

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

SEPTEMBER 2023



Word from the Commodore:

Hello fellow sailors,

The 14.2 Cinco de Regatto was a great success and I want to share a huge thanks to everyone involved in organizing the Regatta and the social event that followed. Great food, fun and conversation was had by all. It's been awhile since I've seen so many members at the club together. We even had some of our new members present to introduce to the crowd. Many of you have asked if we will have another mini regatta. Hopefully, if we get some relief from the heat, and some rain, we'll have one more Regatta before the end of the year.

I hope all of you are taking care of yourselves and doing well. I'll keep praying for rain. See you at the Club.

Sincerely,
Stuart Funk

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WVSC board members are invited to share a brief bio. and a photo.
Next month we're featuring **Troy Oberly**.

2023 WVSC Socials Sailing Activities Calendar



Commodore Funk at the helm of the Mighty Blue Whaler. First Mate Oberly in "high twitch mode" ready to spring into action at the first sign of danger. We had five boats on the water and five breathtakingly close races for the Cinco De Regatto. The crowds were wild. Word on the docks - "We've got to do this more often, that was so much fun!" We will.

The 14.2 Cinco Day Regatto & Club Social was a smashing success! Thanks to everyone that came out, raced, manned the R/C boat, the chase boats, worked in

the kitchen, ate BBQ and stuck around for the evenings festivities. A good time was had by one and all! Muchos gracias!

SEPTEMBER

- Scavenger Hunt - waiting for cooler days and deeper water.
- Shrimp Boil - 9/19 maybe yes - maybe no
- Moonlight Sail - 9/29 hmmm... will keep you posted!

OCTOBER:

Polka Dance, Beer Brats, Burgers & Photo Captions Contest!

Saturday, Oct. 7th - You're Invited!

Please submit original photos to

teddblankenship59@gmail.com

by midnight Sunday, October 1st

We will write captions for all submitted photos on the night of the Polka Dance. All we need now are your photos.

- End Of Race Party Invitational - 10/14

What a night! Thanks WVSC Sailors for showing up with flowers, food, music, song, dance... and OMG, what an enthusiastic crowd! The Italian Dinner

and Sing-a-Long was simply *meravigliosa!*







Genie on the Cajon, Ernie on base,
Bill G. on lead vocals, dew-wops
& head cheerleader

Hayden on the uke, John on guitar, Rick on guitar, Charlie on sound and light board, Troy on the phone, and so many others, singing, dancing, playing & having a great time!

Special thanks: Rick Brandorff & Deann Gadalla

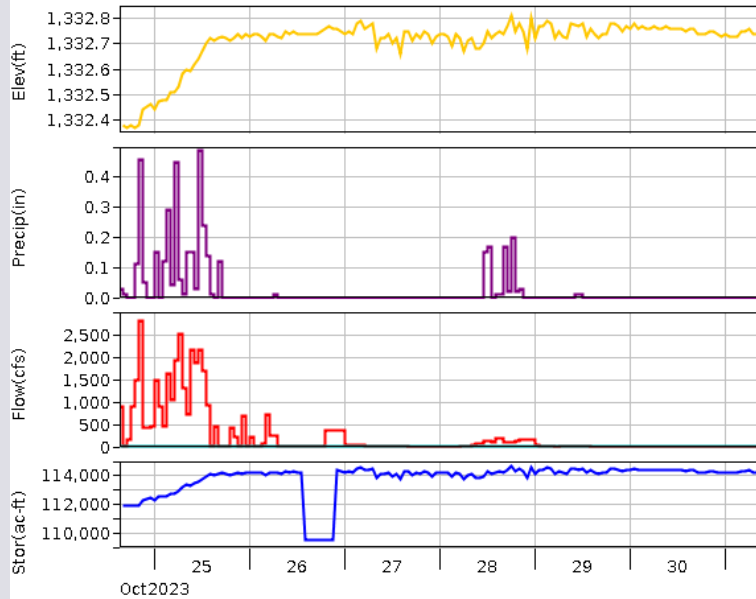
There was a lot of work that went on behind the scenes! Thanks to the both of you. Somehow you managed to make us all *sound great* - or was that the Limoncello!? @#\$

Special thanks: Julie Barth - let's just say - "Beyond the call of duty."
And OMG - Thanks Ardie, thanks Janet.

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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View from the balcony of the Austin Yacht Club

Last May, Lake Travis was 42' below pool on Memorial Day.
El Dorado Lake measured 5' below pool on 8-25-23.

We're not the only ones...

Just Beyond B Docks

Cinco-de-Regatto









Triple Dog Dare You!

A few of the more astute WVSC Windword readers will recall last spring a subtle note from yours truly requesting you; *Stay Tuned*.

If you're still here, Gold Star for you and, thanks!

Now, it's time to let the cat out of the bag. Lumber, hardware, oarlocks, sails, blueprints, fiberglass, paint, and varnish are all in my woodshop... waiting to be transformed into a sweet little sailing & rowing dinghy or a rather embarrassingly expensive heap of firewood. Time will tell.

If you're curious, interested or just really tired of talking to your pet goldfish, come on out! I would love to share a cup of coffee with you and talk shop, boats, rowing, varnish or... about your pet fish - anytime!

You're Invited. Stay 5 minutes or hang out all afternoon. I have chairs, coffee, a wood stove, a singing Black Mouth Cur and... sandpaper.

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

Visit anytime now through spring, 2024



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Tech. Tip of the Month



Ever thought about a
Windscoop for your boat?

They're super easy to install, work beautifully and make a huge difference in the cabin at night. Not only that, they look cool and they will never draw down your battery.

Out on the Race Course



J80's - Austin Performance Race Week - April 2023, Austin Yacht Club

If you've never attended one of the North U race clinics, I highly recommend it. It's crazy intense, a lot of work, and mentally draining, but it's also super fun and you'll learn... bucket loads. This year we had 15 J80's with a top notch coach on every boat. Skill drills in the mornings followed by multiple races each afternoon. And as painful as it was, full video critiques at the end of each day.

"Surly we didn't do that on the start...did we?"

Tedd B.

**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
August 17th, 2023, 7:00 PM - WVSC CLUB HOUSE**

**Click the button below to view the
August Meeting Minutes in full.**

AUGUST WVSC BOG MEETING MINUTES

In Memoriam:

Janis Cooper original member of the WVSC Died August 5, 2023 in Texas.

Janis and Jerry Cooper joined the Sailing club in 1985 when it started in El Dorado Kansas. Together they raced a Catalina 22 .

In the early days of WVSC we also had a women's board and Janis was an active member. She became the "second lady Commodore " of Walnut Valley Sailing Club in 1989 and in later years club archivist until 2017.

Jerry was instrumental in helping build our clubhouse in 1995 (hence, the name Cooper's Island). Not so many moons ago Janis visited the Lake and not long after that visit, she "gifted" a new floor for the clubhouse.

Janis never forgot her group of sailing and racing friends .
She will be greatly missed.

Submitted by Jayne Pierce

Don't Be Shy

We would be delighted to hear about your amazing Sicilian opening or your crushing Italian defense.

Actually we'd love to hear about anything you've been up to lately, hustling tourist in a game of chess, sailing 14.2's or otherwise.

Is that [Stuart Funk](#) or is it [Andrew Claycomb](#) trying to be *all incognito*?



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Earning work credits at WVSC is more fun than raising a Chia Pet. Just ask Charlie.

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.

Shout Out to new WVSC members and their amazing Chia Pets.



Write a clever caption for this photo & you could win
free admission to the WVSC Beer and Brats
Polka Dance & Photo Captions Contest,
or a dance with Paul Schye
Saturday, October 7th

Please submit your caption for this photo to:
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YOUR COUCH

Rain Dance & Scavenger Hunt

Moonlight Sail

Polka Dance - Beer Brats, Burgers
& Photo Captions Contest 10-7

Assuming the tide comes in soon!

JOKE OF THE MONTH

What lies at the bottom of the ocean...



and twitches?

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WVSC Board of Governors Meeting Agenda

August 17, 2023 - 7:00 pm

WVSC clubhouse

Call to Order – 19:03a

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, Paul Schye, James McEwen, Ardie Condon

All board members are present.

Lake Level: 1334.08 -4.92 ft.

Commodore's Remarks

Loved the Regatta and the Social afterwards. Excellent job to all who took part in the planning, prepping, and operations to make it such a success. I have heard nothing but compliments and “when will we do this again?”

July Meeting Minutes Approval –

July minutes were recorded by Julie Barth as Secretary Pro-tem. Paul Schye moved approval; Doug Albro seconded. Minutes were approved.

Membership Concerns -

Group discussed Mike Reynolds' application for membership with WVSC. Preston Brammer noted that he has talked with Mike. The transfer of boat ownership is to take place tomorrow, 18 August. Thus, the boat being launched is owned by Mike R. BOG members noted that final membership approval would be pending payment of membership and fee's. Noted that the bylaws do not allow the transfer of slips (via some payment arrangement). The slip for the boat was gifted, and so, free of the bylaws restriction. Mike is willing to participate on a committee.

Paul moved that “The BOG accept Mike Reynolds for membership, pending the funding stipulations previously mentioned. Chris Proudfoot seconded. The motion passed.

New Business -

1. The Hydro Hoist is being relocated within the dry storage and is being worked on. No member present is certain who owns the pontoons that are being stored in the dry storage area. Noted that Gene Nold may know. A member is interested in using the pontoons with the Hydro Hoist. Precedent suggests that this should be some type of sale to a highest bidder. We can place an auction ad with the newsletter and at the clubhouse. Stipulation that the “winner” is responsible to remove any debris.
2. Issue with new flags – members have noticed they don't look good. We spent \$80, but agree that they did not last long. (\$12 per flat). Discussion earlier in the year had noted that Kent Carter was a possible source for replacement flags.

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3. Racks and Pads for small boat "beach" - Investigation shows that the pads are actually glued down, so if taken up, the residual glue will be unsightly. The pram racks are dilapidated, need to be taken down and disposed.
4. Ardie Condon indicated that they have an extra dock ladder that they will donate to become an additional "rescue ladder". The group suggested locations on the 'A' side of the dockage. We will get Charlie Volk to install this.

Committee Reports:

Liaison

Committee Chair

Long Range Planning

Troy Oberly

Austin Bayes, Chris Proudfoot.

Chris reported on his visit with Park Manager about the proposed SailS-hare program. Indication is that the State must sign off on anything that we sell here at WVSC. The State must get a cut of all sales (expecting sales tax as well). The manager noted that State Park revenue is way down; they are looking at all of the State Park agreements to improve this deficit. The proposer, Bruce A., would need to make a concierge agreement with the State of Kansas, prove insurance, legal status etc. This seems like more effort that Bruce is interested in. The State would want to see much more than 10% of the income to make it worth their management time. As a long range plan, this is pretty dead in the water.

As a side takeaway, the WVSC current agreement expires in 2030. We should be prepared to see const increases and perhaps other stipulations.

Powerboats

Preston Brammer

Bart Peace

We have a connection for the motor for the committee boat. Preston noted that the Wednesday group have been keeping the gas tanks full. Stuart indicated thwat we will need some gas in tank for the upcoming week's activities. Preston will bring some.

The slip that the committee boat currently occupies is not currently rented. In response to member concerns about water in the Whalers. This was from the week's rainfall and not from leakage. (Should be dry by now.)

Harbor

Kevin Welch

Charlie Volk

Has anyone noticed any boards that need replacement? Please advise. Electrical boxes were recently checked and found to be operational. A water leak has been fixed. The water spigots out at the slips seem to have adequate pressure; this in contras to comments indicating that clubhouse pressure was low. Water pressure indoors seems OK now. We are not sure if this was a kitchen issue of noted in bathrooms as well.

Activities Center

Paul Schye

Doug Albro

Paul Schye noted that the oven is not working correctly. Paul will get a new element.

Membership

Ardie Condon

Katy Brammer

Membership activity was discussed earlier in these minutes.

Discussing nametags for events, Ardie and Julie noted that Dave Bonnefiel used to make the nametags that had our emblem on them. Wondering if we can get more of these.

Sail Training

Chris Proudfoot

Stuart Funk

Sail training is complete until next year. Ted Blankenship is doing some training with a new member.

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Also noted that Amy L. who took the adult class and has been sailing the 14.2 around the bay. The boats are being used.

Archivist

Troy Oberly

Chris Proudfoot

We are archiving as minutes are received. There is room in the cabinets to save any other artifacts as there is interest, or need.

Public Relations/Media

Chris Proudfoot

Charlie Volk

Charlie Volk has talked to the web host about issues with our web site. Ted B. sent in a request to pay an invoice from Constant Communications. We have had no incoming emails (from the web site) since June.

Finance

Preston Brammer

Greg Rinker

Reports are distributed included with these minutes.

We are in good financial condition. A YTD handout has been included. Preston noted a need to add to reserve funds for "Step" motor

The upcoming annual meeting was discussed. Costs for this are contained within this year's budgeting. Stuart or Preston will need to reserve House of Schwann room soon. Some alternate locations were discussed, but will stay with HoS for the annual meeting. Cost has been \$380. Will consider the alternate for the Christmas Part.

Stuart noted that there has not been a work party yet this year. There have been some individual efforts.

Preston noted that the mast pulley replacement was charged to Dry Storage.

We need to begin formulating a budget for the upcoming year. Annual Meeting usually the second weekend in November second weekend. (Additional discussion)

Dry Storage

Troy Oberly

Stuart Funk

Troy said that he has been working on out some of the weeds. We do need a work party; most come out pretty well. We need to remove some of the plastic junk out there, and get rid of broken stuff. The storage/building Inspection was passed. There were no complaints or issues. The team will spray the area again later this year

Building and Grounds

Troy Oberly

Mike Shepherd

We are still cleaning up; preparing to do another mow. The dry weather has slowed growing things down.

We have noted that the blue entrance sign needs to be replaced. It needs to be on metal posts not wood. Troy will get Kerry Unrein (in Augusta – who has worked on several signage needs previously) to give a quote.

Some rock will be dumped this weekend (rock is not costly).

Calling (& Texting)

Julie Barth

DeAnne Gadalla

Calling and texting is happening. This includes provisional members.

Racing Activities

Preston Brammer

Blaine Van Dam

Good racing is continuing. Eight boats participated at the last race. Concern about sailboat apparently grounded on shore was of not issue. The skipper was watching the racing from the shore.

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Social Activities

Julie Barth

Tedd Blankenship

We had a great, successful social. event. Next Saturday is Italian dinner. Receipts were turned in.

Government Relations

Troy Oberly

Gene Nold

Lake levels are about to where docks will be grounding out. (Anyone maneuvering a boat, “no wide turns”.)

Security

Kevin Welch

(None)

We are good; there have been no issues.

Sailing Activities

Kevin Welch

Troy Oberly

We are looking at different ways to encourage “simple racing” using our small boats. With that said, We will need to begin work to store the 14.2’s after this next weekend’s activity. After the second regatta, we will pull in the Whalers also.

Business Calendar –

Paul Schye addressed some of the upcoming items.

The Annual meeting in November was previously discussed.

A Nominating Committee is needed to be active toward that event.

The Budget is due by September 1st. There has not been a need to revise current values for several years. Additional discussion is noted under “Old Business”.

Old Business -

Group questioned whether a conclusion reached regarding WiFi and cameras? A \$99 per month for second tier coverage. It would be \$75 for a first tier package. The issue right now is that the account must be guaranteed with a credit card. This is kind of stalled. Kevin will check with Velocity if they have camera systems.

Paul S. noted that there are reserve funds in place for the clubhouse roof. Regarding the budget, we may need to change to use our current membership number when baselining the budget. Currently we have 77 members.

We also need to book the Christmas party venue soon, also. Look to December 9th or 16th. Meeting to be at Schwann. \$380. Kevin suggested checking into the Longhorn (in El Dorado) as possible site location.. Regarding the Christmas party Preston indicated there was a \$2900 cost; the club paid \$1380. Forty members attended.

Motion to Adjourn -

Ardie Condon moved to adjourn; Jim McEwen seconded. Motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted

Doug Albro – Secretary

See Attachments