

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

January 2024



It took a bit of cajoling, and then Joe said:

"Happy New Year Sailor"

Thanks Joe and Happy New Year to you as well -
from all of us at Walnut Valley Sailing Club.

Word from the Commodore:

Greetings from your Commodore. I would say our annual Walnut Valley Sailing Club's Christmas party was a huge success. It was wonderful to see everyone and we have plans for next year's Christmas party to be even bigger. I am looking forward to another year of sailing, social gatherings, and spending time with our club members. Soon our social committee will be coming out with a schedule of our planned social activities for this year so be prepared for another fun and crazy summer.

I leave you with a quote from John Paul Jones from 1778.

I wish to have no connection with any ship that does not sail fast; for I intend to go in harms way.

Troy



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WVSC club members are invited to share a brief bio. and a photo. It's always interesting to learn more about our WVSC sailors. Who knows, next month it may be you.
Thanks to all that have participated.

2024 WVSC Socials - Sailing Activities Calendar

January:

First Day Hike; Today - New Year's Day at 10:00 AM
El Dorado Lake State Park

February:

March:

April:

May:

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 Troy Oberly or any board member know.



First Day Hike

El Dorado State Park

Monday - 10:00 A.M. Jan. 1st, 2024

Last year WVSC had a great turnout for the First Day Hike. Folks bundled up, had some coffee and headed for the trails. The event is dog friendly and everyone that hikes receives a T-shirt. The walks are 1/2 mile to 4 miles long- your option. And unless we're hit with an all-out blizzard on the first, we'll see you there! Meet below the dam. Happy New Year!



If you recall the photo above **Gold Star For You.** You're going to have no problem remembering the good friends, great times and wonderful

days at WVSC in 2023. Happy New Year Sailors!

But just in case you don't...





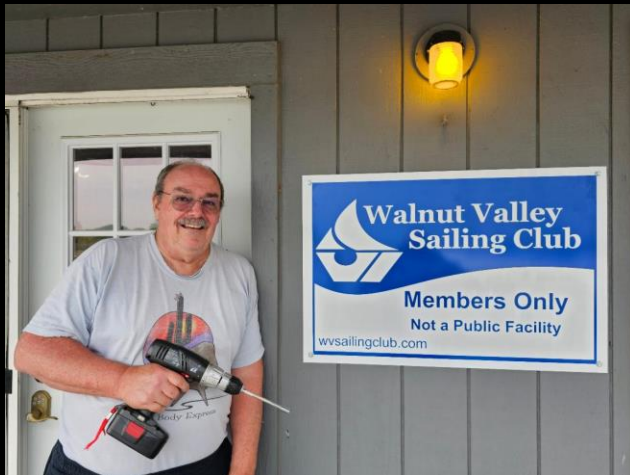


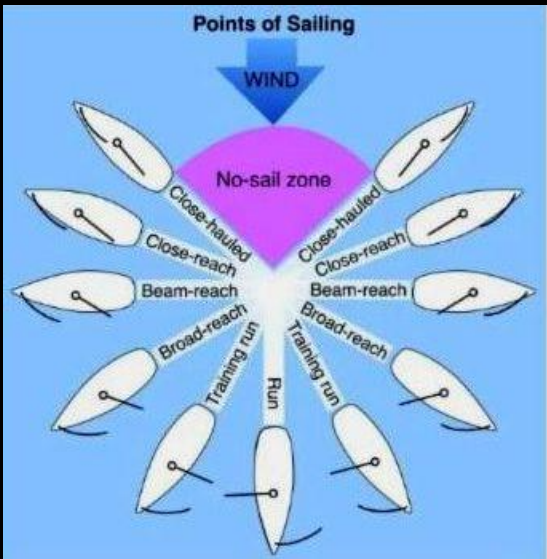




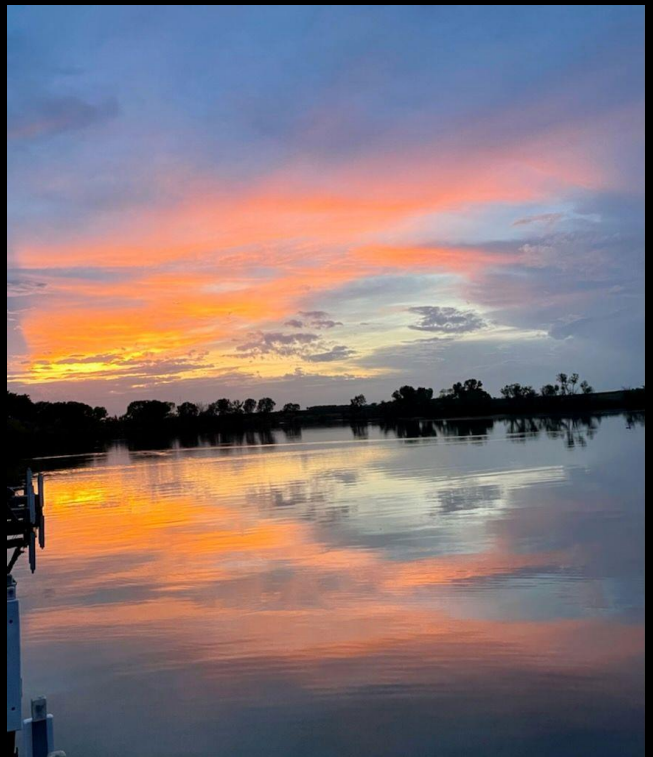








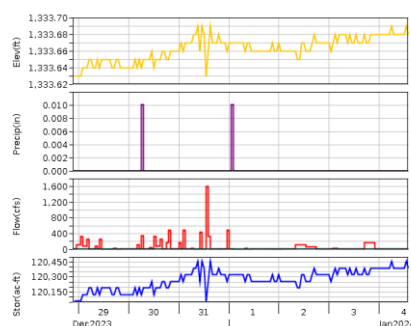








Click on the graph at right to view current lake level data.



El Dorado Lake Inflow-Outflow Data

CLICK ON THE GRAPH ABOVE TO VIEW CURRENT DATA

Read more

www.swt-wc.usace.army.mil

Triple Dog Dare You!

If you're curious, come on out!
I would love to share a tall tale with you.

Stay 5 minutes or hang out all afternoon.

I have chairs, a wood stove, and a mast,
boom, yard, rudder and tiller to build. Not
to mention, sanding, varnish and painting.



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

WVSC Meeting Minutes

**At the time of this publication Meeting Minutes were not available.
If you have questions, please contact Troy Oberly or any WVSC board
member. Thank you.**

Please don't shoot the messenger. Thanks, T. B.

Don't Be Shy

We'd be pleased as punch
to learn about how you **knitted a wool
dog sweater and matching booties**,
actually we'd love to hear about
anything you've been up to lately,
knitting, sailing or otherwise. We're just
happy to hear from you!



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Earning work credits at

WVSC is easier than... knitting a dog sweater and matching booties. Put your sweater on and join a WVSC work party in the [Happy New Year - 2024!](#)

\$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 about now, 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

First Hike - Jan. 1st, New Year's Day - today!

Meet at 10:00 AM just below the dam.

JOKE OF THE MONTH



Not to brag, but this sailor already had a date
for the New Year's Eve party weeks ago!
And OMG, what a date it was...
December 31st.

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)

There will be an **online auction for two large black flotation pontoons** that have been at the west end of our dry storage lot for several years. If you have an interest in bidding, please contact Stuart Funk or any board member. Julie Barth will be sending a text message with details to all current club members soon. Bidding will be open for 10 days.



It's official. We reciprocate with Ninnescah Yacht Club

List your boat or boom vang in 2024, better yet - post your stunning New Year's resolution in the Mainsheet and the Windword for all to see. We know you can do it, and we've got your back. Go for it!

Contact: teddblankenship59@gmail.com for the Windword or Angela at Cheney to place your free ad: editor@ninnescan.org

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WVSC Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2023

Butler County EMS Station

Call to Order – 7:10 Pm

Lake Level: **1332.76.**

BOG members present:

Commodore: Troy Oberly
Vice Commodore: Julie Barth
Rear Commodore: Stuart Funk
Treasurer: Preston Brammer
Secretary: Doug Albro
Board Members: Jim McEwen, Robert Fusco, Mike Shepperd, Blaine VanDam,

Commodore's Remarks

Troy expressed thanks to members attending. All volunteers here to keep the organization and are greatly appreciated.

November 16 BOG Meeting Minutes Approval

Minutes of the 16 November BOG meeting were presented. Julie Barth moved to accept the minutes. Troy Oberly seconded. A correction for Sailing Activities; sentence to be corrected to Sailing Activities (was "Security"). The minutes were approved as updated

Membership Concerns -

Group noted that the \$20 Christmas Party cost included the round of champagne.

Doors Open at 5:30. Begins at 6:00; we will eat at 6:30 – 7:00 We need to be Out at 9:00.

Dana Herring and Tim Miller made a request to pick up (and use) old discarded hydro-lift floats (in the Dry Storage). Discussion indicates we can allow Dana to make first bid. We will need place notice of the auction in the Windword We can allow 2 weeks for bidding. These are fiberglass (boat lifting) floats. We don't yet have an opening bid. Dana is rebuilding his lift. Doug send info to Tedd. Julie will send a text. Stuart will chair the escalating bidding.

Trailer beside the dump is Brant Dumford's. We are checking for currency of yard fees.

New Business -

Requesting BOG approval for Preston Brammert's Dock Box. Noted that Preston must follow the guidelines for this Installation.

The specifications are provided on the wall in clubhouse. Also on the web-site, under regulations.

Preston Brammer moved approval. Julie Barth seconded. The motion was approved..

Mike Shepperd reviewing members handbook. Last published in 2019. Do we have obligation to update this? Will check with Charlier Volk to see its status.

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Mike Shepperd also asks: Are there numbers posted related to Security, who to call, etc.. How is this to be updated? Mike Shepperd is now the Security liaison. The Alarm company is receiving the calls needs to be updated to coordinate with the new Security Focals.. Also need to update markings in the Clubhouse. Posted on the Closet Door. Doug check with Paul.

Meeting times and dates. Will change to be 7:00 pm. Second Thursday's. Same location.
Doug: Send times.

<u>Committee Reports:</u>	<u>Liaison</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>
Long Range Planning	Julie Barth	Blaine Van Dam
Intending to contact members about the discussions underway.		
[Secretary is recording discussions related to the proposed addition of a security system.]		
Troy Oberly will use commodore talk time to discuss this with the attendees (at the Christmas Dinner)..		
Noted: "We have responsibility to protect members boats, assets, and safety". Will also talk about concerns about our trajectory and intent. This intent is to move toward an on-line vote, or set a specific meeting to receive membership votes. During the January BOG meeting we will receive concerns from any and every member wishing to speak, During the February BOG meeting will receive votes from the membership.		
Noted: "There is a need for understanding of the number of cameras proposed, and areas that are proposed to be "watched".		
These currently envisioned as: Docks, gangway, possibly dry storage areas, not inside the clubhouse. We have intent to place signage to indicate video surveillance is present. Our goal is to secure our common property. Video is under discussion; audio has not been vetted totally. The current alarm system would be retained.		
Options of a WiFi system (full bandwidth) <u>may</u> allow individual boat owners to place cameras. There is fair amount if interest in StarLink (with much broader bandwidth), and also Velocity (a local company, much less bandwidth).		
Julie presents a good idea to first check for members' interes. After the February vote we can present additional options including "selling" additional bandwidth. The first presentation is for Clubhouse security usage of Wifi.		
Stuart provided suggestion that we can use the electronic equipment at the station to field a Zoom meeting if desired; required equipment is present.		
Question: "Is the Clubhouse movement (with moving lake levels) an issue with Velocity? Does anyone know what Perry Marina is doing? Or Shady Creek?" More investigation is needed.		
Can we start a sub-committee that will research this more completely? We should wait until after we get a membership vote. Intent is to have "something" operational for the summer season. About February 8 th is the date of the meeting for the vote.		
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Powerboats	Preston Brammer	Bart Peace
Nothing to report.		

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Harbor James McEwen Charlie Volk

No discussion with Charlie, no new reporting. Extensions have been moved to yard.

Activities Center Blaine VanDam Paul Schye

No report update.

Membership Ardie Condon Katy Brammer

Working on new nametags.

Sail Training Stuart Funk Stuart Funk

No new info.

Archivist Doug Albro Doug Albro

Will move minutes.

Public Relations/Media Doug Albro Charlie Volk

No new information.

Finance Preston Brammer Greg Rinker

Reports are provided. We have enough funding to do parking lot and dry storage activities. A number of members have yet to pay (not uncommon for this point in the year) but we can continue operations. A second letter has gone out to people who have yet to catch up. We will not be using Christmas Party to issue or process reminders.

Preston notes concern about losing members if lake level remains so low.

There are some delta's between reported values; Preston will check with Bookkeeper.

Dry Storage Troy Oberly Stuart Funk

No new report information. Check gates if out there driving by. There is a light out.

Building and Grounds Troy Oberly Mike Shepperd

Driveway sealing has happened. This was the yearly cracks filling. We have been coating every 3-4 years.

Question: "If these have 10 year warranty, why are we coating so often?" We can examine wear, and use this to decide when to update. If we do it ourselves, we could do fractions each year. Could be done early spring (above 50 deg.).

We do have some folks lined up to do mowing. Stuart has a bush-hog.

There is some maintenance needed in the Picnic pavilion.

Calling (& Texting) Julie Barth Julie Barth

Discussion with Tedd, Julie has sent 1800 texts. She has an append plan that allows unlimited. A yearly membership saves \$1.89. The texting is working well. Julie will pay for a whole year.

Take a screen shot and send the picture to Preston to forward to bookkeeper. 69/.99 for the year.

Racing Activities Preston Brammer Blaine Van Dam

No one is losing. Will have a February get-together to discuss next year's racing. The 14.2 racing will be a Sailing Activities. Are looking into expanding the types of activities.

Social Activities Julie Barth Tedd Blankenship

Christmas Party is coming. Will do a kickoff event to produce a calendar for the next year.

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Government Relations

Jim McEwen

Gene Nold

Want to check with Park and state to install a fire pit ring into our area. Want to comply with requirements. We could use the existing area with the rock ring (back up the cove).

Security

Mike Shepperd

Mike Shepperd

Committee recommends that we do install security cameras.

Question: "Are there formal requirements driving lock code changes?" Group noted there are "none specific". There may be some liability issues with not making changes (insurance, liability, etc).

Sailing Activities

Blaine Van Dam

Troy Oberly

Planning for a good season, but considering alternatives if there is no water for more extended period.

Interested in additional 14.2 activities, including training.

Business Calendar –

Christmas party

Old Business -

No discussion

New Business

Interest in inviting members to attend our meetings.

We need to look through the Windword to check accuracy of phone numbers there.

Motion to Adjourn -

Stuart Funk made motion to Adjourn, Doug Albro seconded. The motion was passed

Respectfully Submitted

Doug Albro – Secretary

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ASSETS					
	Current Assets				
		Checking /Savings			
			Cash in Bank- Savings EMPRISE		48,129.6 8
			Cash in Bank- Checking EMPRISE		103,405. 32
		Total Checking /Savings			151,535.0 0
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			Accounts Receivabl e		
				Member Accounts Receivabl e	8,193.36
			Total Accounts Receivabl e		8,193.36
		Total Accounts Receivabl e			8,193.36
	Total Current Assets				159,728. 36