# THE WINDWORD

# The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

**JUNE 2023** 



# Word from the Commodore:

I'm back, well if you didn't miss me it's alright. I went to the East Coast to ride my bicycle in a 500 mile National EMS Memorial Bike Ride that started in Boston Massachusetts and ended in Washington

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DC. Myself along with 100+ other EMS personnel from around the Nation spent the Preston week of May 13th through May 19th riding in Honor of those who have served in EMS and have lost their lives. We had countless ceremonies and one day we rode 111.4 miles. We were not concerned with petty differences or

other trivial issues, we just wanted to bring awareness to EMS Providers everywhere. 114 Honoree's names were called out at each ceremony, for each name the bell was rung and a tear fell.

May you all have fair winds and following seas this summer, see you at the Club.

Stuart

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# Meet Jim McEwen from Texas:

I'm from Texas, but

not all of it, the Panhandle, West of Houston, East of Houston (beautiful Piney Woods), Dallas/Ft. Worth, and Beaumont; Tammy is also from Texas, "The Valley", and New Braunfels (home of the Mighty Unicorns and Wurstfest).



For the past 32 blissful years we have lived our married life in Kansas (Neodesha, Chanute and Winfield). We have two boys that live in Southeast Kansas with their families. Our grand children, ages 19 to 6, 5 girls and 4 boys are the most! We also have 3 great grand children (10 months, 2 and 5).

I began sailing in 1976 with my father and mother on a large lake in

East Texas (Lake Livingston). The craft was a 24 foot Sloop-SailStar from Bristol Rhode Island . I have no idea how a sailboat from Rhode Island ended up in deep East Texas in the 70's but I am fortunate as a result.

Through sailing I have experienced: A spring storm with winds of 40 mph and 4 foot rolling waves crashing over the deck; A trip in a bosun chair to the top of a 45 foot mast in a sleet storm; A night sail alone as lightning struck the boat and damaged the seal around the coupling that joined the tiller and rudder, (yes, water was "trickling" into the side of the boat that is supposed to stay dry); and a sailboat played a huge part in maintaining our sanity in the COVID years as Tammy and I spent our weekends on our 26 foot S2 at the WVSC harbor.



Today, Tammy is a superb first mate and becoming very comfortable with sailing. We both look forward to the friendship and enjoyment around the docks on the weekends we show up. Since retiring in December my ambition is to become more helpful around the docks, clubhouse, dry docks and grounds and even eventually with the race committee.

So many members share their stories of wisdom and tomfoolery, which really makes WVSC a place of continued learning and growing.

Each WVSC board member has been invited to share a bio. and a photo or two. This month we're featuring Jim McEwen and of course First Mate Tammy too! Next month Paul Schye. Thanks Jim and Tammy.

# All the Cool Boats Stretch and Sail!

 Saturday, June 10, 9:00 on the docks for a fun stretch.



- On the water at 10:00 for a morning sail. Join us!
- We had nearly 40 folks participate in May! Coffee, rolls, fresh fruit etc. provided by WVSC members. Good times!



"What a wonderful morning it was last Saturday doing Pilates on the docks with Kierra from the El Dorado YMCA. Our docks provided a beautiful setting and introduced a lot of new folks to Walnut Valley Sailing Club. Everyone that participated is already excited about next month. Great times and great PR!" -Ardie Condon-

A few of the WVSC members that gave it their all: Ardie Condon, Dean Gadalla, Richard & Julie Barth, Preston & Kate Brammer, Tedd Blankenship, Janet Van Epps, Jim & Tami McEwen, Bob the dog. Not pictured: Kevin Welch, Sorry if I missed you. The editor was practicing the inverted pretzel and probably couldn't see past my own knees. Cheers. We'll get you next time.

# 2023 WVSC Socials Sailing Activities Calendar

# The Strawberry Moon, June's full moon is not so

named because it necessarily looks like the fruit. Red-colored moons get their hue from their proximity to the horizon. The closer the moon is to the horizon, the more atmosphere its light rays must travel through, and the redder the moon appears.



"Apricot Moon" photo by Julie Barth

# June:

# Strawberry Moon Raft Up - 6/3

This Saturday! Meet on the docks at 5:00. We'll head out at 5:30 and raft up together in the first cove south of WVSC. Bring Tapas to share & your choice of drink. Pizza served. Don't have a boat but want to join in, just let us know!

**RSVP helpful** - Julie Barth 644-4582 or Tedd Blankenship 775-1064

# All the Cool Boats Stretch and Sail - 6/10

9:00 AM on the docks for a low key, easy going, relaxed, no pressure Yoga-esque class....then we're on the water for a sail! We had close to 40 folks on the docks in May and a good time was had by all! Come join the fun and stretch from a chair if you like, you won't be alone!!

# Long Distance Race & Speling B - 6/17

Just what the name implies... it's a Long Distance Race & Speling B. Skippers meeting at 9:30 AM - race starts at 10:00. Prizes for those that can spell the longust word correctley and cover the Long Distance Race - briskly. (as defined by Webber)

# • 24 Hours on the Water - 6/24

Meet on the docks at 10:00 AM and check in. Plan to sail out of the cove "together" around 11:00 AM. We'll decide June 14th the cove we want to camp in... or find your own Shangri-La!

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 More 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

# Contact: Stuart Funk 620-382-5866

# JUST BEYOND B DOCKS



# The Wednesday Morning Breakfast Club - Ain't Just All Fun & Games

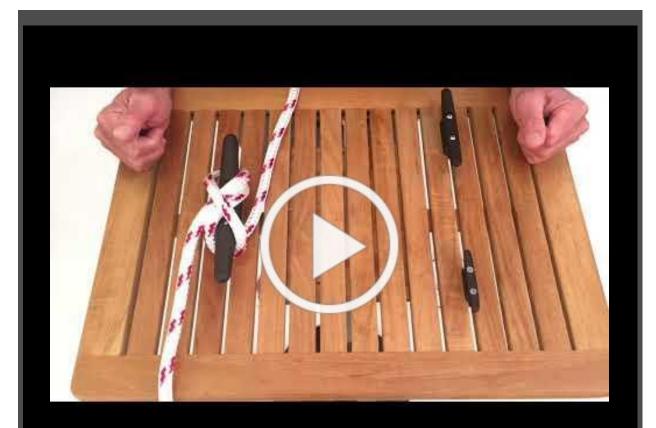
This particular work day distinguished WMBC workers were out checking water depths and obstructions in the water prior to launch day.

Below is one of the many obstructions we found - basically a moon scape in the first cove south of WVSC. Most of the trees, brush, and rocks are in clear view, but skippers need to be vigilant and not catch themselves "Asleep at the Helm." Pictured left to right - top to bottom: Harbor Master - Charlie Volk at the helm. Harbor Master JR - Kevin Welch First Mate - Richard Barth Race Chief - Blaine Van Dam **Not pictured but on board and working too:** Best Skipper on the Planet - Captain Preston Brammer Hector Camacho - Stearman pilot ?? Catalina 22 Skipper



Moonscape discovered, photographed, documented by WMBC Workers - located in the first cove South of Walnut Valley Sailing Club. The rest of this cove has an average water depth of 10 - 15 feet and is a safe anchorage.

# Triple Dog Dare You!



Take the quiz below, then decide if we're beating a dead horse. Who knows, a few of us old goats may even learn something new. Don't be a chicken, watch like a hawk. Monkey see monkey do. A wise owl once told me, you CAN teach an old dog new tricks... now that would be something to crow about.

The quiz:

- 1. How do you determine if the size of your line is properly fitted to the size of your cleat?
- Your line keeps slipping on your cleat, what is the remedy if you have no other line on hand to use? There is one correct way to cleat a line and every sailor should learn it. Universally accepted world wide. True - False

# Tech. Tip of the Month



This is a great light to have on board. Snap it on to any rail and it stays put. I turned my Mantis light on the other night and left it on all night long. At 7:00 AM the next morning it was still going strong. And... you won't find better customer service а department anywhere. These folks stand behind their products 110%. If you have a question, they answer promptly. One of my favorite tools, one of my favorite companies.

- Snaps on Tight
- Rechargeable led light that SNAPS to the rail
- Warm LED light designed to give the cockpit a cozy feel
- Red LED light to aid with night navigation
- SOS Flashing Mode
- Charging Station for Mobile
   Devices
- Features Auto On in Low Light Conditions setting

# **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 sign-ups.

Race Training sessions planned for June, stay tuned: 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 the fly!

# A quick word from our Security Chief, and I quote:



# "Boats Burn"

Thanks Chief Welch

WVSC Board of Governors Meeting Minutes May 5, 2023, 7:00 PM - WVSC CLUB HOUSE

# Click the button below to view the May Meeting Minutes in full.

# **MAY MEETING MINUTES**

# **Don't Be Shy**

We would be delighted to hear about your new goat yoga hobby or how you built a backyard trebuchet, actually we'd love to hear about anything you've been up to lately, sailing or otherwise. And yes, goat yoga is a real thing.

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



# 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

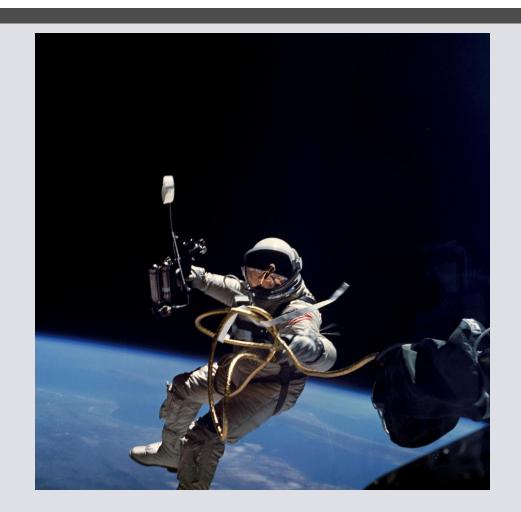
Strawberry Moon Raft Up Saturday, 6/3 5:30 PM

All The Cool Boats Stretch and Sail Saturday, June 10th 9:00 AM

Long Distance Race & Speling B Saturday, 6/17 9:30 AM on the docks

24 Hours on the Water Saturday, 6/24 10:00 AM on the docks

# JOKE OF THE MONTH



How do you tie your spaceship to the dock?

With an astro-naut of course.

# **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



1987 Hunter 28.5 With Trailer Walnut Valley Sailing Club



# **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 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. Congratulations to the Klein Family! We're glad to have you. Dry Storage Space # 104

# **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.





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, goat or Yoga Mat

for sale in the Mainsheet and the Windword. Contact Angela at Ninnescah to place your free ad: editor@ninnescah.org

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# Call to Order – 19:01 CDT

### BOG members -

Commodore: Stuart Funk (absent)

Vice Commodore: Troy Oberly,

Rear Commodore: Chris Proudfoot (absent)

Treasurer: Preston Brammer

Secretary: Doug Albro

Board Members: Kevin Welch (absent), Julie Barth, Paul Schye, James McEwen (absent)., Ardie Condon

El Dorado Lake Pool Elevation is currently 3.2 below the full pool (1,339 ft.).

# Commodore's Remarks –

- "Love the new flags over the dingy dock, they look great. Happy to see more and more members showing up at the club to take classes and get their boats ready for the summer fun. I had 5 in the CPR/AED class."
  - Suggestion to pull the two end flags down (ratty ones) Get some blank ones to replace them.
  - Thanks to the Barths.
- "Does anyone know why the trash dumpster has been switched to a small one and if there are plans to bring back a larger dumpster? "
  - $\circ~$  Unknown why the change was made. The park pays for the trash service. Questions should go to them.
- "I will not be at the meeting, I will be on my way to Boston Massachusetts to begin the 400+ mile bicycle ride for The National EMS Memorial bike ride Honoring those in EMS who have died."

# **April Meeting Minutes Approval –**

Paul Schye moves approval, Preston seconds. Minutes are approved.

# **Membership Concerns -**

Supplies for the clubhouse. These are needed, Paul went to get these. Thank you We need some scotch guard sponge combo's for the kitchen. Need some Dawn. We need to get a new shower curtain (Heavy duty) Paul looks in the water closet and and notes that the missing shower curtain is back.

### May 12, 2023, 6:00 pm

Noted that there have been some grumblings about the shed in the storage lot. People want it cleaned out and rusty tools, etc removed. Troy indicates the Intent (very soon) to do a deep clean. People need to get their stuff out.

People have complained about the plaque on the clubhouse where the paint is peeling Doug is working on this.

# **New Business -**

No specific new business

### **Committee Reports:**

# LiaisonCommittee ChairLong Range PlanningTroy OberlyAustin Bayes, Chris Proudfoot.Discussed that these are pretty wide angle, agreement on each of the docks, and a walkway can view<br/>the pavilion. Expandable seems to be a good idea. We would need to provide local power to each<br/>camera location. Most of those could be on the club-house. We still need to evaluate which budgets<br/>would need to fund the installation, and the camera system. There is \$3700 in the harbor fund, mostly<br/>allocated for dock repairs. WiFi could be a clubhouse convenience. Start small and see how this goes.<br/>Opinion is that this would be a board decision more than a group decision. This should go in the<br/>Windward to get opinions from members funneled int o the board. Michael Z is interested in being on<br/>the Planning Committee. Preston will call him.

Powerboats	Preston Brammer	Bart Peace
	k a lake survey Wednesday. Motor ran we meeting to go over the running of the pov	
Harbor	Kevin Welch	Charlie Volk
No information		
Activities Center	Paul Schye	Doug Albro
Cleaning supplies, and Re	eplacement of the Sign.	
Greg Rinker met with sor with Preston tomorrow (	ne insurance inspectors (Jacob Seady). An second of two policies).	other insurance inspector to meet
Membership	Ardie Condon	Katy Brammer
New member was approv	ved on-line.	
	thought one was coming. Charlie sent one per, whose husband does not qualify (Haye	
Group agrees that there	is no reason to discourage this membersh	ip.
Sail Training	Chris Proudfoot	Stuart Funk
and moved. The whalers	the Sail training. When Stuart returns we need to be put in the water and tested. A will go through motoboat operation, man	ll those who will be safety
Sonar has not been starte	ed up. Plan is to work fiberglass next.	
DeAnne has put new nun	nbers on the 14.2's. They are registered.	

### **Public Relations/Media** Chris Proudfoot Charlie Volk Talked with Charlie, still no action on the list of items for upgrading web page. He will contact provider. Finance Preston Brammer Greg Rinker We paid insurance, and the second half of lease agreement with the state. There were some smaller expenses. It appears that we will go over our insurance budget. We have some people who no longer need a slip, we have some new members. There are still some persons unpaid in memberships. Preston will call two parties who have paid dues, but not slip fees. New members have raised our count to 69 members. **Dry Storage** Troy Oberly Stuart Funk First spraying will occur when Stuart returns. Its just starting to green. The time is right. We will be sure to wear protective covering. We will be adding a dye to make spray coverage visible. We are working on cleaning up trash in there, broken dock floats, in pieces, etc. **Building and Grounds Troy Oberly** Mike Shepherd Building purge is to be soon. Will separate OK tools into a toolbox, others will brought to the front. Will purchase new bins for bolts, etc. Bolts are good, but bins are in bad shape. There is a building model in there, Will bring this out to display during social events. Next couple of weeks. Dilapidation = gone. There is a wind indicator. Not sure if its operable. We will check and put it up its serviceable.

Mowing is underway. Think Safety. Working to keep the original perimeter. 1 P. D. ....

Calling (& Texting )	Julie Barth	DeAnne Gadalla
We have added the new n	nembers to the texting list and have	e sent a text about racing on Saturday.
Let Julie know.		

<b>Racing Activities</b>	Preston Brammer	Blaine Van Dam
	duled for Wednesday (many boats are still unlaun vill have meetings the next 3 Saturdays for Gary Pi	
Noon. Wednesday r	good information for anyone who wants to improv racing begins at 6:00 pm with a skippers meeting, g for the last two Saturdays.	-
Social Activities	Julie Barth	Tedd Blankenship
We have the "Yoga	on the Dock" on the 20 <sup>th</sup> . Rich and Julie will have i	information for 3 June

activities.

### **Government Relations** Trov Oberly Gene Nold No additional information. Roadway is great.

Archivist

### WVSC Board of Governors Meeting Agenda

### May 12, 2023, 6:00 pm

**Troy Oberly** 

Chris Proudfoot

Meeting minutes continue to be archived in clubhouse filing cabinet. Doug, can you send me

another copy of February's minutes? (Doug will do this)

### May 12, 2023, 6:00 pm

### Security

Kevin Welch

(None)

Security was discussed previously. Troy has done some patrolling, and gate checking. Things look tight. Will continue to explore cameras.

### Sailing Activities

### Kevin Welch

Troy Oberly

3 June is the first Activity. Interest in getting "Y" people out on the boats, following yoga. We will invite them to bring paddleboards, kayaks, etc.

# Business Calendar – Charlie says on website, but have not seen it.

### Old Business -

The CPR class was held following the racing meeting last Saturday. It was very good. Stuart led this, Preston took the class. It was very informative, and low stress as well. Kudos and thanks to Stuart for leading this. It was a very good refresher. Will text message the next one.

### Motion to Adjourn -

Ardie Condon moved to adjourn, Paul Schye seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Albro, BOG Secretary

### May 12, 2023, 6:00 pm

	Nov '22 - Apr 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget		
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Training Revenue	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00		
Initiation Fees	800.00	8,000.00	-8,000.00		
Interest Income	35.56				
Member Activities	1,520.00	5,000.00	-3,480,00	1. 19	
Membership Fees					
Membership Dues	26,109.00	24,750.00	1,359.00		
Work Credit Adjustment	-1,860.00				
Total Membership Fees	24,249.00	24,750.00	-501.00		
Miscellaneous Income Rentals	333.00				
Dry Storage Rental	11,100.00	11,300.00	-200.00		
Slip Rentals	11,100,00	11,500.00	-200.00		
Slip Rental - One Year	32,300.00	31,950.00	350.00		
Total Slip Rentals	32,300.00	31,950.00	350.00		
Total Rentals	43,400.00	43,250.00	150.00		-
Total Income	70,337.56	79,000.00	-8,662.44		
Expense					
Annual Meeting Expense	0.00	500.00	-500.00		
Annual Awards/Trophies	390.88	500.00	-109.12		
Committee Expenditures					
Training	90.88	5,650.00	-5,559.12		
Fleet Maintenance - Sailboats	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00		
Activities Center	243.77	5,000.00	-4,756.23		
Buildings & Grounds	4,795.25	7,500.00	-2,704.75		
Dry Storage	488.24	2,200.00	-1,711.76		
Fleet Maintenance- Power Boats	133.42	700.00	-566.58		
Government Relations	0.00	250.00	-250.00		
Harbor	307.70	4,000.00	-3,692.30		
Membership	0.00	750.00	-750.00		
Public Relations	135.00	1,400.00	-1,265.00		
Racing Activities	204.74	500.00	-295.26	1.1.1	
Sailing Activities	0.00	350.00	-350.00		
Security	322.56	700.00	-377.44		
Social Activities	2,900.78	6,000.00	-3,099.22		
Total Committee Expenditures	9,622.34	36,500.00	-26,877.66		
Insurance	23,498.80	23,575.00	-76.20		
Taxes					
Property Taxes	3,526.56	4,000.00	-473.44		
Total Taxes	3,526.56	4,000.00	-473.44		
Fees/Dues/Licenses/Permits/Rent				12 12 201	
Concessionaires Fee	4,825.00				
Licenses & Permits	140.85				
Fees/Dues/Licenses/Permits/Rent - Other	0.00	6,000.00	6 000 00		
Total Fees/Dues/Licenses/Permits/Rent	4,965.85		-6,000.00	-	
General & Admin	1,555.98	6,000.00 3,000.00	-1,034.15	-	

## May 12, 2023, 6:00 pm

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	Miscellaneous Utilities	0.00			
H	Electricity	2,274.09			
	Water	 11.49		0.500.00	
	Utilities - Other	 0.00 2,285.58	6,500.00 6,500.00	-6,500.00 -4,214,42	
	Total Utilities Total Expense	 45,845.99	81,075.00	-35,229.01	
	Ordinary Income	24,491.57	-2,075.00	26,566.57	
Net Incom	e	24,491.57	-2,075.00	26,566.57	
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