

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

AUGUST 2023



Word from the Commodore:

I hope everyone is getting out to the lake and enjoying the sailing season. What am I talking about? The sun is burning everything it touches, and the lake - she's a goin' dry, well not that dry. We can still enjoy this season we just have to adapt by sailing and working on our sailboats in the cooler parts of the day. We all need to be

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careful and take shelter from the heat of the mid-day sun. Don't forget to hydrate with H2O and keep an eye out on your family, friends and neighbors.

Even though the lake is down 4.4 feet from its normal levels it is still sailable, which is more than I can say about some neighboring lakes. Count your blessings, we could be stuck in the mud.

I wish you all fair winds and following seas. See you at the 14.2 Cinco de Regatto.

Sincerely,
Stuart Funk

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Meet Justus Browne: WVSC Sailor of the Month



I have been a part of the Walnut Valley Sailing club for 3 years now, and I think sailing has really become a big part of my life and my family's life. It will definitely be something I continue to do.

Over the past 3 years, I have met many great, fun and interesting people who all treated me like their own family. Sometimes I wish all people could treat others the way we treat each other in the WVS club.

Every time I go out there, I see someone helping a new sailor learn more about their boat. I see a group of people in the water with their life jackets on, drinking beer, smoking, talking and having a good time. After race days, we go sit on the dock to just enjoy the beautiful weather and daylight.

I think we all sail to get our minds off everything, because we all need time to sit back and relax. I am grateful we joined this club because of the opportunities my family and I have had; such as our WVS club classes. When I first heard about the class, my thoughts were about not having any fun. I thought it was going to be like school, but I took a chance on it, and it was interactive and educational. I want to thank Stuart Funk for making it one of the most exciting classes I've ever had. During that week, I learned how to sail and got my certificate. I also made a couple of great friends along the way. It was a great experience!



The Walnut Valley Sailing club has some very different and interesting people but it's those people who tease you for the little mistakes but also teach you how to learn from those mistakes. They are the people you may have just met, but they let you borrow their ukulele in order to learn how to play for singalong night. They are the people who ask how work or school is going. They are the people who will push you off the dock for absolutely no reason, but that's okay because we are a family no matter what.

It may have been a long and stressful day, but in the end we put on a bathing suit, open a cold drink, and take the boat out for a sail.

And all those negative feelings just sail away.
Justus Browne

Future WVSC board members are invited to share a brief bio. and a photo. This month we're featuring **Justus Browne** - age 15. Next month it may be... you! Thanks Justus!

2023 WVSC Socials Sailing Activities Calendar



Commodore Funk lands largest melon on the lake during recent WVSC Watermelon Run. Funk reported this particular melon floated extremely low in the water, put up little to no fight and was obviously left on the vine too long - soft and over ripe.

14.2 Cinco Day Regatta & Club Social Saturday, 8-5

10:00 Skippers Mtg. 10:30 first race

12:00 Lunch - 2 or 3 races after lunch

Cinco Day Regatta Complete and boats put away by 4:00

Happy Hour 6:00, Dinner 7:00

\$5.00 Per person. Please bring a Mexican side to share.

Club to provide main entre' - tacos, enchiladas, fajitas

Wear a Sombrero, Cowboy Hat, Cowboy Boots,

**Bolo Tie or Chaps and get in Free!
Some restrictions apply!**

Click on a box below and let us know...

Cinco de Regatto and/or WVSC FIESTA Social

LOCATION

Walnut Valley Sailing Club

DATE AND TIME

08/05/23 9:30am - 08/05/23 10:00pm

Cinco de Regatto starts with the first race at 10:30 AM. We'll finish by 4:00 PM

WVSC FIESTA begins with Happy Hour at 6:00, dinner at 7:00

**I'll be at the
Cinco de Regatto!**

**I'll be at the
WVSC FIESTA!**

**I'll be at both
events!**

AUGUST

- **Cinco de Regatto & WVSC Fiesta Social - 8-5**
- **Sing Along & Italian Dinner 8-26**
- Scavenger Hunt - on the list - waiting for cooler days -

September:

- Beyond B Docks - 9/2
- Shrimp Boil - 9/9 maybe yes, maybe no
- Moonlight Sail - 9/29

October:

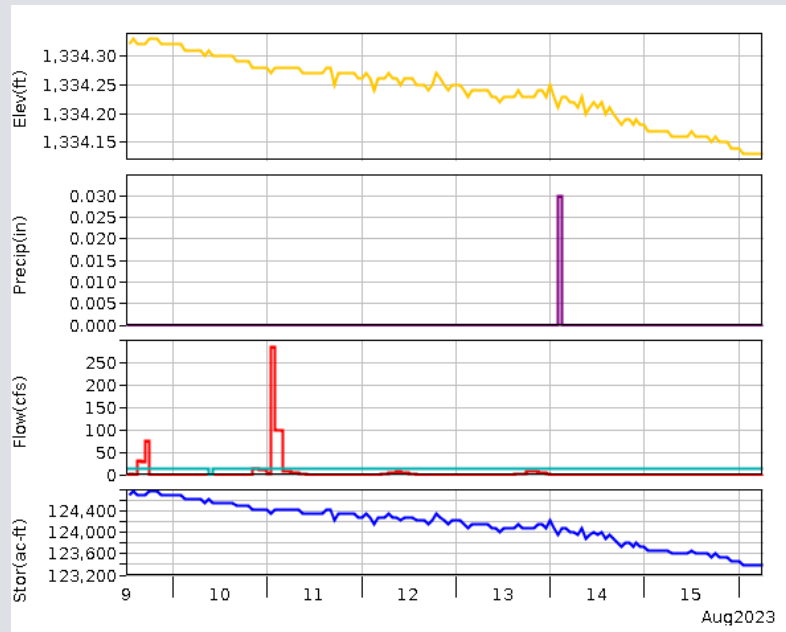
- Polka Dance - Beer brats and burgers - 10-7
- End Of Race Party Invitational - 10/14

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



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JUST BEYOND B DOCKS







Triple Dog Dare You!



WVSC Harbor Master challenges Little Grasshopper to a friendly pole climbing competition. As usual, Harbor Master prevails and wins again. In the end it's all good. Little Grasshopper smiles quietly knowing that the blocks on our hoist have been cleaned and serviced, bearings replaced, lines checked and neatly hanked.

**Raise or lower your mast with confidence skippers.
Our hoist is running smooth as silk - once again.**

Thanks Charlie. Thanks Kevin.

Tech. Tip of the Month

Crank handle clockwise 617 revolutions while humming a sailor song. Rest and repeat. Share frozen contents in a nautically themed bowl with all of your WVSC friends!

Ingredients:

- 8 egg yolks
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 cup whole milk
- 2 cup heavy cream
- 4 teaspoons [vanilla extract](#), or vanilla bean paste

Instructions:

- Add egg yolks and sugar to a medium saucepan and whisk until a light yellow color and well combined. In another small saucepan, heat milk over medium-low heat until it just begins to simmer. Do not stir. Gradually add milk to egg and sugar mixture, stirring constantly. Return to heat until it reaches 165° F, but do not allow it to come to a boil. As soon as it reaches the correct temperature, remove it from the heat. Pour custard base into an airtight container and store in the refrigerator until it chills to 65° F. The longer the custard base chills, the creamier your ice cream will be.



- Once the custard base is ready, stir in the heavy cream and vanilla extract and pour it into your ice cream maker. Proceed according to the Commodore's instructions.

Out on the Race Course



IN THE HEAT OF COMPETITION, WHAT YOU SAY AND HOW YOU SAY IT IS AS IMPORTANT AS WHEN, AND HOW YOU SAY IT.

Hails i.e., “Starboard!” “Room!” or “Leeward boat” while useful, are not required by the rules.

Never hail another boat with false or purposefully misleading information. You may cause a collision or find yourself involved in a protest relative to Rule 16.2.

Hail loud and clear, be concise with your words and follow through with your stated intentions.

A few important hails and when to use them:

- While sailing below the line before the start, hail “**Starboard**” when on starboard approaching boats on port. Collisions occur during this period when crews fail to pay attention to approaching boats.
- Hail “**Starboard**” or “**Leeward boat—keep clear**” when ever you have right of way under Rule 10 or 11 and there is any possibility that the other boat may not see you or may be getting too close.
- When tacking into a close lee bow position under another boat, hail “**Tack complete—close-hauled course**” the instant you are on a close-hauled course. This establishes the moment at which

you are no longer required by Rule 13 to keep clear and you acquire right of way under Rule 11 or 12.

- When you're approaching the mark, usually the committee boat, at the starboard end of the starting line to start and another boat is overlapped with you on your windward side, hail: **"No room for you between me and that mark."** Make your hail firmly, authoritatively, and well before you reach the mark, so there is time for the windward boat to luff up and pass the mark to port. If you wait until the windward boat is unable to avoid passing the mark to starboard, she will have succeeded in barging her way between you and the mark.

- Approaching a mark, if you are definitely clear ahead of a nearby boat, hail **"No overlap"** to her when you are about six lengths from the mark—well before you reach the zone. Similarly, if you definitely have an inside overlap on a boat well before the zone, hail **"Overlap"** to her at that time. These hails can be helpful in two important ways. First, they establish your position at a time when the overlap between you and the other boat either clearly exists or clearly does not exist. Then, if the other boat later claims to have obtained a last-second overlap or to have broken an overlap just before the zone, the onus rule (Rule 18.2(d)) will favor you should you end up in the protest room.

"Tack or cross?" In many fleets the hail you hear most often is, **"Tack or cross?"** It's often made by a port-tack boat on a windward leg that would like to cross in front of a starboard-tack boat, but isn't sure she can do so without forcing the starboard-tack boat to alter course. The hail is shorthand for "Waive me across your bow and, if need be, bear off to let me cross. If you don't, I'll lee bow you and force you either to tack away or to live in my bad air." If the starboard boat wishes to continue on starboard, it makes sense for her to respond to the hail by hailing, **"Cross"** and signaling to the port-tack boat that she may cross ahead. If you waive her across, you must let her cross and not protest her, even when you have to bear off to do so. Failure to let her cross or protesting her might leave you open to being protested for breaking Rule 2, Fair Sailing.

You are, however, under no obligation to waive port across. You may sail on without responding at all. In that case the port boat is required by Rule 10 to keep clear of you. If you don't wish to waive port across, the prudent thing to do for safety and clarity is to respond to port's hail by hailing back **"Starboard—keep clear of me."**

Excerpts from article first published by
Dick Rose, Sailboat Hailing, January 27, 2011

**R/C SCHEDULE
CLICK HERE**

**Click on the schedule at left to view the
2023 race schedule - R/C duty sign-ups.**

**WVSC Board of Governors Meeting Minutes
July 6th, 2023, 6:30 PM - WVSC CLUB HOUSE**

Click the button below to view the

July Meeting Minutes in full.

JULY WVSC BOG MEETING MINUTES

Don't Be Shy

We would be delighted to hear about your **State Championship Title in Western Shooting** or how your racing season is progressing. Actually we'd love to hear about anything you've been up to lately, sailing or otherwise.

And yip sailors, WE DO have a current state champion among us out there on the east end of B docks.

Ask around a bit... you'll find him.



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\$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



To all of our fine WVSC friends out there

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!

working to keep the lights on... thanks. We appreciate your time and effort.

Shout Out to Mark Reeves and his amazing herd of American LaMancha milk goats. Nice, who would've guessed?



YOUR COUCH

Cinco de Regatto & WVSC Fiesta

Sing Along & Italian Dinner

Scavenger Hunt

JOKE OF THE MONTH



An old sea captain was sitting on a bench at WVSC when a young man walked up and sat down. The young man had spiked hair and each spike was a different color.... green, red, orange, blue, and yellow. After a while, the young man noticed that the captain was staring at him. "What's the matter old timer, never done anything wild in your life?"
The old captain replied, "Got drunk once and married a parrot. I was just wondering if you were my son!"

Boats & Gear For Sale

Catalina 22 Sails

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

1 - 135 Genoa Mylar sail good cond. \$200 obo. Also: cabin enclosure fits over popup cabin, zips front & rear for 26' Clipper Marine \$150 obo.

Contact Stuart Funk 620-382-5866 or

Hobie Cat 18 ft. Catamaran with Trailer

\$400. Includes sails & rigging, extra hulls, trapeze harness & 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.

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1980 O'day 23

Shore-lander tandem axle trailer with keel roller launch/retrieve & 1979 7.5 HP Electric Start Mercury Outboard (old but runs well). Sails: Main, Jib, Genoa, Storm Jib. Has shoal draft keel (24" draft with C/B up) In Yard Space 618 at Ninescah Sailing Association, Cheney Lake
Hull #XDYT0514M79G
\$6000 OBO Photo above
Contact Jim Steck (316-737-9010) or Jason Kaufman (316-393-9691)



1977 Force 5 AMF Sailboat and Trailer

Extra tiller/rudder, centerboard. Hull is in good shape & 98% dry!
Asking \$1,100. Photo above,
Text Deann Gadalla @ 316.217.5014
or deanngadalla@yahoo.com



1986 30' 9.2A S2 and trailer

Great condition, teak interior, sleeps 6
2 sets of sails - one brand new.
Recently sanded & sealed bottom,
2 bimini tops. This is a competitive 30
foot Performance Cruiser engineered
to be extremely stable and easy to
sail with all control lines leading aft.
This reliable, family friendly sailboat
has been meticulously cared for and
is ready to haul and sail today!
Boat currently located in WVSC dry
storage. **Photo at left.**

1986 30' 9.2A S2 & trailer (above)
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Additional info. & photos available
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WVSC Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2023, 6:30 pm

WVSC clubhouse

Call to Order-

BOG members-

Commodore: Stuart Funk

Vice Commodore: Troy Oberly

Rear Commodore: Chris Proudfoot

Treasure: Preston Brammer (by Phone)

Secretary: Doug Albro (not attending)

Board Members: Kevin Welch, Julie Barth (acting secretary), Paul Schye,
James McEwen (not attending), Ardie Condon

Commodore's Remarks-

14.2 boats look great and work splendidly! Thank you to Chris Proudfoot for washing the boats and to Melissa Funk's help in replacing the halyards.

The 2004 Nissan Outboard motor sold to Tim Miller and John McCabe for \$400.00.

June Meeting Minutes Approval

June minutes were presented. Amendment in New Business #1 to read "New Member, not returning Member". Paul Schye moved to approve amended minutes; Ardie Condon seconded. The minutes were approved.

Membership Concerns-

1. Robert Horton membership (Discussion New Business)
2. Jonathan Trumpower Slip rental. Inquiries will be made to determine if slip rental has been paid.

New Business

1. New membership: Robert Horton attended the meeting to introduce himself and address any questions or concerns to his membership. Paul Schye moved to approve membership; Ardie Second, membership is granted.

Committee Reports:

	Liaison	Committee Chair
Long Range Planning	Troy Oberly	Austin Bayes, Chris Proudfoot
Sail Sharing business proposal was discussed. More information to be gathered before a formal presentation can be given.		
Powerboats	Preston Brammer	Bart Peace
Committee boat gas connector needs replaced; lights were replaced.		
Harbor	Kevin Welch	Charlie Volk
Hoist is down. Being fixed and should be up by Sunday 7/16/23		
Activities Center	Paul Schye	Doug Albro
No report		
Membership	Ardie Condon	Katie Brammer
Discussed making copy of Bylaws for New Members.		
Sail Training	Chris Proudfoot	Stuart Funk
Successful first year of Sail Training. Thanks to everyone who helped.		

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Archivist No discussion	Troy Oberly	Chris Proudfoot
Public Relations/Media Problems uploading membership 2023, working with IT	Chris Proudfoot	Charlie Volk
Finance Preston presented financial for the month. Sale money for the outboard motor (from STEP) to go to Sail Training.	Preston Brammer	Greg Rinker
Dry Storage Will spray again soon.	Troy Oberly	Stuart Funk
Building and Grounds New bins have been ordered. Have been keeping up with the mowing. Will need to replace Blades. The field is too dry to mow at this time.	Troy Oberly	Stuart Funk
Callin (&Texting) No discussion	Julie Barth	DeAnne Gadalla
Racing Activities Participation is good. Due to some uncooperative weather, we could not get all the races in.	Preston Brammer	Blaine VanDam
Social Activities Socials in June have had good attendance. Making plans for August.	Julie Barth	Tedd Blankenship
Government Relations No discussion	Troy Oberly	Gene Nold
Security Good	Kevin Welch	(None)
Sailing Activities Paddle and Yoga on the Lake and Watermelon run and feed this weekend.	Kevin Welch	Troy Oberly

Business Calendar-

No discussion

Old Business-

No discussion

Motion to Adjourn-

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

Respectfully submitted,

WVSC Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2023, 6:30 pm

Julie Barth, (acting) BOE Secretary