THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

MAY 2023



Word from the Commodore:

COMMODORE Stuart Funk 620-382-5866 BOARD MEMBERS

Kevin Welch

It's good to see all the boats floating again, thank you to everyone who helped bring the Catalina 30 up from the depths of the lake. Saturday's boat launch went well, except for the fact the weather did not cooperate with us and no boats were launched. A huge thank you to Richard and Julie for cooking the hotdogs and everything. Hopefully it will warm up and the wind will ease off a little so we can launch and sail. I will be teaching a hands only CPR with AED on Saturday May 6th @ 1300 after the Sail training Gene and Gary are planning. Well I think that is all for now, may the sun warm your soul and the wind fill your sails and take you to destinations unknown.

Thank you and God Bless, Stuart

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Kevin & Brenda Welch the Jack and Jill of all things WVSC!

I'm originally from NE Kansas, the small town of Frankfort, which is north of Manhattan. My wife Brenda and I have five children - four boys and a girl. We have five grandchildren, four under the age of three and one fourteen - going on twenty!



I learned to sail on Toronto Lake with my father when I was about 10. He also learned to sail that week so we spent a lot of time

turtled. I grew up around powerboats and learned to water ski at an early age on Tuttle Creek Reservoir. There was something about the power of the wind and sailing that intrigued me, and I knew then that someday I would learn to sail my own boat. Our first boat was a Hunter 260 that we purchased from Action Marine (the Webbs) in 2006. I went through the sailing program and joined the club at that time. I was actively sailing for three

years and not very active in the club socially. I had a toddler and a work schedule that did not allow for much time on the water. It wasn't until I retired in 2018 that we became more involved in the sailing and social side of the club and we have thoroughly enjoyed both. Brenda has become a very good skipper and I'm getting better at handling the lines. We've made some very good friends through the club. Brenda told me the other day that WVSC has been good for me. I would have to agree. Last year I started crewing for Blaine on his Catalina 22 and I've learned a great deal about racing from him. I've also learned a lot about sailing from a number of WVSC sailors by asking questions and watching. I do a lot of both. Sailing and WVSC have become a big part of our lives. Our oldest grandson is taking lessons this summer and we hope our other grandchildren, two boys and two girls; will become interested in sailing as well.

Each WVSC board member has been invited to share a bio. and a photo or two. Kevin is our jovial Security Chief, Harbor Master Junior... and a solid second place finisher in the game of *horse* every day at the El Dorado Y. Brenda retired a few days ago after working 40 years for the same company, her immediate plans are to sign Kevin up for several more WVSC committees - soon. Thanks for sharing Kevin! Congratulations Brenda!



Glad you're here!

Welcome

It just doesn't get much better than that!

Jeff & Sandee Yost are from Clearwater, Kansas and will be sailing a Capri 26 quite briskly. It seems all of the Capri's at WVSC are brisk and the few Capri's that aren't, tend to be... really quick.

Jeff & Laurie Klein and the Klein family will be sailing a Hunter 28. Actually it's not just a Hunter 28 - It's David & Gwynne Bonifield's former 28 which we all know well; a real beauty of a boat! Hats off to Dave and Gwynne Bonifield. They sailed a wonderful boat and kept it looking gorgeous for many years. Congratulations to the entire Klein family. We're happy to have you *and* to see the Hunter 28 stay with us all at WVSC.

Francis Nicholson II is semi retired and is looking for a boat. Little does he know, it seems to be the norm around WVSC to own three boats - or more. So maybe Francis is actually looking for *a few boats*, he just doesn't know it yet. *Francis goes by "Bill."

Welcome one and all. We look forward to getting to know each of you and sharing all that Walnut Valley Sailing Club has to offer.

Cheers, and welcome aboard WVSC Sailors! We're truly glad you're here.

All the Cool Boats Stretch and Sail

Saturday, May 20th 9:00 AM on the docks



- Come out and join the fun, stretch or no stretch!
- We will be hosting guests as well from The El Dorado YMCA
- Guaranteed prizes for the first 75 sailors on the docks at nine



May:

• Race Training followed by CPR & AED Itraining; come for one or the other - or both! Saturday, May 6th, Race training 10:00 CPR-AED training: 1:00 PM

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June:

- Moon Light Sail 6/3
- Raft Up & Tapas 6/13
- 24 Hours on the Water 6/14
- Long Distance Race 6/17

July:

- 14.2 & or Pram Mini Regatta 7/1
- Watermelon Run and Watermelon Feed 7/15
- Karaoke Night & Shrimp Boil 7/22

August:

- Scavenger Hunt 8/12
- Captain's in the Galley Cook Off 8/19
- Polka Dance 8/19

September:

- Beyond B Docks 9/2
- Karaoke Night & Shrimp Boil 9/9
- Moonlight Sail 9/29

October:

• End Of Race Party Invitational - 10/14

As always, nothing is set in stone. If you have an idea for a social or sailing activity, or would like to help out, let us know. Contact any board member,

Julie Barth 316-644-4582 or Tedd Blankenship 316-775-1064

Think Rain



We're on the Calendar! WVSC Summer Sailing Academy, 2023

First session:

Novice sailors June 5-9 M, T, Th, F Noon to 6:00 PM \$150. Ages 8 and up. Maximum 10 students

Second session:

Intermediate sailors, June 12-16 M T Th F. Noon to 6 PM \$175. Ages 8 and up. Maximum 10 students

Adult sailors:

June 19-24, M T Th F 6:30 pm to 8:00 PM; will be on-the-water Saturday, 8:00 - 4:00 on keel boat \$250. Includes a provisional membership when completed Limited enrollment

Is that... Joseph Gadalla before the beard and baritone voice? Look mom, he's cleaning tables and chairs and seems to be enjoying it!

photo courtesy of: WVSC Summer Sailing Academy

Contact: Stuart Funk 620-382-5866



Sailors - Singers Foot Tappers & Musicians

We want you! If you like to sing, sail, play music or just tap your foot, give us a call! We're putting together an informal group to "entertain" the masses at a couple of our WVSC Socials.



Contact Paul Schye: <u>p.e.schye@gmail.com</u> or Rick Brandorff <u>brandorff@sbcglobal.net</u>

JUST BEYOND B DOCKS



Club History and the Development of the Fiberglass Snipe in Wichita

Vern Walker built cedar plank Snipes at his boat works in Wichita in the 1940's through the 1960's. They were sold all over the U.S. Ted Wells and crew, Art Lippitt sailed his Walker built boat and won the 1947 Nationals. Don MacIvor, took second place. In 1948 Ted Wells won the World Championship in Geneva Switzerland. In 1949 Ted again won the National championship and won the World Championship in 1950. All these sailors were long time members of the Wichita Sailing Club that was located on Santa Fe Lake. In 1950 Ted wrote the book "Scientific Sailboat Racing" which became a very well read book in the Snipe class.

In the 1960's Francis Lofland, Ted Wells, Art Lippitt and Jon Rix (Ken Rix's Father) all engineers at Beech Aircraft developed the first fiberglass Snipe using the *Walker Snipe* to build a mold. Shortly thereafter the Lofland Sail-Craft Boat Company was born and began production of fiberglass Snipes. Dick Caspari worked for Lofland Sail-craft at that time and left Lofland to start his own company, Southern Yachts, building the fiberglass Snipe.

Ted, Art, Jon and Dick were all members of the Wichita Sailing Club and sailed on Santa Fe Lake. When the club moved to El Dorado, Jon Rix, Don MacIvor and Art Lippitt did not survive to see the club move. Ted Wells did not want to be a part of the move and shortly after the move retired from sailing. Dick Caspari recently retired and closed Southern Yachts. To this day, Dick is a proud member of WVSC.

In the 50's and 60's many of the Snipe sailors would meet in the spring at Don Maclvor's house in Wichita with their boats. Hulls were prepared for racing, boats given extra TLC and occasionally, a beer was consumed along with many sailing tales.

Each Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon at Santa Fe lake, before the races, the Snipes would be turned on their side and the bottoms would be polished to a glass like finish. Racing in those days, tended to be much more serious than it is today.

There was a women's Auxiliary from the time the Wichita Sailing club was established in 1937 until it was dissolved in 1988 when the club reorganized, renamed and moved to El Dorado. The Auxiliary was very active organizing the social activities of the club. The Auxiliary was composed of the women of the club. They had their own budget which was separate from the club budget and they controlled all the funds that were raised with the parties, dinners and fund raising events. They had their own officers that were appointed by the Auxiliary members. The Auxiliary was a very strong and active group of the club. Perhaps an Auxiliary group should be considered and reactivated.

Gary Pierce

Gary and Jayne Pierce joined Walnut Valley Sailing Club before WVSC existed and time was recorded on an abacus. If you have a question about your boat, our docks, racing, club history or the Mesozoic Era, ask one of the Pierce's. They were there, they'll know.

Triple Dog Dare You



How to recover from a broach. A good skill to have in your bag of tricks.

Tech. Tip of the Month

MarkSetBot offers robotic buoys and integrated course-

setting technology for sailboat racing that makes race management simple, accurate and sustainable. - NO anchors - no lines - no chains -



Experienced these amazing race marks in action last month at the North Sails Performance Race Week clinic in Austin, Texas:

- entirely self propelled controlled using a smart phone and GPS
- start lines and course setups remain pinpoint accurate all day long
- wind, waves and current have no effect on positioning as the bots continuously adjust themselves to stay put - all without anchors or line
- watched in amazement as "the Bots" self propelled themselves back to the docks when thunderstorms approached
- "Go home bot click. Done!"

Out on the Race Course



R/C SCHEDULE CLICK HERE



Click on the schedule at left to view the

2023 race schedule - R/C duty signups.

Race Training sessions will be held this Saturday, May 6th and in early June: Gene Nold and Gary Pierce will lead. All are welcome!

Any race watch worth it's salt can easily be set to count down a start time from 1 minute to

3 minutes to an hour or more... in seconds! The watch at right is a Clear Start by Ronstan. They go for about \$85 and have many other race worthy features - all easy to navigate on



WVSC Board of Governors Meeting Agenda April 14, 2023, 7:00 PM Butler County EMS Station 1

Click the button below to view the April Meeting Minutes in full.

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Don't Be Shy

We would be delighted to hear about your new glass blowing hobby or how you built a backyard tele transporting machine used to travel to distant galaxies, actually we'd love to hear about anything you've been up to lately, sailing or otherwise.



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We know you've been thinking about it... go ahead, give us a call!

\$10 per hour up to 10 hours. We need you! Work Credit 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, and the dress code is always bow tie and blue blazer casual. If you're experiencing a slight tingling all over your body, please contact a board member today!



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



YOUR COUCH

Race Training followed by CPR & AED training Saturday, May 6th 10:00 AM

All The Cool Boats Stretch and Sail

Saturday, May 20th 9:00 AM

JOKE OF THE MONTH



Where do mathematicians go sailing?

indices

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



1985 Ocean Voyager mark ii \$15,000

Great Blue water boat with full keel. It was built in St Petersburg Florida. I had the interior Teak wood restored last year. It has brand new sails that have never been used as well as a set of original sails. I spend too much time working offshore to enjoy this jewel. I will consider reasonable offers. It is stored at the Ninnescah Yacht Club at Cheney Lake. SCOTT GRAY <u>spg357@gmail.com</u> link below:

https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/14459 93979558149/?mibextid=dXMIcH

Hobie Cat 18 ft. Catamaran



1987 Hunter 28.5 With Trailer Walnut Valley Sailing Club Congratulations to the Klein Family! We're glad to have you. Dry Storage Space

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1977 Force 5 AMF Sailboat and Trailer

Extra tiller/rudder and extra centerboard (valued at \$500 each). Work done professionally to fix small cracks. Hull is in good shape & 98% dry! Photo below.

with Trailer

\$400. Includes sails and rigging, extra set of hulls, trapeze harness and related gear. Text Dana Herring at 316-990-7872. Hobie 18 photo below supplied by the editor - Generic photo of a Hobie 18, It is not *THE* boat for sale.





Asking \$1,100. Call or text Deann Gadalla @ 316.217.5014 or <u>deanngadalla@yahoo.</u> <u>com</u>

It's official. We reciprocate with Ninnescah Yacht Club You can list your boats, gear or canned tuna for sale in the Mainsheet and the Windword. Contact Angela at Ninnescah to place your free ad: <u>editor@ninnescah.org</u>

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April 19, 2023, 6:00 pm

Butler County EMS Station 1

701 N Haverhill Rd. El Dorado KS.

1. Call to Order - 18:03 CDT

BOG members -

Commodore: Stuart Funk Vice Commodore: Troy Oberly, Rear Commodore: Chris Proudfoot Treasurer: Preston Brammer Secretary: Doug Albro Board Members: Kevin Welch, Julie Barth, , James McEwen, Ardie Condon.

2. Commodore's Remarks -

Next month we will be meeting at the Club House and hopefully members will join in the fun. Where are we with the flags for the dingy dock?

Julie was going to ask Richard about this. Discussed again, later in minutes; the original flag selection was not available.

I am still waiting to see the results from the inspection performed on the hard.

No knowledge of the inspection results from the group assembled. Commodore wishes to be in compliance when we open up the shop for the summer.

Have we made contact with the owner of the Catalina "fish tank"? Boat in storage area is filled with water.

Preston Brammer sent a certified letter to the owner. The letter was received and signed, but has not been responded. This owner is not current with dues for this year. BOG interest is to remove the boat from the dry storage area. Issues of disposal were discussed if there is no response from the owner. If a true disposal, some of the parts may be re-purposed. There is precedent for previous disposals processed by WVSC. Keel is 500 lb of cast iron will have some value, perhaps covering the cost of disposal.

Lake elevation is at 1,335.99.

March Meeting Minutes Approval -

Ardie Condon moves approval of the minutes from the March meeting. Troy Oberly seconded; the minutes were approved.

Membership Concerns -

Thoughts of getting internet access out to the clubhouse. Cox is \$\$\$, requires business account for Non-profit's. Will look into the El Dorado provider and costs.

New Business -

There are some people interested in Membership.

- Jeff Yost has a Capri 26 (Clearwater).
- Jeff Klein has a Hunter 28.5 (was Dave Bonifield's)
- Francis Nicholson II is looking for a boat. He is Semi Retired.

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The BOG voted to approve membership for Jeff Yost, Jeff Klein and Francis "Bill" Nicholson II by separate votes. The membership of each is pending payment of dues.

The group discussed some of the welcoming activities. Thought that we might consider putting together a "welcome packet". It was noted that this had been done at some point in the past

Committee Reports:	Liaison	Committee Chair
Long Range Planning	Troy Oberly	Austin Bayes, Chris Proudfoot.

Troy will organize a meeting to discuss implementing WiFi at the clubhouse. There are numerous positive reasons for obtaining service, including weather safety, and security. Chris noted that there may have been some previous issues raised by members related use of security cameras on our premises.

Stuart related a recent visit to the clubhouse, where the picnic area was being used by nonmember state park visitors. He politely advised that this was a private area of the park, for club members only.

Troy suggested putting a sign or signs on the structure as "Private Pavilion" on the picnic area. Additional discussion noted that something like a ring camera would allow us to see someone trying to enter the docks, or someone misusing parking and picnic areas. Use of a fish-eye lens to see parking lot. *[We have witnessed motorcycles riding on the decking in the recent past].*

BOG questioned "Do we need to make this a board decision? Does it need membership input?" Chris Proudfoot believes this would be a BOG decision. It was suggested that we can raise the question via the Windword and ask for member comments. Members would be invited to provide input about the proposal. We will send a request to Ted Blankenship for Windword distribution. This would describe the usage as for security purposes.

Powerboats

Preston Brammer

Bart Peace

Need to revamp the lights on the boat. The depth finder has worked well before. Saturday weather looks iffy at this writing. Saturday is "Launch Day" (with requisite social activity).

Plans to get the Whalers out may also need to be postponed. Will put them in water and slips at a time closer to the sailing classes.

Harbor

Kevin Welch

Charlie Volk

The clubhouse is open, water is on. Outdoors, the team has fixed some leaking pipes. Deck plank replacement Phase II will get started. Charlie will work on this.

Stuart noted that the County Water Rescue unit would be willing to do "training exercise" and bring in some heavy equipment to raise the boat that sunk in its slip recently. The county would need indemnification from the owner to allow their participation. Stuart and Kevin will coordinate.

Activities Center

Paul Schye

Doug Albro

Clubhouse is open, water is on. A Shower curtain needs to be replaced; The weekly cleaning will begin this week. Thank you JaNine !

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Membership

Ardie Condon

Katy Brammer

As noted earlier, the BOG has approved three new members. Ardie noted that the Membership Handbook is in the members area of the website. Rules and regulations are there, along with some dated material.

There was some discussion about a there is in work, an expected application for a junior membership. We had no application paperwork as yet, but expect this soon.

Sail Training

Chris Proudfoot

Stuart Funk

We have two trainees wanting to sign up for the Sailing Training at this writing. It was noted that they must pass the boating safety test as part of the application.

Discussion noted that Charlie Volk does the website, and DeAun does the Facebook site. Application forms can be placed for Facebook access as well.

In May we will get the boats moved down to the docks. Chris thinks we need to replace the hiking straps. Seatbelt material is low cost at The Yard. Some tires may need attention.

The Sonar Keel is going to take a LOT of grinding, and then re-glassing and painting. There was no actual crack, only the hull to keel separation line. We need to re-check the keel nuts.

Need to check out Goetz' boat. Hunter 25.5 Name is Happily Ours. Noted this boat is a bit more stable and friendly to new adult students. Members who will be helpers orientation will be June 3rd. (First Saturday in June)

Archivist

Troy Oberly

Chris Proudfoot Will keep archiving the minutes. All is in the cabinets in the clubhouse. Previous meeting minutes

are in these cabinets.

Public Relations/Media Chris Proudfoot Charlie Volk

Updates to the club website have been discussed with web provider. Our changes are actually fairly small; if we are patient, the programmer will do the updates, gratis. The handbook may be out of date for fees, and dues, but these are correct in other website locations. The membership list is up to date.

It was suggested we remove fees and dues, out of the manual. It would then be a fairly static document.

Finance

Preston Brammer

Greg Rinker

Stuart Funk

Finance statements are provided. Our bills are up to date, including insurance. We have two outstanding member accounts. Not sure addresses are correct; one letter came back undelivered. Sam has also sent out reminders. We need to get delinquents to sign new lease agreements as payments are made.

Dry Storage

Troy Oberly Need to get the tongue extenders out for the Launch Day.

Looks good. There is a work bench in the building with lots of tools that have been left. Will be getting rid of rusty crusty tools. Troy is going to use leaf blower to clean out dust. Leaves, mud-dauber mess. The gas cans are in the locker. Batteries will come back Saturday. Chemicals from last year are still in the building, we will attempt to use the existing materials first. Intend to get dye to show where herbicide has been applied. [Club colors blue and gold were suggested.]

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Building and Grounds

Troy Oberly

Mike Shepherd

Signs are around the grounds are fading. Troy will look to touch up some faded signage. Will start into the cutting season shortly.

There is some painting needing to be done on garage door trim, etc.

The team will spruce up wind breaks for picnic area. Put the nautical flags for WVSC.

There was a question whether the flags are in Harbor budget or Building and Grounds. Flags are 18 by 36 inches. Noted that Kent Carter does great "sewing" work.

After agreeing to go ahead and get 6 plain ones now for \$8.32 each blue color., then investigate getting others, however these were discovered (during the meeting) to be out of stock. The group agreed this a budget item, not requiring a specific board action. Group will get Mike Shepherd or Charlie Volk to weigh in as budget focals. After more discussion the BOG agreed that Ideally, one blue flag, one gold flag, and then the letters for WVSC nautical flags would be purchased/fabricated..

Troy will apply some liquid pepper spray to some of our trees to discourage a pair of beavers that have been seen and are active on our premises.

Calling (& Texting)	Julie Barth	DeAnne Gadalla
We will send out info for the Saturday gathering.		

Racing Activities	Preston Brammer	Blaine Van Dam		
First race is May 3 rd	Training Session is April 29 at 10 am to 2 p	m at the club house. This is for		
committee people a	nd other interested parties. May 6 th is a rac	ce training session. Gene and Gary		
will lead this. There will also be May 13 training session.				
It was noted that sev	veral/some racing members are not happy v	with the new pre-race format " $3-2$		
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-1". A number of sailors are having struggle with the timing. There is some software or gadget that can automate this. Pricing was not known.

The thought had been that we would try this system for this year to see if it works.

It was also noted that no known members are attempting to go to nationals this year.

We still have intent to offer a CPR training class immediately following the May 6th racing training.

Social Activities	Julie Barth	Tedd Blankenship
We are planning to have	e a social activities event to go with Laund	ch Day. Would consider move to
Sunday if the Launch Da	y moves. Saturday is expected to be very	windy. Will have 4 hour event.
Hotdogs and Brats for th	ie noontime.	

Still to come: Yoga on the Docks.

Government Relations	Troy Oberly	Gene Nold
The roads are done, and goo	d job was done, in two different plac	es.
Security So far so good.	Kevin Welch	(None)
Sailing Activities Water and weather will dete	Kevin Welch rmine.	Troy Oberly
Business Calendar - No discussion.		

WVSC Board of Governors Meeting Agenda April 19, 2023, 6:00 pm

Old Business -

Group discussed Rules and Regulations....regarding children. There is some vagueness "What is a small child" and what is "the harbor area". Our rule is that children must wear life jackets while in the harbor area. Life jackets are required for on the dock.

Kansas boating requirement is that On a boat, life vests are required for children trough 12 years We noted that jackets are worn full time by all participants, during training activities.

Motion to Adjourn -

Ardie Condon moved to adjourn, seconded by Julie Barth. Time out: 20:35 CDT.

Addendum Materials:

- Membership Applications Approved by BOG
- Financial Statements.