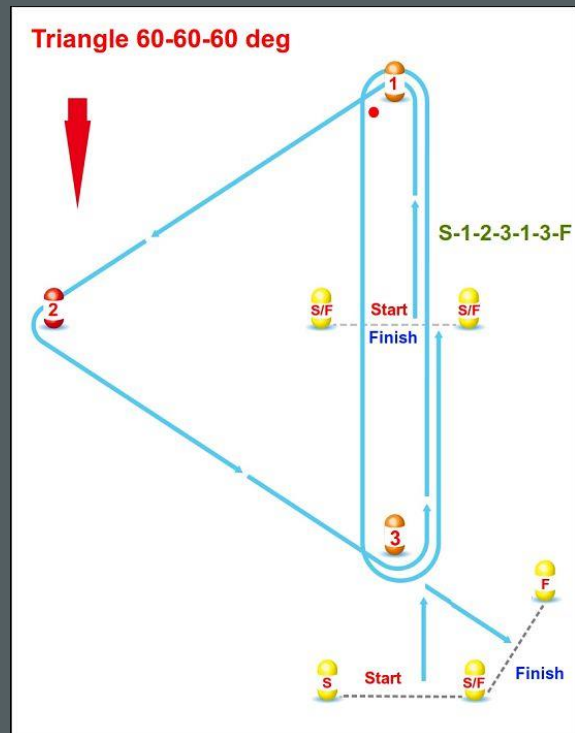
- 2.18 ft BELOW normal
- Pool elevation is 1336.82 feet on 21OCT2022 08:00 hours.
- At this elevation the total amount of water stored in El Dorado Lake is 142209 acre-feet.
- Reservoir release is 7 cubic feet per second on Friday 21Oct 2022 08:00.
- Conservation pool is 89.68% full.
- Conservation pool storage filled is 138848 acre-feet which is equivalent to 11.13 inches of runoff over the entire drainage basin.
- Conservation pool storage empty is 15979 acre-feet which is equivalent to 1.28 inches of runoff over the entire drainage basin.
- We've had a rain or two since the team's last readings, but not enough to change much...

Out on The Race Course

Racers,
Results from Saturday's final race. Thanks to Gene and Gary for handling RC. Congrats to Steve and Randy on their win. Ladies' Choice placed 2nd, followed by Bill Allman and Stuart Funk. Winds were reported at a howling 3 mph -- consistent with the lighter winds we've seen in October.

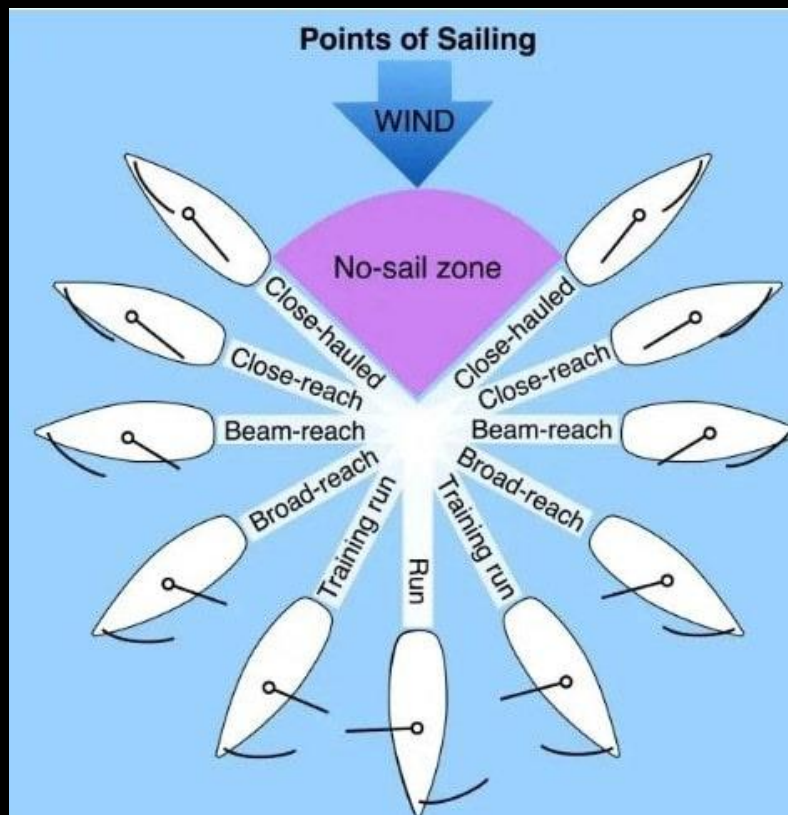
Also, thanks to our Ladies' Choice team of Deann and Ardie for hosting the end of season party--wish I could have been there. Will get the season final results out to everyone.
Thanks again to all our skippers, crews, guests, and race committees for a great racing season -- enjoyed every moment of it!

Cheers,
Blaine



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 season!

LOOK CLOSE



The course a boat is sailing can be described by its angle to the wind, not to be confused with its compass heading. **The different angles to the wind are known as the points of sailing. If you're up for a friendly challenge...** put a piece of paper over the diagram above and name all of the points of sailing. If you can do it - hats off to you. If not, take a minute and learn them.

A number of sailing terms collectively known as the points of sail are used to describe a boat's course relative to the wind direction. On each point of sail, adjustments need to be made to the sails in order for them to work efficiently.

The points of sailing are:

- **Close-hauled** – as close to the wind as possible. Sails are pulled tight. The boat heels away from the wind but is prevented from being blown over by the counter balancing effect of the keel.
- **Close reach** – the wind is forward of the beam. Sails are eased out a little. The boat continues to heel.
- **Beam reach** – the wind blows directly across the side of the boat. The sails are eased further out. The boat continues to heel.
- **Broad reach** – the wind comes over the rear quarter, aft of the beam. Sails

are eased well out. The boat no longer heels.

- **Training run** – the wind is almost directly behind the boat. Sails are eased well out. The boat does not heel but may rock from side to side, known as yawing.
- **Run** – the wind is directly behind the boat. The sails are eased right out and the head sail is pulled onto the opposite side to the main so it can catch the wind. The boat may continue to yaw from side to side.

Head to wind

A sailing boat cannot sail directly into the wind as its sails do not fill, begin to flap and have no effect. When this happens the boat is referred to as head-to-wind and the boat slows down and stops. Depending on the design of sails and boat, the sails will not usually fill until the boat is pointing at an angle between 40° and 45° away from the direction of the wind.

In summary

Aside from being head-to-wind, a boat can sail at any other angle relative to the wind. In order to sail at these angles to the wind, a boat's sails have to be adjusted to create the best aerodynamic shape for the sails to work efficiently.

Tip:

Although you can't see the wind, you can definitely feel it on your cheeks, nose and ears. Try turning slowly around on a windy day and you can easily tell where the wind is coming from. If you look directly into the wind, you will feel the wind blowing on both cheeks and onto your nose. As you rotate your head you will feel the wind favor one of your cheeks and ears, then directly into one ear, then the back of your head. Being fully conscious of the direction of the wind in this way helps when helming a boat and avoids the need to be constantly checking the instruments.

Meeting Minutes 10/13/22

Walnut Valley Sailing Clubhouse

Deann Gadalla's office

Members in Attendance: Chris Proudfoot, Paul Schye, Stuart Funk, Kevin Welch, Austin Bayes, Troy Oberly
Call to order 7:05 PM

Commodore's Remarks: Season is winding down and the Annual meeting at House of Schwan coming up next month. Committee Reports need to be turned in to Chris by 10/27/22. John and Alice Hicks are resigning but may be back next year. Thank you to Tedd and Kevin for helping with getting their boat out and ready.

New Member votes.

Motion by Paul S. to approve Andrew Danner for membership. Stuart F. second. All approve.

Motion by Paul S. to approve Fernando and Ana Salgado for membership. Stuart F second. All approve.

Motion to approve September Meeting Minutes Stuart, Kevin 2 nd . All approve

Membership concerns – Floatable in B2 could be obstructing safety ladder to docks. Sailboard rack on dinghy dock needs maintenance. Flags need replacement.

New business – Motions to approve new members.

Old business – Board nominating committee concerns – A few potential candidates have stepped forward, but we still need to fill 3 positions.

Awards Committee – Nominations for this season's candidates.

STEP asset transfer – Gene Nold to meet with Butler County Appraiser's office next month to finalize transfer. Boat registration to be transferred as they are due.

Christmas Party – Quotes received from Terradyne Country Club, tentatively booking for December 10th 6-10PM.

Committee reports:

Long Range planning/Sail training - Stuart is going to Fort Lauderdale in January to finish up certifications. Youth sailing program to start in June as a 2 week program starting late afternoon. There will be 6-10 students per class to start small.

Powerboats – N/A

Harbor- N/A

Activities center- Water shutoff on Wednesday the 19 th
Membership – 2 new members approved.

Archivist – There will be a side table set up at the Christmas party with photos and events from our club history.

Public relations/Media – Website still moving along.

Finance - 78 members – Expenses are under budget for the year. A few adjustments have been made for next season. Motion to accept proposed budget for annual meeting by Paul S. Stuart F. second. All approve.

Dry storage – Assessing lot for placards and cleanup. Run magnet through drive areas to clean up screws. Leaning to use club labor volunteers to spray the lot for weeds for cost savings. Difficulty finding companies with reasonable rates.

Building and Grounds – Troy to continue cutting for next season again. Porta-Potty slated to drop off next week. Waiting on bid to re-seal lot.

Racing Activities - Last race of the season is upcoming Saturday, Deann is putting together a potluck for after the race.

Social – Christmas Party venue tentatively set. Confirmation on location and date will be sent out to members next month.

Government relations – Phone number will be placed in the clubhouse for contacts in case we need to reach wildlife and parks.

Security – Alert 360 upgrading security from 3g to LTE.

Sailing Activities – Potluck after final race.

Business Calendar – NA

Motion to Adjourn – 8:42 Austin – Kevin W.

Annual meeting will be held Saturday, November 12th at the House of Schwan from 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Don't Be Shy

We would love to see, hear, and/or read about your holiday cooking experiences, short articles, video clips, travel stories 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.

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Send information to: teddblankenship59@gmail.com

We're happy to report that no one was hurt during this little deep fat frying turkey flare-up. In the end, the Welch turkey turned out just fine.



Ernie Goes To Work On

"Ladies' Choice" and tells all in:



"The Keel Saga Story"
by Ernie Condon

In case you are interested in the adventure.....

The Catalina 22 "Ladies' Choice" was sailing in a Wednesday night race, and they encountered one of our infamous underwater trees. The jolt was

particularly strong. Upon returning to the docks, they discovered that the keel cable had a splayed end on it, and was not attached to the keel. No way to raise the keel.

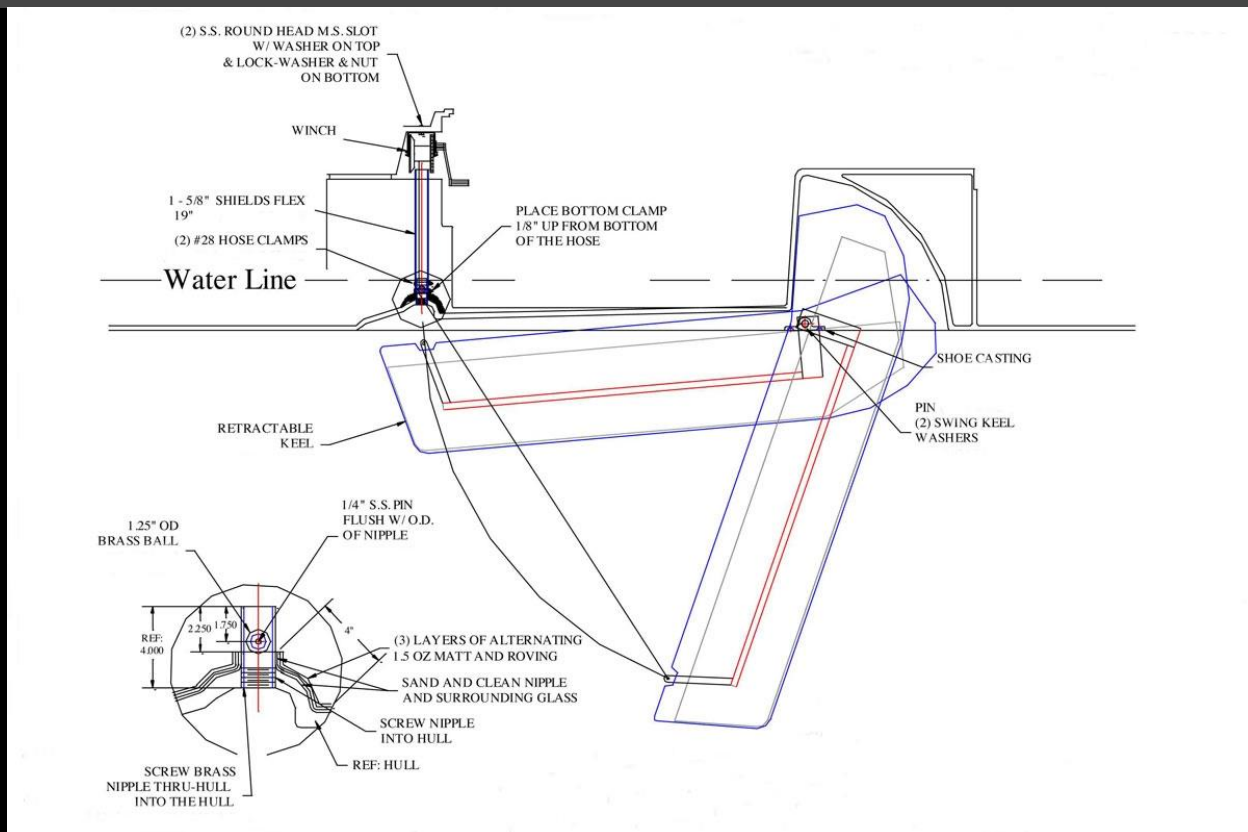
The most common failure on these cables is just inside the swaged fork that connects to the keel. Looking at the cable end in the dark, it seemed to me that the ends were even length, so I guessed that the failure had occurred there at the fork.

One way or another, it was getting a new cable. The one on there had got me with a few fish-hooks. "Fish-hooks" is sailor lingo for broken wires sticking out of a cable/wire rope, usually resulting in a quite painful puncture wound, some blood, and more "sailor words". So, it was due for a new cable anyway. I

ordered a new one on Catalina Direct, and it arrived a few days later. I do not like a project to be drawn out, so I wanted to have the cable when I figured out how to lift the keel, and I could fix it then and there.

I planned on doing the work with the boat on the lift, so I did not have to drop the mast and take it home to my shop.





I came to the lake prepared for several options (usually this means every option but the one I needed) for raising the keel. However, Option A worked well. I ran a spare line from winch to winch passing across the keel. Cranking on this did the trick. The initial load was pretty high (I had to fill up the winch with wraps to keep it from slipping). I put a bit a force behind it (cranking while standing on the dock) and it started moving. As it progressed, the line slid aft (down on the keel) and the cranking got easier.

Blaine had trouble with this approach because the line kept slipping up. His winches may be further forward.

It was not long before the cable attachment on the keel was exposed. I was expecting a fancy eye-bolt in the keel (like I had seen on YouTube) but it was more elaborate than that. I immediately saw that the cable had not severed at the fitting – it was severed mid cable.

I was correct in that a new cable was needed, but it certainly had not severed at the swage fitting.

BTW – the keel had two rows of “leopard spots” in the slime. Pretty sure they

were carp kisses.

I dropped down onto a pontoon up front and slithered my way back. With my physical profile, laying on my belly on a big hot-dog was not conducive to breathing. I had brought a 2x10 cut to fit across the pontoons, and this made the work possible. I managed to get the cotter pin out and remove the old parts. Re-installed the new without dropping anything in the lake.

I could see that feeding the new cable up through the hull was going to be too acrobatic for me. So, I decided to feed a string from above. But I forgot to bring string. Managed to find some in the clubhouse.

On the Cat22, the cable comes from the keel up to a slotted ball that works as a bearing. This ball is installed in what some call the “volcano” up inside the hull. A rubber tube runs from the volcano up to the winch. If the tube fails, the boat sinks. The cable runs on the aft side of the ball.

I went in the cabin to pull the rubber tube to get access to the ball. First thing I noticed is that the battery had fallen out of the tray and was laying on its side in a puddle. I tasted the puddle – sulfuric acid (I bet that I get comments on that). So, another thing to fix. Sopped up a bunch of acid with paper towels and got back to work.



I ran a string down through the ball, tied it to the keel cable with my best-est special knot. Went back up (boat is hoisted, pain in the “arms” to crawl aboard.....did I mention my profile?). I pulled on the string and it crumbled. Cotton string that had touched sulfuric acid. Got fresh string and tried again. Managed to pretty easily pull the cable up past the ball. Re-

installed the rubber tube.

The drum that winds the cable has the cable anchor on the back side. So, I removed the drum (easy). The old cable had a pretty bad double over-wrap, and there was no way I was going to get it free with the tools I had. So, I packed up and brought it home. I was barely able to get an angle grinder in there to cut it free, but it took just the one cut and it all came off.

I also brought the battery home with me to refill with sulfuric acid...
which is another story, for another day.

Ernie Condon

Thanks for the photos and story Ernie!



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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 **Paul Schye Hip**. 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 COUCH

Annual Meeting: Saturday, November 12th

WVSC Christmas Party: Saturday, December 10th

JOKE OF THE MONTH

plus a bonus holiday joke just for Charlie



Hey Chad, did you hear about the great tan the Pilgrims got sailing at WVSC last summer?

Suzie says it was so good they called it a Puritan.

Bonus holiday joke for Charlie:

What did one turkey say to the other when they saw the Pilgrims land on B docks at Plymouth rock?

Terry and Gale look nice. Maybe they'll have us over for dinner.

Boats & Gear For Sale

Catalina 22 Sails

1 - Main sail in good condition -
\$150 obo.

1977 Force 5 AMF Sailboat and Trailer

Everything you need to get on the

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

Wanted:

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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David Bonifield

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