

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

JULY 2024



Word from our Commodore:

Summer is officially here and it's wonderful to see so many of our club members out on their sailboats.

I would personally like to thank everyone that came out for our June work party. The club grounds and clubhouse look fantastic. I would also like to recognize our power boats crew who gave our RC boat some TLC.

Troy



Sailing quote of the month by Dave Berry:

“Sailboats are the slowest form of transportation on earth with the possible exception of airline flights that go through O’Hare.”

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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 in June, but our **WVSC Work Party Volunteers Hit One Out of the Park!**

And unless you we're there, you'd think we were making this all up. Read the list below and you'll see what we're talking about.

Thanks to the happy-go-lucky- whistle while you work WVSC Sailors listed below: our boathouse is clean inside & out, pipe-anchors are serviced, dock floatation removed & replaced, trees trimmed, grass mowed, picnic tables sanded & painted, boat racks removed, training boats rigged, flags hoisted, flowers planted, electrical boxes serviced, uniforms washed & ironed... **and** the Commodores shoes have been properly shined.

Thanks again WVSC Work Party Sailors. We appreciate all that you do.

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"Absolutely Commodore, I'm steam cleaning the carpets now. I'll have dock boxes washed and waxed and your shoes shined by the end of the day. Is there anything else?" - said Charlie.







It's not all about *work*. The photos below were shot after the races Wednesday night. The skies were spectacular!

Thanks Chris Duncan and Ernie Condon for many of the photos this month. Keep them coming!







WVSC Sailing Activities and Socials

July:

Three Days on The Water! Coming soon. Get your gear onboard - we're gonna do it. Be prepared, it may be on short notice. 100 degrees or less would be nice.

Wondering what other Sailing Activities & Socials 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

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.



ALL THE COOL BOATS SAILED

John Randall hikes out on his Chrysler Mutineer **Prairie Schooner** - a fine centerboard boat!!

We had a few other Cool Boats, but somehow neglected to take any cool photos of them - Ernie & Ardie, Chris Duncan and Jarrod, Janet and Tedd and... the Precision to name but a few.



Sometimes spinnakers can have a mind of their own. Luckily this one was in good hands with Kevin, Brenda, Paul, Charlie and the WVSC spinnaker gods.

Take a Closer Look!



Can you identify this mysterious object?

If not, you need to chat with Paul, Charlie, Troy, Stewart, Kevin, Justus, Maddie, Brooke, Deann, Ardie, Julie, or any swimming WVSC sailor you know. These fine sailor-swimmers will be happy, willing, and able to tell you all *you need to know*. Take the time to listen.

The answer to the mystery photo-object above is at the bitter end of this delightful publication. Scroll to the bitter end... Dave!

Triple Dog Dare You!



"Three Days on The Water Challenge"

Coming soon to a sleepy little cove near you!

- Two nights on the water sailing and/or anchored out
- Three days ON your boat - NOT in a slip

The tentative plan: a Friday, Saturday night anchor out with Sunday morning everyone back on land for breakfast together. When we see a reasonably good forecast, we'll put the word out and make plans to go.

All boats, sailors, cooks, poets, star gazers, genders, ages, welcome!
Complete the three day challenge or join us for whatever time you have.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST: Feel free to lavish participating sailors with gifts aplenty. Words of encouragement and a pat on the back are always nice too!

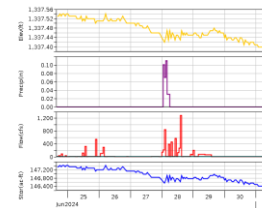
In the event of an emergency this is the address to provide EMS, First Responders:

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 put on your favorite swim suit and jump in... feet first, with your BFF of course!

photo courtesy: Ninnescah Yacht Club



El Dorado Lake Inflow- Outflow Data

CLICK ON THE GRAPH
ABOVE TO VIEW
CURRENT DATA

Read more

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

Tech. Tip of the Month...



Zip It Commodore!

This month's joke of the month selected, sponsored, and fully endorsed
by our amazing Harbor Master; Charlie Volk. Well done Charlie.
Thanks! We appreciate all that you do.

Out on the Race Course



The 2024 Catalina 22 National Championship Regatta was held recently on Lake St. Clair, Michigan. Congratulations to Doug Thome who is the 2024 Catalina 22 National Champion and Spinnaker Fleet Champion.

Do you know who our past Catalina 22 National Champion was, and what year the title was won by this Walnut Valley Sailing Club Skipper?

Answer: Ed Webb won the Catalina 22 National Championship title and the year was... jeepers. How quickly we forget. No worries, the important thing is we still remember Ed Webb and always will.



Cheers to a great guy, a great sailor and amazing
days on the water, racing sailboats.
Cheers to Ed Webb.

Below are a few shots by Ernie Condon from our Wednesday evening races. Sorry we
couldn't supply more "action" Ernie. As you recall, it was a bit of a light-air night.













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

Thanks again for the wonderful drone shots Ernie. Nice.

June BOG meeting minutes were not
available at time of publication

please don't shoot the messenger

Don't Be Shy

We would be delighted to hear about your latest trip to the Worlds Largest Marble Museum Clark and Debbie Chambers.

Actually we're delighted to hear about anything you've been up to lately, noodling catfish, baking naan, or camping out on your Hunter 28.5 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 credit: Gene Phlehal

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Earning work credits at WVSC is easier and safer than packing homemade fireworks in the galley.

Just ask Laurie Klein

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

Three Days on The Water Challenge
Coming Soon to a sleepy little cove near you.

JOKE OF THE MONTH



Why does Lady Liberty stand
in New York Harbor?

She can't sit.

One would have to assume, only a Harbor Master can fully appreciate that joke. Thanks Charlie.

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



This device hanging on the east wall of our clubhouse is called a **Shock Alert**. It's **designed to identify stray electrical current - in water.**

If you plan to take a dip in the lake off of our docks, take a moment and drop this device in the water, it could save your life. If you hear an audible beeping sound, don't get in the water. A green light and no beeping indicates the water is free of electrical current. Read the instruction manual if you have questions. Swim at your own risk.

If you have a common household extension cord plugged into your shore-power supply, you're putting yourself and others at risk of electrocution or serious injury. Using proper marine rated cords, plugs and tools may cost you a few dollars more, but they won't kill you!



A Shock Alert is the answer to the mystery photo question this month. Ours is located on the east wall of the clubhouse. ALWAYS use it before anyone physically enters the water near our docks! Safety first!

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

List your boat, your sailing gear or that old coon hound in the back of yer truck. It's all good, and we'll support you 100%.

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