

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

JANUARY 2023



Word from the Commodore:

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope everyone brought in the New Year right, I myself spent the evening with my family and friends. I am praying 2023 will bring with it some moisture to fill the lake back up to normal levels, sunshine to warm our days and perfect winds to fill our sails.

I want to personally thank everyone who came out to the WVSC Christmas dinner. I think there were 40 of us enjoying a night filled with great conversation, laughter, a little business and new friendships. I guess I better start planning for next year.

We have a great team on the Board of Governors this

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year, I think every position is filled. Thank you to Troy Oberly, Kevin Welch, Preston Brammer, James McEwen, Julie Barth, Doug Albro, Ardie Condon, Paul Schye, and Rear Commodore – Chris Proudfoot. Based on the first meeting there will be lots of activities to enjoy and be part of. My main focus will be on getting the sail training program up and running successfully for the youth as well as something for the adults. Here's to warmer days, shorter nights and sailing with friends. God Bless you all.

Stuart

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Recognize these fine sailors, polka dancers and WVSC Board Members? Julie is new this year on the board and Paul Schye is our distinguished *Rear Treasurer*.

Richard and I joined WVSC in 2015. We sail “D’Artagnan” a 250 Catalina. Richard is the Captain and I’m the first mate. I joined Ladies Choice in racing this year and I feel more like a sailor now. I’m Social and Calling committee chair on the board. I’m asking my fellow first mates and all Captains to help make 2023 a successful Social year! Feel free to send me any ideas! Richard and I joined WVSC in 2015. We sail “D’Artagnan” a 250 Catalina. Richard is the Captain and I’m the first mate. I joined Ladies Choice in racing this year and I feel more like a sailor now. I’m Social and Calling committee chair on the board. I’m asking my fellow first mates and all Captains to help make 2023 a successful Social year! Feel free to send me any ideas!
Julie

Editors note: we will be highlighting a new WVSC board member each month. Julie Barth is our BOG member of the month. Not pictured: Richard Barth - Julie's husband and past Commodore. Richard is more of a break-dance kind of guy! Thanks to one and all.



First Day Hike - Today!

Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks

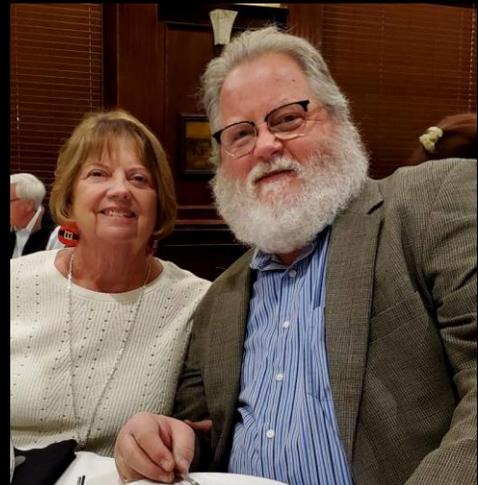
10:00 A.M. El Dorado Lake - just below the dam

1/1/2023 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

- Dog friendly and what a great way to start off the New Year!
- Walnut Valley Sailing folks obviously like to hike. We always have a good turnout. Come out and join the fun.
- Free t-shirts for everyone! Compliments KDWP



No surprises under the tree here.
The WVSC Christmas Party turns out to be a wonderful evening for one and all!



Thanks for the
pictures Ardie and
Happy New Year
WVSC Sailors!

2022 WVSC Social Calendar

January:

First Day Hike, KDWP; New Years Day
El Dorado State Park - Just below the dam
1:00 PM

Coming Soon:

Beach Stilt Volleyball: pending time, date, location and participants

- The seasons sailing activities and socials will be listed in the February Windword. If you have ideas, we're all ears. Just ask Stuart. He had an idea and we listened. See below!

JUST BEYOND B DOCKS



The Social Committee is going to host a few of our tried and true favorite WVSC socials in 2023, but we're also going to venture out there Beyond B Docks and try a few new events as well! If you have an idea, let us know! We're open to just about anything...

Commodore Stuart sent this fine photo in and asked the Social

Committee if it should be listed as a Sailing Activity or a Social Event. We thought about it for a moment and decided, it's both! Notice the sailboat on the horizon. Thanks for the great idea Commodore Stuart. Keep the ideas coming sailors! We're gearing up for an exciting New Year!

Triple Dog Dare You

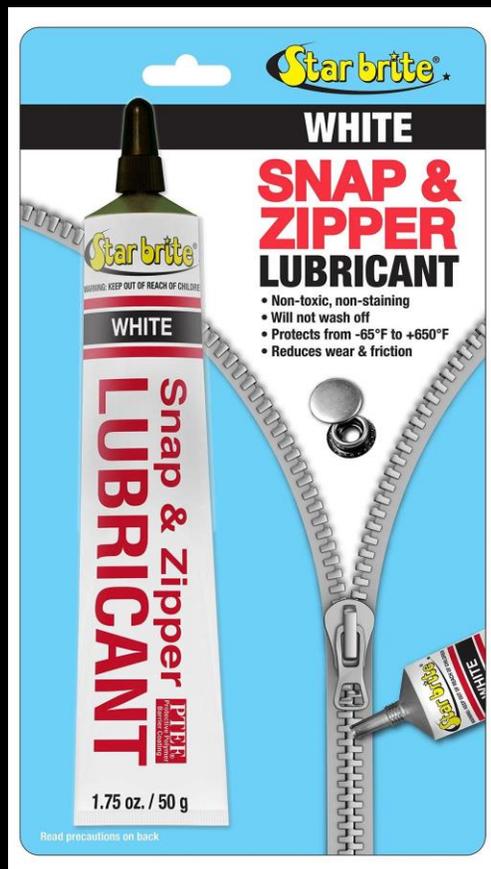


Ice boats routinely sail three times the wind speed which tends to make a skipper rethink that *light 8 knot breeze*. At 12 knots, you could easily be flying across the ice at 35 mph. plus. What's the wind speed outside right now? There you go, it's never too late to put a helmet on, grab your mittens and jump on.

The good news: You won't fall through the ice or freeze your _____ s off... today. At least not while you're sitting in front of the fireplace. And just to keep things interesting, we'll leave it up to you to fill in the blank above. I can think of a couple good words - body parts, bet you can too!

* *Want to know more, Dave Webb has stories to tell.*
Cheers to WVSC sailors, ice boats and the heated Barkalounger!

Tech Tip of the Month



A stuck zipper is small potatoes until you want French fries

or... into your cabin. Snap & Zipper LUBRICANT may sound a bit goofy, but it works wonders. The next time you have a stuck zipper try lightly tapping with the square end of a stick and a hammer. If you tap lightly and persist, even the most stubborn of zippers will release. Add a light coating of Zipper Lube and wah-la, life is good.

This stuff works great on snaps too and beats ripping out an otherwise perfectly good snap in your sail covers. Cheers to Zipper Lube.

Out on the Race Course

It's never too early to start acclimating young sailors to *the boat*. I've been working with my great nephew and his booking agent for two years now. I'm trying to get Cruz up from Dallas to spend some time on the water with me. This was a first step. **One hand for the boat, one hand for the red and green M & M's and one hand for the dump truck.** I "camped" out on the boat with Cruz's parents and Cruz - we had a blast. And, Santa's helper doesn't know it yet, but I'm setting the hook! If you have one of these munchkins in your family, maybe we should get together and plan a mutual munchkin Sailfest for next summer.



You don't need to be a racer to join us — sail your own boat, bring your

Tonka toys or just ride along on the Committee Boat. There are a dozen ways to enjoy Wednesday nights on the water, racing or otherwise. And of course, you're more than welcome to join us on the docks for our post race get togethers. Only 78 days until Spring and the start of a new racing season.



LOOK CLOSE



Security Chief Welch *captured* this chilling photo

Thursday, 12.22.22 Bolder Bluff Point, El Dorado State Lake - 2 F.
Thanks for keeping our boats, clubhouse, docks, gates and grounds safe and secure Security Chief Welch. And just so you know, Chief, we appreciate it when you go above and beyond the call of duty...
and capture photos like this one!

For the record: Chief K. Welch, your job is forever secure with WVSC
Thanks again. Looks like that was one heck of a chilly day
to be walking the docks in 40 mph winds!

WVSC Meeting Minutes 12/8/22

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WVSC Board of Governors meeting Agenda

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only 78 days until
SPRING!



Don't Be Shy

We would love to see, hear, and/or read about your **new bike Mike**, 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

Michael Sheppard has been asking for a bike for a tall person for years. **We're happy to report Mike finally got his new bike.**





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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 chill. 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. [Inline skate photo compliments: Brooke Oberly](#)



YOUR COUCH

Happy New Year
Walnut Valley Sailing Club!

We'll see you at the lake this morning!! Bring your hiking boots and a thermos of hot chocolate - extra marshmallows please. Just below the dam.

10:00 A.M. New Years Day!

JOKE OF THE MONTH



I heard First Mate Cheryl Wertheimer got caught shoplifting a SAIL calendar on New Year's Eve?

"Gasp, how embarrassing."

"Yeah Captain - she got 12 months!"

illustration by: Pavlo Syvak

Boats & Gear For Sale

Catalina 22 Sails

1977 Force 5 AMF Sailboat and

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

Hector has a *new Catalina 22*
Bill has a *new Capri 22*
Michael has a *new Catalina 18*

And oh my gosh, who needs a boat survey now?

Only the New Year will tell!



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Committee Reports:**Liaison****Committee Chair****Long Range Planning**

Troy Oberly

Austin Bayes, Chris Proudfoot

No data to report. Intent to promote sailing programs and driving membership. Commodore is pursuing training instruction program.

Powerboats

Preston Brammer

Bart Peace

Have been removed from the water. Bart will continue to be chair. Needs help to keep gas in it. How is it gassed? 5 gallon cans. Strait gas, non ethanol. Caseys and QT have this.

Regarding boats, one Whaler has a new motor, second has had work done on the motor. Believe both are 4 stroke motors. The other pontoon is clubs, intent use for a work platform. Might be a good idea to sell this. Aluminum pontoons and frame, wood deck.

Harbor

Kevin Welch

Charlie Volk

Dock electricity is being checked, other than reported electric issues with the bubbler unit. High winds have not caused any problem.

Activities Center

Paul Schye

Doug Albro

Nothing to report, will call Janine to see if she wishes to do cleaning again this year.

Membership

Ardie Condon

Katy Brammer

Is looking for an application. Katie Brammer has not officially accepted this (yet).

Are we charging initiation fee for memberships this year. Will waive if they volunteer for a committee. Most have paid the fee.

Motion is made to waive charge initiation fee if new member joins a committee. Chris Proudfoot is the mover, Paul Schye seconds. This motion passes. "Waive the initiation fee if they join a committee".. Charlie has been keeping the map of slips. The treasurer (Preston) assigns locations following payment. This is written into the by-laws.

There is Interest of adding years joined to the membership roster data. (Doug had offered to help with this.)

Sail Training

Chris Proudfoot

Stuart Funk

Nothing to report. Paul mentions would like to see some adult training. Classroom, and then some sailing to follow up. Suggestion to do some Person Overboard training. Way to do some additional private lessons, directed at specific (even safety) skills.

Archivist

Troy Oberly

Chris Proudfoot

Chris took possession of two legal file cabinets, now located in the clubhouse. Records are trending toward being mostly electronic. Charlie keeps these with the web site. Records to back to the 1930's.

Public Relations/Media

Chris Proudfoot

Charlie Volk

Charlie reports looking into some improvements, updating membership. Need input for what to put in the learn to sail pages. Commodore will forward applications to

committee. This information should also go to Preston as part of his assignment duties.. Will confer with Preston with relation to yearly County survey.

Finance

Preston Brammer

Greg Rinker

- County requires us to inventory the boats located on our property . Due 15 March.
- Commodore will look into pricing and data for young sailors and adult sailor's clubs. Can these pieces of web site be deactivated until we are ready to implement these?
- No November expenditures to report. No change from annual meeting. 22 people have not paid as yet. Will follow this up with a phone call.
- Volunteer sign-up sheets were sent in from the ones that have paid.
- The registrations for our boats and STEP boats are coming up due. These came out of STEP's budget in the past.

Dry Storage

Troy Oberly

Stuart Funk

There is a weed plan in effect. Going to spray ourselves. With correct chemicals, and equipment this can be completed in about an hour. Looking at first thaw in March to begin this activity.

Building and Grounds

Troy Oberly

Mike Shepherd

Previous discussion about parking lot, for sealing lot is about 3x the cost as before. There are several new cracks appearing. New concern about ignoring the issue. Pave-The-Way has done the task previously. Looking to get a firmer/better price. Kevin Welch moved o allow Troy Oberly to reach out to PTW to get BAFO and get this completed. Preston Brammer seconded. Discussed getting recommendation as to when this is can be completed. The Motion passed.

Calling

Julie Barth

DeAnne Gadalla

Sent texts related to the Christmas party. One member did not want texts. Should there be an opt-out option? Some members have asked for no notifications at all (previously).

Racing Activities

Preston Brammer

Blaine Van Dam

At a standstill. Had some discussion about winter get-togethers to discuss racing, tactics, rules. Looking to organize these. Blain has agreed to continue as chair.

Social Activities

Julie Barth

Tedd Blankenship

Christmas party is Saturday. Several member signups have been willing to help with Social.

Government Relations

Troy Oberly

Gene Nold, ~~Chris Proudfoot,~~
Mike Sheppard

Nothing really new. Some dock floats have been delivered to our dry storage by the Parks Dept. Interest in generating a list of required equipment that the park police may

check for. Invite them to a social event. It was agreed to drop the multi-chairmanship previously noted. Gene Nold will be the chair.

Security Kevin Welch (None)

Have been out where the front gate has been open. Do we need signs?. Would be nice to get a checklist posted in the Windword.

Sailing Activities Kevin Welch Troy Oberly

Looking to identify the activities into the mix by February. Hope to tie these to Social Calendar as well. Discussed the traditional Long distance race to other marina and back. Suggestion for a 24 hour under sail event (on a full moon night) , Poker Run is popular. Sail to camp-out beyond B dock. Scavenger Hunt. Pirate day with water balloons. Watermelon Rescue. Something with watermelon (man overboard?)

Socials to be on days not racing activities. Racers don't stay long during socials.

5. Business Calender

Preston to distribute the business calendar. Look into concessionaire's agreement. Paul to provide.

6. Old Business:

- a. Where are we with the crack filling of the parking lot?
 - i. This was dealt with earlier.

Paul Schye: Would like to see some AED and CPR training something near beginning of the year. This could be combined with a social event. Do this at the boathouse. Take about an hour. Wouldn't be a certificate class. Bart would probably like to help.

Commodore indicated his intent to look for a different place to meet. Andover was \$15 at Pizza Hut. Was suggested, also Augusta Pizza Hut.

Group to give input to other alternatives.

Correction: Rjbarth55@gmail.com

7. Motion to Adjourn:

Chris Proudfoot moves to adjourn and James McEwen seconds. The motion passes.