

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

MAY 2024



Word from the Commodore:

Greetings from your Commodore.

I have been told that April showers bring May flowers. Well we might not have received many April showers but we do have flowers planted out at the clubhouse. After observing several WVSC members waxing their boats and achieving a mirror like finish, I was inspired to apply a new coat of wax to our boat as well. I thought to myself, thirty feet no problem, I can knock that out quickly. After a couple of hours and nursing a sore back and arms it dawned on me that I had another thirty feet of boat to wax on the other side. I should have tricked my girls into helping with this task.

I look forward to seeing everyone this summer and making new memories out at our lake.



Sailing quote of the month:

We are the boat, we are the sea, I sail in you, you sail in me. (by Lorrie Wyatt)

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.

Big Bash Boat Splash Season Opener

This Saturday!

May, 4th 10:00 - 2:00

Lunch Served at 12:30

Burgers & Dogs compliments of our
esteemed WVSC Board Members

The Fine Print: would you like a hand backing your trailer down, catching your bow, tying your boat off on the docks, or maybe a friendly smile and a vote of confidence? No worries, we're here to help! And hey, don't forget the All You Can Eat **Banana Buffet!** Contact **Kevin Welch** or **Paul Schye** about the All You Can Eat **Banana Buffet**.

Wondering what amazing activities we've planned for 2024? Here's the short list:

SAIL OLYMPICS - SHRIMP BOIL - SAIL
JEOPARDY - OCTOBER FEST -
SCAVENGER HUNT - MOONLIGHT SAIL
- BEYOND B DOCKS & THREE DAYS
ON THE WATER CHALLENGE - ALL THE
COOL BOATS SAIL - WATERMELON
TOSS - STEAK NIGHT -



BIG BASH BOAT SPLASH SEASON
OPENER & MEET THE BOARD -

As always, nothing is set in stone. If you have an idea for a social or sailing activity, or would like to help out, contact Tedd Blankenship, Julie Barth or any board member.

The Water is On at WVSC

Thanks to Charlie Volk, Gene Nold, and Kevin Welch.

Special thanks to those same fine sailors for sharing their giant pink inflatable water toy with all of us.

They didn't have too.



Triple Dog Dare You...

We'll bet you an old dock line you can't watch this video to the bitter end and not get all misty eyed. **Cheryl Wertheimer** made it through, but before it was over she was mumbling something about her allergies acting up. Allergies-Smalergies... that's okay, we get it Captain Wertheimer.



Take a Closer Look!



Sailing has been part of the Olympics since 1896. Except for the 1904 Summer Games, sailing has been included in all modern Olympic games. That makes it one of the longest running Olympic disciplines around. Erika Reineke won the U.S. **Olympic** Team Trials sailing in the ILCA 6 and will go on to represent Team USA at the Paris 2024 Olympics this summer in Marseille. GO USA! Above: Women's Laser Radial

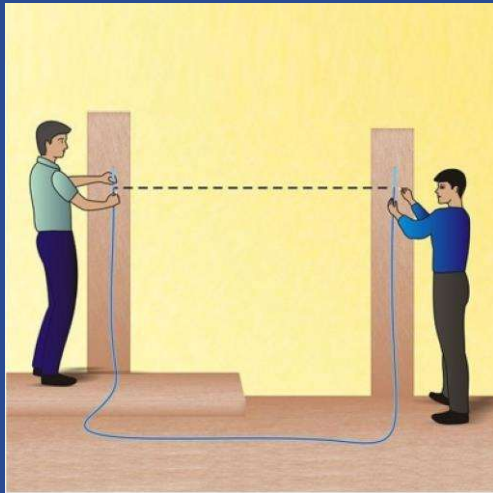
Did you take the **Triple Dog Dare You** dare and watch the video above about Erika Reineke? If not, you're missing out! Just ask **Captain Wertheimer!**

In the event of an emergency this is the address to provide EMS, First Responders:

Walnut Valley Sailing Club
4599 N E Boulder Bluff Road
El Dorado KS 67042



Note: This month's "Joke of the Month" is rated PG13

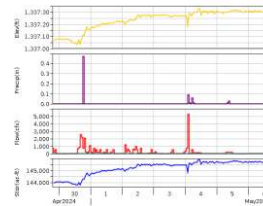


Curious to learn more about water levels?
Contact your local Harbor Master. He's chock full of practical information and more than happy to share.

El Dorado Lake Inflow-Outflow Data

CLICK ON THE GRAPH ABOVE TO VIEW CURRENT DATA

[Read more
www.swt-wc.usace.army.mil](http://www.swt-wc.usace.army.mil)



For current lake level data, click on the link above, or just ask Charlie.

Tech. Tip of the Month...



What! You don't know about Phyfertex?

Watch this video and if you don't find *something* worth your time and effort... **Andrew Claycomb** and **Brant Dumford** will eat an entire sheet of Starboard right before your very eyes.

And please, don't tell us you don't know what Starboard is...gasp.

Nicole Dumford says she thinks they can do it!

Out on the Race Course

It's even more fun on the water on Wednesday nights!

Just ask **Melissa Funk** or any of the other skippers and crews on Wednesday nights. Come on out!



Questions about racing or curious to know more: contact Blaine Van Dam 316-371-166

Our WVSC Racing Fleet extends our thanks and appreciation to Steve Kubin.

Steve went "above and beyond" to hold a racing clinic on Sat, Apr 27th, at the lake. Hopefully, we'll all pick up a few lessons from today to improve our racing skills out on the water this summer. Thanks Steve!

Blaine Van Dam

It's clear to see the sailors below are a bit brighter, a bit bolder and quite simply, they're a bit better sailors now than they were a week ago. They all attended **Steve Kubin's** racing clinic last Saturday, and it shows!

*Special thanks to **Andrew Claycomb**, Andrew pinned a mic on Steve, set up a video camera and recorded the entire session.*

Blaine Van Dam
Andrew Claycomb
Dana Herring
Bill Allman
Michael Shepperd
Hector Camacho

Julie Barth
Ernie Condon
Ardie Condon
Chris Duncan
Allan Unruh
Billy Nicholson III

Troy Oberly
Kevin Welch
Tedd Blankenship
Preston Brammer
Randy Malcom
Richard Barth

Nick Camacho

Andrew Claycomb

Steve Kubin

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April Meeting Minutes were not available at the time of this publication.

Please don't shoot the messenger.

Don't Be Shy

We would be delighted

to hear more about your
astounding deep sea creature
adventures **Justus Oberly**.

Actually we're delighted to hear about
anything you've been up to lately,
touching up the bottom paint on your
boat, rigging a new reefing system,
practicing your clarinet, etc.

We're just always happy to
hear from you. Don't be shy!

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and/or relevance. We may hold your
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not use it at all.

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Earning work credits at
WVSC is easier than manning
the Salt Water Taffy Machine.
Just ask **Dana Herring**.

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.



To all of our fine WVSC friends out there
working to keep the docks afloat... thanks.
We appreciate your time and effort.



YOUR COUCH

**Big Bash Boat Splash and
Season Opener! This Saturday, May 4th
10:00 - 2:00 Lunch around 12:30**

We don't know what's on the lunch menu other than world class burgers and dogs served by our esteemed WVSC Board.

We do know there will be an amazing
All You Can Eat Banana Buffet. Don't Miss It!

JOKE OF THE MONTH



It's **Absolutely Amazing** our **Distinguished Commodore** attends every Board Meeting, Social, Sailing Activity and Work Party... but why on earth does Troy insist on wearing that same old raggedy-ass hat? Troy swears he'll never buy another hat to replace it.

Word on the docks is that our Fearless Commodore is terrified of... *cap-sizing?*

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

Clipper Marine Corp 26 with trailer

Main plus CDI FF2 roller-furling, Nissan NSF4A2 outboard, 4-stroke, 4 HP, jib, new running rigging, GPS, depth finder, anchors, cushion covers replaced in 2020 - currently in dry storage at WVSC. \$2300
Tim Miller 316-992-0514
John McCabe 316-644-8344



It's official. We reciprocate with the Ninnescah Yacht Club at Cheney

List your boat, your sailing gear or your mother in-law's fine china collection for sale. It's all good, and we'll support you 100%.

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

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Butler County EMS Station

Call to Order – 7:03 PM

Lake Level: 1336.65. -2.6 ft !

BOG members present:

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

Commodore’s Remarks

We are getting ready for the Float Day, April 27. Board Members need to be present to assist in cooking about 4:30, arrive at 3:30 for prep time and some cleaning. We will have an open clubhouse,

January 11 BOG Meeting Minutes Approval

The minutes of the March 14 meeting were reviewed. Blaine Van Dam moved approval; Julie Barth seconded. The minutes were approved.

Membership Concerns -

Have not heard any.

New Business -

Some picnic tables in the pavilion area are in bad shape. Troy bought some wood to replace boards. Paint to paint the tables up. Handicap Table needs some re-work. There was some discussion about care in use of treated wood in food areas.

Julie has emailed the members about the boat auction. It was not placed in the Windward, to keep publicity to the club members. Julie will re-send text message at is May 4th at 8:00 am. (this is the Hunter 25.5) Bids start at \$2000.

Mike Reynolds was the winning bidder for the dock box: \$215.

We will operate the same way for the sale of the small Opti’s. There are also Laser’s

<u>Committee Reports:</u>	<u>Liaison</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>
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Long Range Planning	Julie Barth	Blaine Van Dam
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Discussion of Internet to presented under Old Business. We are looking forward to landlubber’s water-balloon fight. Julie will see that this gets publicized.

Powerboats	Preston Brammer	Bart Peace
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Dana H. Texted: Thought committee boat is riding low in the water. It sits low in back. This was a false alarm, but input is appreciated. Measurements have been obtained for a new cover for the bimini. Bart has changed the lower unit oil. He will be changing the upper unit oil soon. Intend to install a valve to prevent the need to constantly disconnect (fuel). Similar for the battery tender. Preston suggested getting a solar charger that can just stay connected, without shore power.

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Harbor

James McEwen

Charlie Volk

Work on A dock and B dock is complete. Kevin, Charlie and Nolan performed the whole task. We have knowledge now, our only future need would be to purchase floats. There are are different, but manageable sizes. The docks are now very stable. There are two remaining (unused) floats “left over”. The team also hauled off 30 floats from dry storage and another 23 floats from the replacement. Four tons, \$132 to remove these.

Fire extinguishers were inspected and serviced. Charlie and Kevin repaired wheels on carts, and checked all of the UFCI breakers on the docks.

Activities Center

Blaine VanDam

Paul Schye

The BOG will announce a clean up day in May to start the season. Water comes on April 20. Last year Charlie and Gene Nold turned the water on (usually the breakfast group). This does not require “a lot of assistance”.

Membership

Ardie Condon

Katy Brammer

Nametags are completed. Hectory Commacho is now a member.

Sail Training

Stuart Funk

Stuart Funk

There is lots of interest, but no firm registrations. There was also interest in a wind-surfing class. (We are not equipped, and probably too old.) Advertising for sail training is in our website. There was a question as to whether this be placed on the Facebook page. Julie will talk to Deanna Gadalla. Another question: Is there a link in FB to the Webpage?. BOG members are not sure. Troy will see if the schools will be willing to advertise that this sail training is available. Julie noted that Deanna is the curator of the Facebook page.

Troy will be “touring” El Dorado HS students & families for exposure to sailing. 14 students are interested.

Archivist

Doug Albro

Doug Albro

I will be carrying Feb. and March minutes out to the archive.

Public Relations/Media

Doug Albro

Charlie Volk

There was a payment made related to Charlie Volk having help with the web-designer.

Finance

Preston Brammer

Greg Rinker

The Insurance bill has been paid \$26,100. This is general and marine liability, for docks, building, dry storage building, hoist. \$10,000 coverage. There are some accounts receivable; about \$6000. We are expecting these will be paid without issue. Harbor is showing over budget due to the repairs

Dry Storage

Troy Oberly

Stuart Funk

Pre-emergent chemicals are ordered. The new sprayer worked well. Th team bought some additional hose to make spraying easier. The application was not as green as we thought. The team intends to hit anything growing....again. Getting water is the difficulty.

Building and Grounds

Troy Oberly

Mike Shepperd

The group discussed the reviewed and discussed permissible items to be stored in the Dry Storage area. Is there an issue with keeping dock boxes in the area? Other equipment. Bylaws address boat, trailer and equipment in the assigned space. All in a towable condition. We have at least 1 dock box in the DS area. Also kayaks. There are and have been no complaints. BOG members suggested that boxes need

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to be raised off ground to allow spraying. It was noted that an additional member is interested in keeping a dock box in the DS. There was no formal action taken.

The pavilion area is getting paint. Grills have been painted. There is work on sprucing up the inside. Replacement boards will be painted. We need to pay attention to the use of treated wood in dining areas.

New Flags have been made. These are bigger than the previous. Can we “advertise” his wok in the Wind-Word.? Kent Carter is the flag maker. Members noted that he doesn’t need LOTS of new business.

Janet and Tedd have done plants in the past. Dave Parker did the “boat”. There is a watering can somewhere abouts. Plastic, about a gallon. Troy will pick up some stuff to plant.

Calling (& Texting)

Julie Barth

Julie Barth

Continues doing it.

Racing Activities

Preston Brammer

Blaine Van Dam

The first racing meeting will be Sturday, April 20th at 10:am. Discussion will include going over powerboats and course setting.

Social Activities

Julie Barth

Tedd Blankenship

Julie is planning on food etc, for the Saturday gathering on the 27th. Hot Dogs, Brats, Burgers. Planning on about 20 people.

Government Relations

Jim McEwen

Gene Nold

No activity.

Security

Mike Shepperd

Mike Shepperd

We are secure. There have been no phone calls. There is beaver damage on our grounds. Troy will apply pepper spray and peppers on ground nearby.

Sailing Activities

Blaine Van Dam

Troy Oberly

There is not a lot of activities planned in May; after that, it will pick up.

Business Calendar –

No new discussion

Old Business -

Discussion continues related to installation of an internet source for security purposes. Cost is about \$120 per month (Starlink). We discussed making internet access a separate fee... Membership, slip fee, internet, or we could just fold it into the membership fee. Cameras are for the buildings and docks. No guarantee that individual property is secured. Cost would be about \$17 per year per member (essentially a \$20 increase)

Jim McEwen moved to procede with Starlink as long as we can get a bank number to draw from, and to purchase cameras and storage unit. The motion includes having the commodore appoint a committee with authority to act to purchase three cameras, provide for a means of powering, and receiving wireless data. These at a cost Not To Exceed \$2000. Doug Albro seconded. The Commodore appointed Robert Fusco and Mike Shepperd. It was suggested Ernie Condon also be included. The motion passed without dissent..

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Members questioned whether the Wind Word has been re-named. There was no sure response.

Motion to Adjourn -

Adjourning to meet next on Thursday, May 9, @ 6:30 pm at clubhouse.

Doug Albro moved, Jim McEwen seconded. The meeting ws adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Doug Albro – Secretary

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		Nov '23 - Mar 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Training Revenue		0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
Initiation Fees		200.00		
Interest Income		18.19		
Member Activities		960.00	3,000.00	-2,040.00
Membership Fees				
Membership Dues		26,955.00	24,750.00	2,205.00
Work Credit Adjustment		-2,000.00		
Total Membership Fees		24,955.00	24,750.00	205.00
Miscellaneous Income		269.00		
Rentals				
Dry Storage Rental		11,550.00	11,300.00	250.00
Slip Rentals				
Slip Rental - One Year		31,600.00	31,950.00	-350.00
Total Slip Rentals		31,600.00	31,950.00	-350.00
Total Rentals		43,150.00	43,250.00	-100.00
Total Income		69,552.19	74,000.00	-4,447.81
Expense				
Annual Meeting Expense		0.00	500.00	-500.00
Annual Awards/Trophies		296.74	500.00	-203.26
Committee Expenditures				
Training		0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
Fleet Maintenance - Sailboats		0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Activities Center		0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00
Buildings & Grounds		5,145.41	7,600.00	-2,354.59
Dry Storage		252.72	1,500.00	-1,247.28
Fleet Maintenance- Power Boats		293.50	700.00	-406.50
Government Relations		0.00	250.00	-250.00
Harbor		4,718.23	4,000.00	718.23
Membership		0.00	500.00	-500.00
Public Relations		755.54	1,400.00	-644.46
Racing Activities		40.15	500.00	-459.85
Sailing Activities		0.00	350.00	-350.00
Security		287.60	1,500.00	-1,212.40
Social Activities		1,223.96	6,000.00	-4,776.04
Total Committee Expenditures		12,717.11	32,200.00	-19,482.89
Insurance		0.00	26,100.00	-26,100.00
Taxes				
Property Taxes		1,851.25	4,200.00	-2,348.75
Total Taxes		1,851.25	4,200.00	-2,348.75
Fees/Dues/Licenses/Permits/Rent				
Concessionaires Fee		5,155.00		
Licenses & Permits		99.90		
Fees/Dues/Licenses/Permits - Other		0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00
Total Fees/Dues/Licenses/Permits/Rent		5,254.90	6,000.00	-745.10
General & Admin		973.30	3,000.00	-2,026.70
Miscellaneous		0.00	500.00	-500.00
Utilities				
Electricity		1,547.68		
Water		7.34		
Utilities - Other		0.00	5,500.00	-5,500.00
Total Utilities		1,555.02	5,500.00	-3,944.98
Total Expense		22,648.32	78,500.00	-55,851.68
Net Ordinary Income		46,903.87	-4,500.00	51,403.87
Net Income		46,903.87	-4,500.00	51,403.87

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AS OF MARCH 31

		Mar 31, 24
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Cash in Bank-Savings EMPRISE		48,147.87
Cash in Bank-Checking EMPRISE		113,203.88
Total Checking/Savings		161,351.75
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable		
Member Accounts Receivable		6,981.11
Total Accounts Receivable		6,981.11
Total Accounts Receivable		6,981.11
Total Current Assets		168,332.86
Fixed Assets		
Accumulated Depreciation		
A/D-Boardboat Facility		-23,433.38
A/D-Clubhouse Addition		-80,837.00
A/D-Clubhouse Furnishings		-5,906.94
A/D-Committee Boats		-17,500.00
A/D-Offshore Original Value		-112,500.00
A/D-On-Shore Improvement		-5,775.00
A/D-On-Shore Original		-59,810.00
A/D-Security System		-1,798.21
A/D-Slip Additions/Improvements		-113,587.00
Total Accumulated Depreciation		-421,147.53
Committee Boats		
Committee Boats Original Value		17,500.00
Total Committee Boats		17,500.00
Off-Shore Facilities		
Clubhouse Addition		101,763.44
Clubhouse Furnishings		5,906.94
Off-Shore Original Value		130,526.13
Slip Additions/Improvements		133,173.56
Total Off-Shore Facilities		371,370.07
On-Shore Facilities		
Boardboat Facility		23,433.38
On-Shore Improvement		16,914.82
On-Shore Original Value		60,694.33
Total On-Shore Facilities		101,042.53
Other Fixed Assets		
Other Fixed Assets Orig Value		393.38
Total Other Fixed Assets		393.38
Security System		
Security System Original Value		1,798.21

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Total Security System		1,798.21
Utilities-FA		
Utilities-Original Value		225.00
Total Utilities-FA		225.00
Youth Program Boats & Equipment		24,064.68
Total Fixed Assets		95,246.34
TOTAL ASSETS		263,579.20
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Use Tax Payable		185.89
Fun-raiser-Boat Shelter funds		1,155.00
Sales Tax Payable		107.25
Total Other Current Liabilities		1,448.14
Total Current Liabilities		1,448.14
Total Liabilities		1,448.14
Equity		
Retained Earnings		215,227.19
Net Income		46,903.87
Total Equity		262,131.06
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		263,579.20