

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

JUNE 2024



Nice Work Maddie Well Done Justus

We know you two fine sailors don't need our help and didn't ask; just letting you know we're happy to help if you do.
Cheers to boat ownership!

From All of us at WVSC



Word from the Commodore:

Greetings from your Commodore.

Summer is here so let's get ready to sail and have a great time out at our clubhouse. I would like to personally thank everyone who has helped out this year on preparing the docks, clubhouse, cook out pavilion, and dry dock area. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful people in our club who are willing to go the extra mile for everyone's benefit.

Lots of exciting sailing events and club socials will be kicking off this month so please come out and enjoy. Look forward to visiting with everyone.



Commodore's Sailing quote of the month:

A rough day at sea is still better than any day in the office.

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.

The Big Bash Boat Splash...

was a Smashing Success - no pun intended. Thanks to one and all that came out, stepped masts, sorted sails, started motors, parked trailers, cooked filets, boiled lobster, shared photos and had a great time working together. We put an astounding number of boats on the water and as I recall, we executed each boat launching maneuver with great precision, impeccable timing and unbelievable accuracy.





Ernie... always using his head.











WVSC Sailing Activities and Socials

June:

Saturday, June 1st **Work Party...** with something for everyone!!
That's TODAY Skipper
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Be there!

All the Cool Boats Sail - watch for txt message - semi impromptu

Final Fridays Girls Get Together & Float Party Friday, June 28
Contact: Deann Gadalla, Julie Barth or Ardie Condon

Sing-a-Long/Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday June 29th



Wondering what other
Sailing Activities & Socials
we've planned for 2024?

Here's the short list:

SAIL OLYMPICS
SHRIMP BOIL
SAIL JEOPARDY
OCTOBER FEST

Social hour 6pm Dinner 7pm
Sing-a-Long to follow
BYO Drink and dish to share.
Interested in playing along and would like sheet music, email Rick Bandorff brandorff@sbcglobal.net

Three Days on The Water! Coming soon. Get your gear onboard - we're gonna do it.

SCAVENGER HUNT
MOONLIGHT SAIL
BEYOND B DOCKS & THREE DAYS ON THE WATER CHALLENGE
MINI REGATTA
ALL THE COOL BOATS SAIL
WATERMELON TOSS
STEAK NIGHT
SING ALONG
FINAL FRIDAYS GIRLS GET TOGETHER

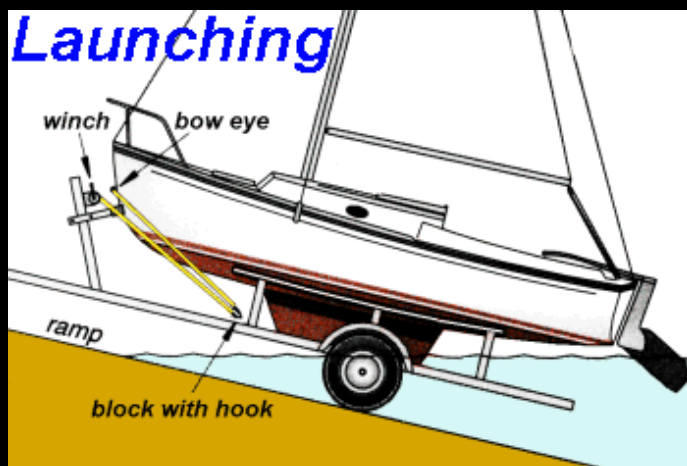
As always, nothing is set in stone. If you have an idea for a social or sailing activity, or would like to help out, contact Tedd Blankenship, Julie Barth or any board member.

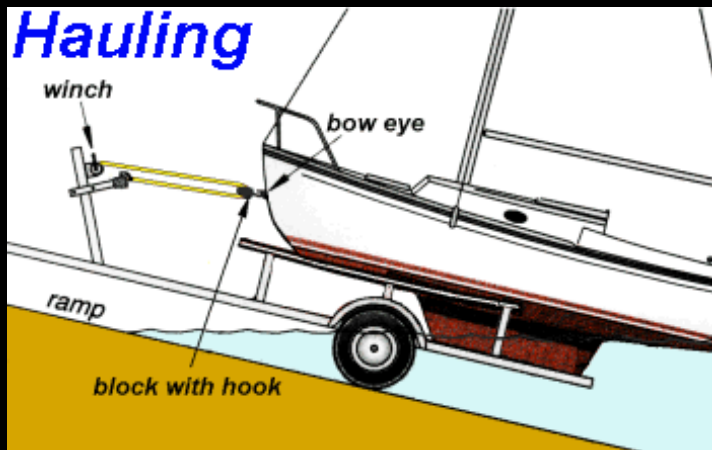
Take a Closer Look!

LAUNCHING AND HAULING

Launching and hauling your boat can be a difficult and strenuous situation, especially if it is a sailboat. The first time I used this method was when I had a Sharpie (18' long, 8' beam, flat bottom, 5/8" plywood - glassed, 12" oak laminated rails, old clam boat. In other words a HEAVY boat. Anyway...

A block with a hook-on winch cable will allow you to launch your boat easily. To launch your boat pull the winch cable out and hook the block (again, a stainless block - Call or drop us a note for more info) on the trailer just in front of the centerboard trunk, or as far back under the hull to give you some good leverage. Then run the cable up to the bow eye. A couple of cranks on your winch and the boat will be pulled into the water.





To get your boat back on the trailer with less effort, hook the block on to the boat's bow eye. Then run the cable back to the winch and hook it off there. This arrangement creates a 2-to-1 advantage and your boat is easily hauled on to the trailer.

Illustrations and text adapted from "100 Fast and Easy Boat Improvements", Don Casey, International Marine, Camden, Maine

Triple Dog Dare You!

Sit on the Front Row at the Sing-a-Long June 29th and Sing-a-Long like the folks over at Shady Creek could hear you. It's all good!

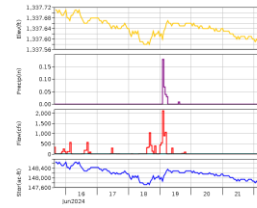
In the event of an emergency this is the address to provide EMS, First Responders:

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





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



El Dorado Lake Inflow-Outflow Data

CLICK ON THE GRAPH ABOVE TO
VIEW CURRENT DATA

[Read more](#)
www.swt-wc.usace.army.mil

Tech. Tip of the Month...



What! You're going to remind us we ran this YouTube video last month? Gold star for you - well done - nice catch!

Now just for kicks, tell us about three Boat Hack tips and tricks you learned last month. That's kind of what we thought... maybe we'll run 19 Boat Hacks again next month.

Watch this video again and if you don't find something worth your time and effort this time around... Nick Michaelson and Fernando Salgado will eat an entire section of our grey docks right before your very eyes. And please, don't tell us you don't know what or where our grey docks are... yikes.

Lauren Holt thinks Nick and Fernando can eat *at least* one section of our grey docks.

Note: This month's "Joke of the Month" is rated **G** featuring Dana Herring, John Aschbrenner, Mark Neas, Bill Allman and Julie Barth's left hand.

Out on the Race Course

Racers and other curious skippers:

Our dry erase white board has needed replacing for quite some time, and now we've done just that. Our new board should be easier to use and much easier to read/see out on the water. You're going to love it. This is what each line tells us.

The top line:

Bearing from RC boat to windward mark. e.g. 186 degrees in this race...

Line 2 :



Far left position is the corresponding letter of course, e. g. I for I course, H or E for Ed Webb course, F for modified Olympic, and M for our triangle course. Nearly all of our races are mid course starts.

The number to the right

Indicates the number of laps. e.g. 2 laps in the race above.

And hey, no need to panic - we have cheat sheets that remind us what each race configuration is and where we need to go. We all use them whether we admit it or not. Or when you're not sure where to go, just follow the leader!

Quiz-O-Rama: Let's hope you were paying attention!

What does the board in the photo above tell us?

Answer:

This race is going to be **2** laps,
it's an **E** course - the same as an Ed Webb course and
the windward mark is **186** degrees south of the committee boat.

The boards are simple to use. The hexagon shapes simply flip over from yellow to black and you make the number or letter you desire.

Brian Hakala will be scoring the quizzes.

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

WVSC Board of Governors Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2024 WVSC Clubhouse -
click on the link below:

WVSC Meeting Minutes - May, 2024

Don't Be Shy

We would be delighted to hear all about your latest tree climbing adventures

Bart. Actually we're delighted to hear about anything you've been up to - ice fishing in the arctic, replacing a bolt rope on your mainsail or cooking up a smoking hot new picante sauce. It's all good.



We're just happy to hear from you.

We reserve the right to edit for length and/or relevance. We may hold your submission for future publications or not use it at all.

photo above by: Laurent Pierron

Send information to: teddblankenship59@gmail.com

Earning work credits at WVSC is easier than sewing a new button on your "dockers." Just ask **Alan Unruh**.

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 lights on... thanks. We appreciate your time and effort.



YOUR COUCH

Today - June 1st
Work Party, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Something for everyone! Come on out, earn a few work credit hours and enjoy a great day with friends and family.

Friday - June 28th
Girls Get Together and Float Party

Saturday - June 29th

Potluck Dinner and Sing Along

JOKE OF THE MONTH



Three men in a boat with four cigarettes
but no lighter, what do they do?

Throw one cigarette overboard and
the boat becomes a cigarette lighter...

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)

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 father in-law's rare coin 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@ninnescan.org

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WVSC Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2024

WVSC Clubhouse

Call to Order – 6:39 PM

Lake Level: 1337.31. -1.69 ft !

BOG members present:

Commodore: Troy Oberly
Vice Commodore: Julie Barth
Rear Commodore: Stuart Funk (not present)
Treasurer: Preston Brammer
Secretary: Doug Albro
Board Members: Blaine VanDam, Jim McEwen, Mike Shepperd, Robert Fusco (not present)

Commodore’s Remarks

The Saturday opening was good, well attended, in-spite of colder and blustery weather. We did get several boats launched.

April 10 BOG Meeting Minutes Approval

The minutes of the April 10 meeting were reviewed. Blain Van Dam moved approval; Julie Barth seconded. The minutes were approved.

Membership Concerns -

We discussed concerns and safety issues with loose and not-directly-boating equipment on docks.

We noted that Deann Gadalla has offered to bring a moveable or fixed basketball goal if use/installation is permissible and desired. The BOG has concern about this becoming a non-club attraction. It would be to install and then have state tell us to remove it. A temporary or moveable goal setup might be possible at a special event. We will consider specific requests.

BOG members had heard no other concerns All interaction has been possible.

New Business -

Groups and members have been working on sanding picnic table, Brooke Oberly in particular. Our thanks for her efforts.

The new flags are up and look nice. Rack disassembly was completed three of the 4 identified racks. Will get a burn permit to reduce the wood residue.

There will be an additional work party to remove one more set; a single rack will be retained. This will allow others to come in to get their “credits” for a work event.

During the workday, we are looking to trim some trees, and cut out some volunteer evergreens (cedars). Pole saws would help if some people have one to bring along. Team is suggesting the first weekend in June: June 1st. Will start at 9:00 am. There will be some indoor, clubhouse chores as well.

Committee Reports:

Liaison

Committee Chair

Long Range Planning

Julie Barth

Blaine Van Dam

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News on Security: Mike Shepherd has sent a link to the financial team. We will need to create an account with the provider as part of the sign-up. We will receive a “home”. As recipient, we will be provided with a smart-phone application to aid antenna alignment. We will have 30 days to evaluate the system and installation. Router needs power; antenna needs cabling to reach to the router. We need to agree on its location. Wireless cameras are from 80 to 200 dollars to purchase. Many are battery operated; battery units last 3 to 6 months. There is additional cost if we wish to store data beyond real time. Providers have packages for monitoring of cameras. This can be initiated up front, or added on at a later time. We will need to have some form of saving to memory to be able to find past intrusion events. There are also camera models which include lighting (affecting battery life) and some that allow voice communication and alarm warnings. Cameras use the 2.4 ghz side of common WiFi transmitter systems. “People” use the 5 ghz. For Starlink, the monthly service starts at \$140. Starlink operates monthly; there is no yearly or long term agreement.

SimplySafe and Wise cameras also include options to use solar charging of the camera batteries.

We can gain experience, and make more. First Alert payments are \$53.00 monthly (for a greatly reduced bandwidth: 25 mps vs. 200 mps).

Powerboats

Preston Brammer

Bart Peace

The Committee boat is ready; new battery charger and bimini boot are in place. The team is discussing fixing some paneling and carpeting for the deck. One of the boats Kansas parks sticker is out of date. The “non-whaler” is not current. There was a question if whether Stuart (not present) intends to use this boat this year for the training sessions. BOG believes we should register it to be ready to use it. The Hunter boat is coming off of our insurance following its sale. We did add a 14.2 to be covered. The “good one:”. At least one of the Whalers should be insured. Cost is more than incidental. This is a “comprehensive” type of insurance. Additional details to come.

Harbor

James McEwen

Charlie Volk

There is a small leak in the sewer line going up the walkway. Charlie Volk will get out to fix it. The leak in the tank pit comes and goes. Magnitude of cost would affect our ability to repair this. Should we just get a quote? BOG members agreed we should get a quote and then determine how to proceed (member repair vs. contractor repair). The problem is the thread area. Jim McEwen noted that the sewage tank area has a strap that is making a noise when the wind blows. There is no mechanical issue there; no urgent need of repair this.

Activities Center

Blaine VanDam

Paul Schye

Team will work with Paul to coordinate a cleaning event probably coinciding with the June 1 work day.

Membership

Ardie Condon

Katy Brammer

Noted that Ardie found some missing name tags.

Sail Training

Stuart Funk

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Stuart is out. He has planning well in hand.

Archivist

Doug Albro

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This writer will archive copies of the minutes.

Public Relations/Media

Doug Albro

Charlie Volk

There have been no recently identified issues with website access.

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Finance

Preston Brammer

Greg Rinker

Again, as discussed in meeting previously, the dock repairs have run us over budget, but we are stable now. We still have a few “receivable” accounts open; approximately \$5,000. Preston and Troy will work to communicate with account holders.

Savings account is at \$48,000; Checking account has \$82,000.

Dry Storage

Troy Oberly

Stuart Funk

Looking pretty good. Looking to clean up “left over” items in the DS area.

Building and Grounds

Troy Oberly

Mike Shepperd

Mike Shepperd reports that we are looking ahead to get a new quote to prepare for budgeting for the parking lot repaving. Commodore Troy indicates we will keep hitting the weeds.

There is an old trailer in back of DS yard. Mike Reynolds is looking at scrapping. There is a lot of “stuff” that could be removed. Things that are not safe to use and takes space. The pontoon boat deck is unusable. We need to make it functional if we are going to keep it. Last use was 5 years ago to assist with clubhouse painting.

We have several trailers; frames sunk into the mud in the DS area (perhaps not so dry). We will need to purchase some gravel to back fill into areas where trailers have been freed from the mud.

Charlie is making a “status board” of slips to enable quick identification of a boat that might be “in trouble”. A similar effort for the dry storage would be very helpful.

Calling (& Texting)

Julie Barth

Julie Barth

Julie continues texting. Lots of positive responses to this.

Jeff Klein needs help lowering a mast. Julie will send a text to get some additional help. He has a 30 foot boat with a 40-some foot mast. This will be a “training day” activity.

Racing Activities

Preston Brammer

Blaine Van Dam

First and second non-races have occurred.

Social Activities

Julie Barth

Tedd Blankenship

A Moonlight sail is planned for 21 June (full moon). Will talk to Ernie for some assistance. We need some flexibility with some of our activities. August 17 is planned as a Steak night. Looking at a “Sing along with the Band” event on 29 June. We can have a pot-luck dinner with this. There has been a suggestion for a watermelon toss. Also looking for a Pirate night. Staytuned.

Please send ideas on text messages to Julie.

Government Relations

Jim McEwen

Gene Nold

No activity.

Security

Mike Shepperd

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Discussion concludes that payments for Starlink antenna, router and camera equipment will come from the Security budget. It was noted that the antenna and cameras will be a capital expense.

Mike also noted that he did receive some alarm responses during recent wind storms.

Sailing Activities

Blaine Van Dam

Troy Oberly

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Have not set dates yet, will assign 14.2 race date and begin to get boats ready. There may be a need some training for those wanting to race.

Business Calendar –

No additions.

Old Business -

Some board members raised a question in considering the effect of possible internet connectivity charges, whether all of the club payments, slip rental, club memberships, data access fees might be brought together one payment. Paying together is always optional. This discussion come in recognition of the not-insignificant task of tracking down late payments, multiple times per year Commodore noted that this might be a discussion issue for the next annual meeting, to place the question in advance, and to get broader input of membership thoughts and consensus if possible. Commodore notes that this would be a by-law change.

Motion to Adjourn -

Adjourning to meet next on Thursday, June 13, @ 6:30 pm at clubhouse.

Blaine Van Dam moved; Preston Brammer seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Doug Albro – Secretary

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	Nov '23 - Apr 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Training Revenue	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
Initiation Fees	200.00		
Interest Income	38.15		
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	484.00		
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	69,785.15	74,000.00	-4,214.85
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	85.00	1,500.00	-1,415.00
Activities Center	109.61	3,500.00	-3,390.39
Buildings & Grounds	5,484.77	7,500.00	-2,015.23
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	8,452.60	4,000.00	4,452.60
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	345.12	1,500.00	-1,154.88
Social Activities	1,223.96	6,000.00	-4,776.04
Total Committee Expenditures	17,042.97	32,200.00	-15,157.03
Insurance	26,283.38	26,100.00	183.38
Taxes			
Property Taxes	3,702.50	4,200.00	-497.50
Total Taxes	3,702.50	4,200.00	-497.50
Fees/Dues/Licenses/Permits/Rent			
Concessionaires Fee	5,155.00		
Licenses & Permits	99.90		
Fees/Dues/Licenses/Permits/Rent - 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	1,037.60	3,000.00	-1,962.40
Miscellaneous	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Utilities			
Electricity	1,839.29		
Water	7.34		
Utilities - Other	0.00	5,500.00	-5,500.00
Total Utilities	1,846.63	5,500.00	-3,653.37
Total Expense	55,464.72	78,500.00	-23,035.28
Net Ordinary Income	14,320.43	-4,500.00	18,820.43
Net Income	14,320.43	-4,500.00	18,820.43