

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

OCTOBER 2023



Wednesday Night At The Races

photo by Chris Duncan

**Word from
the Commodore:**

COMMODORE
Stuart Funk

BOARD

It's amazing how quickly the water cools off once the temperatures start to drop in the evenings. Now is a great time to spend a weekend out on the boat, open the hatches, get a cool breeze through the cabin and enjoy a great night of sleep.

Please be aware of our lake levels, but also know we have a nice deep cove and there is still enough water to sail. Stay close to B docks when leaving and returning and you should be fine. I keep hearing "this is the lowest I have ever seen it" by many members, I'm sure the lake will fill back up. I don't know when, maybe with a record fall rain, winter snow, or a spring rain. Maybe it will take a combination of all of the seasons. It's been down before, I'm certain it will fill back up again. I look forward to seeing you all out at the lake having fun. There is still fun to be had. It's not over yet. We have a great Social committee and they have done a fantastic job.

This year's Annual Meeting will be at the House of Schwan on November 11 from 18:00 - 21:00, details to follow. Also mark your calendars for our Christmas Party: Saturday December 16th at "The Point" in Augusta. I think you will like this place.

That's all for now, Happy Sailing.

Stuart Funk

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Get to know Troy Oberly and the rest of this fine family. Sailors one and all.

Greetings from your vice Commodore.

As all sailors have been asked by non-sailing folk sometime in their life, why do you like to sail? isn't it hard to move the boat around without a motor and what do you do with all those ropes? The first time I was asked this question I just simply replied, "Well it's a lot of fun." Later that day, when I had time to ponder this question, I came to this conclusion; I sail because I like being the captain of my own destiny.

From watching the water to try and interpret where the next gust is going to come from or adjusting



my sails to capture the wind, I enjoy the challenges of navigating from one point to another. I cherish spending time with my family and friends on our boat the About Time. As my lovely wife and our daughters have taken to life on the water I secretly grin on how far they're sailing abilities have grown. Even though I still have to tell our girls, "Hey, your other starboard" they have become very proficient in all of Jimmy Buffett's songs.

I first became familiar with the ocean in 1990 while I was in the Navy on the USS Bunker Hill. As a kid from Kansas, I was not sure how I would feel about being out in the ocean with no land or trees in site. I remember standing at the railing of our ship, looking out at the big blue ocean and thinking this looks like the Flint Hills in Kansas. With this image in mind, I felt at peace at where I was. Through my adventures in the Navy I have been fortunate enough to have traveled around our entire planet and met people and experience their cultures from all over the world.

I joined the United States Marshal service in 1995 and have been stationed in San Diego, New Orleans and Wichita, Kansas. I am currently planning on retiring from the Marshal service in 2024. I returned back to Wichita in 2003 where I went back to my youth experiences and became a Boy Scout leader in Derby, Kansas. This is where I first learned to sail small boats during summer camps and obtaining merit badges. I soon became the Scout Master of Troop 692 Saint Mary's Catholic Church. As the Scout Master, I ran a high adventure group for boys that were working on their Eagle Scout. I am very proud to be a part of 11 young men that I set a path for them to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

I guess I have always been someone who tries to give back to their community and appreciate all the opportunities that I have been given. The Walnut Valley Sailing Club has been a true blessing for my family and myself. We have enjoyed all of the friends that we have made, and all of the adventures that we have been fortunate enough to be a part of. Our daughters took the youth sailing class this summer, and are quickly becoming the next generation of sailors for our club. We would like to thank everyone at the Walnut Valley Sailing Club for all the help that our wonderful club members have given us.

I would like to end on a quote that was given to me when I first started to learn to sail our Sailboat. "You are not a fully fledged sailor unless you have sailed under full sail".

Troy

WVSC club members are invited to share a brief bio. and a photo.

This month we're featuring Vice Commodore **Troy Oberly**. Thanks Troy!

From left to right: **Karissa, Brooke, Troy, Justus**

2023 WVSC Socials Sailing Activities Calendar



Merry Christmas

Saturday, December 16th at *The Point*
2101 Dearborn St #302, Augusta, KS

OCTOBER:

Polka Dance, Beer Brats and Burgers

Saturday, Oct. 7th

Happy Hour 6:00

Burgers & Brats 7:00

Happy Half Hour 7:30

Dance till the Long Legged Elk come home

The fine print:

- here's an extra coma (,) Sailor. Put in the title above wherever you think it fits
- break out your best "robot moves" Richard. We don't mind.
- forgot to RSVP - no worries - you didn't need to RSVP anyway
- lederhosen optional, but we'll serve you free Zakąski if you wear yours
- That's it. Come on out and join the fun. It's all good!



**End Of Race Season
Party Invitational
Saturday, October 14th**

Immediately following the
last race of the season!
3:00 - 5:00 PM or thereabouts

You don't have to be a racer to sit
on the docks, drink a beer and tell
wildly inflated tales of heroic mark rounding's, acrobatic pole
launchings and stunning feats of seamanship.



You're invited sailor. Come out and join us!

WVSC Annual Meeting and... The Smoke'n Hot Chili Cookoff

Saturday, November 11

6:00 - 9:00 PM

House of Schwan,
3636 North Comotara
Wichita, KS 67226



Yip, you read that right. The WVSC Annual Meeting AND The Smoke'n Hot Chili Cookoff are on the same day, same venue and at the same time. We've combined the two events.

Please bring either a pot of Smoke'n Hot Chili for the Cookoff, or a desert or other delightful food item to compliment the chili.

Please plan to attend, we need your vote on important club decisions - and Randy Malcom can't eat all of his award winning chili by himself, even if Kevin can. See you there.

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



October 15th - or thereabouts we'll be turning the water off in the WVSC Clubhouse

No worries: we're getting the **Ultra Deluxe Porta Potty** from Prairie Pots this year. The Ultra Deluxe model comes fully equipped with an HD 60" flat screen TV, ESPN II, warm towels and a courtesy phone!

Tumbleweed Sailing in cooperation with National Women's Sailing Association is doing an all-women Regatta Nov 3 thru

5. Would you please share the information with the women of your club. We have several top women sailors from around the country coming to coach and do seminars for this event.

Tumbleweed has rented a facility at Lake Pleasant that has kitchen, dorms and classrooms, so the women will spend the weekend together retreat style. You can go to Tumbleweedsailing.com click on women on the water tab for complete details with a bio on each coach and a video from 2019 WOWazr.

We have women coming from 8 different states so far for the event.

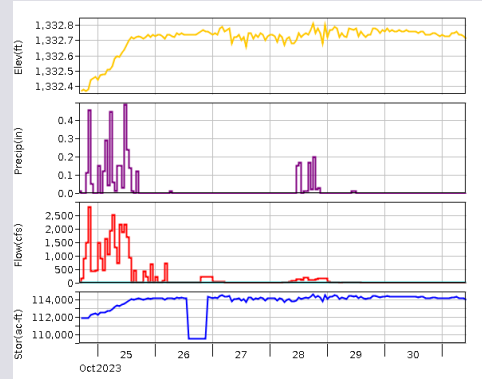
Also on Mon Nov 6 thru 8 Tumbleweed Sailing and US Sailing will be doing a US Sailing Basic Keelboat Instructor Course, put on by Betsy Allison one of the most decorated women sailor. Only 2 spots left in this course, Let me know if you want more info. asap.



Any questions please call me.
Thank You
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Click on the graph at right to
view current lake level data.
It's starting to get a bit
spooky



El Dorado Lake Inflow-Outflow Data

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CURRENT DATA

Read more

www.swt-wc.usace.army.mil

Just Beyond B Docks



Good friends, good food, and a wonderful evening.
Thanks WVSC sailors. The Shrimp Boil was... Amazing.

photo by Chris Duncan

Triple Dog Dare You!

If you're curious, come on out!
I would love to share a cup of
coffee with you and talk shop,
boats, sailing, or... about your
Halloween costume - anytime!



Stay 5 minutes or hang out all afternoon. I have chairs, coffee, a wood stove, a singing Black Mouth Cur and... clamps to remove from the port gunnels.

Tedd: 316-775-1064, 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM - OPEN INVITATION!

Visit anytime now through spring, 2024
5720 SW Santa Fe Lake Road, Augusta, KS

Tech. Tip of the Month



The Marlin Spike

smooth as silk - voiceover by Jeff Yost

Out on the Race Course

Hey! Did you forget already or are you still looking for the Windword mark?

We'll see you October 14th, right? Maybe you should jot it down in your Captain's Log.



WVSC Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

September 14th, 2023, 7:00 PM - WVSC

**Click the buttons below to view the
September Meeting Minutes
& the revised 2024 budget - cash account.**

SEPTEMBER WVSC BOG MEETING MINUTES

**REVISED 2024 WVSC
BUDGET**

**REVISED 2024 WVSC CASH
ACCOUNT**

Don't Be Shy

We would be delighted to watch you bust out your new wave move at the Polka Dance, Beer Brats and Burgers Social, Oct. 7th

Actually we'd love to hear about anything you've been up to lately, moon walking, sailing a ketch or otherwise.

Word on the docks: Richard Barth taught this guy everything he knows. Nice Richard... I think he's got it.



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No copyright materials please.

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Earning work credits at WVSC is easier than filing your income taxes. Just ask Gene.

Come on out!

\$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, 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.

Hope you got your taxes in last week Gene... they were due. Just kidding.

"We're going to let this contest die a quiet death and pretend like it never happened."



We have a winner for last month's photo captions contest. The editor of course. What did you expect? (see caption above) Hats off to Dave Reynolds for his respectable second place finish. Well done Dave.



YOUR COUCH

Rain Dance

Moonlight Sail i.e. *Things that Go Bump in the Night*

Polka Dance - Beer Brats, Burgers

Race Party Invitational

JOKE OF THE MONTH



What's the problem with twin witches?

You never know which witch is which.

OK, so you don't like cute little witch jokes. Fine, but I'm here to tell you these two cute little witches just cast an evil, nasty spell on you. Get this...

When you wake up tomorrow morning, you're going to look just like you did when you went to bed last night. Yikes! Maybe next time you'll think twice.

Happy Halloween WVSC Sailors!

Boats & Gear For Sale



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 Ninnescah Sailing Association, Cheney Lake
Hull #XDYT0514M79G
\$6000 OBO Photo above
Contact Jim Steck (316-737-9010) or Jason Kaufman (316-393-9691)

It's official.

We reciprocate with Ninnescah Yacht Club

You can list your boat, broom, toe of lizard or Candy Corn for sale in the Mainsheet and the Windword.

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Contact Angela at Ninnescah to place your free ad:

editor@ninnescah.org

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WVSC Board of Governors Meeting

September 14, 2023, 7:00pm

WVSC Clubhouse

Board members in attendance:

Stuart funk, Troy Oberly, Ardie Condon, Julie Barth, Preston Brammer, Paul Schye, James McEwen, Kevin Welch, Chris Proudfoot.

Commodore's Remarks:

Sailing year coming to a close. Water is getting low and members are starting to pull their boats. November 11th Annual meeting House of Schwan, reserved 6-9:00 pm (\$300).

Motion to approve August meeting minutes by James McEwen, 2nd by Troy Oberly, all in favor.

Membership Concerns:

Mike Sheppard asked the board whether to crack seal or re-coat the parking lot for next year. General consensus was parking lot requires only crack seal. Mike Sheppard to solicit quotes for crack sealing. Mike also brought to the boards attention that tires on long trailer extension require repair. Suggestion made to mark end of West boat ramp on dock while water is down.

New Business:

Committee Reports:

Long Range Planning: Nothing to report.

Powerboats: Plan to pull Boston Whalers this weekend.

Harbor: Concern about docks touching bottom on West end of A dock. Suggested for members to temporarily relocate to B dock. Need to advise members who plan on leaving their boats in over winter that bubblers may not work due to low water.

Activities Center: Oven fixed.

Membership: New membership application; John Randall Chrysler Mutineer 15, will require dry storage. Membership approved pending payment.

Sail Training: Looking forward to next year. 14.2's to be relocated to dry storage next week. Receipts from this years sail training classes \$3400, expenses \$600. May hire additional instructors next year.

Archivist: Minutes continue to be stored in clubhouse filing cabinets.

Public Relation/Media: Commodore reports not receiving emails from club website. Ongoing issues with web site.

Finance: All expense receipts due! Committee spending looking good. Net income for YTD \$24,254. Need to research upcoming expense to replace clubhouse roof.

2024 Budget proposed to the board:

Increase in Insurance estimated 5%. Deductible remains \$35,000.

\$1000 added to cover parking lot sealing

Security Budget increased \$1600 to cover wifi/security cameras

Reduced projected income from socials to \$3500

Discussion held on how to charge to socials.

Treasurer recommends contesting assessed amount of the following club owned boats:

Committee boat assessed at \$11,434 (purchase price was \$9000).

Goetz boat assessed at \$7200.

Motion proposed to accept proposed budget by Paul Schye, 2nd Kevin Welch. All in favor. Proposed budget accepted.

Dry Storage: Need to advise members to put boats inside the proper spots and respective tie-downs. If any tie-downs missing please report to dry storage committee.

Building and Grounds: Mats in dinghy area have been picked up. Plans to remove windsurfer racks.

Calling: Monthly charge to texting program reported at \$4.99/mo.

Racing Activities: Last Wednesday race held with 8 boats participating. Saturday races begin.

Social Activities: Shrimp boil Sept 23rd. Octoberfest October 7th. Suggested to incorporate chili cook-off with annual meeting.

Government Relations: Plan to check with park manager about possibility of creating fire pit.

Security: Loss of security reported due to low water allowing climbing around gate leading to clubhouse and docks.

Sailing Activities: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nominating Committee: Mike Sheppard willing to serve on next years board. Search continues to fill (2) 3-year terms and (1) 1 year term.

Christmas Party: Motion passed to use The Point, 2101 Dearborn St. Augusta, KS.

Motion to Adjourn 9:16.