

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

OCTOBER 2024



Notice: phantom boat observed sailing through WVSC cove at night with no skipper or crew on board - none. Please report sightings of this boat to the Harbor Master immediately. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter. Be safe.

Word From The Commodore:

Another summer has come and gone and it's time to start prepping our boats for their long winter nap. Our tans may have faded, but the friendships and memories we made will last forever.

Please note that our water will be shut off at the club house October 13th. So, it's probably time to start preparing our trailers for the haul-out too.



Sailing quote of the month:

There's nothing more beautiful than the way the ocean refuses to stop kissing the shoreline, no matter how many times it is sent away.

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It's always interesting to learn more about WVSC sailors. You're invited to share a brief story about how you got started sailing etc., along with a photo or two. Thanks to all that have participated so far...next month it could be you.

Socials and Sailing Activities:

*Saturday, October 5th

Halloween/October Fest

6:00 Happy Half Hour

6:30 PM let the festivities commence

Bring a side dish to share

Dress in your favorite costume (optional of course)

Saturday November 16th 6pm

at The House of Schwan

Annual Meeting & Chili Cook off

Compete with your best chili or
bring a side/dessert.

Thursday December 5th

Christmas Party

at The Point Event Center

Augusta, KS

Details to come

Halloween/October-Fest!

Saturday, Oct. 5th

6:00 - 7:00 Happy Hour

7:00 - Let the Festivities Begin!

Hosted, sponsored, organized, scheduled, presented, and endorsed by our very own WVSC
BOG! Don't miss out!!

But there's more, word on the docks is that the infamous Rasta Impasta may make a cameo
appearance. *She's got all the moves*, click on the link below and check her out!

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Triple Dog Dare You!

The WVSC BOG Triple Dog Dares You to show up to the Halloween/October Fest in Costume. Go for it sailor! You won't be alone...word on the docks is that Richard B. is already working on his snow-cone outfit. We don't know why... if you see Richard, be sure to ask him, "Why a snow-cone Richard?"



D and The Deck Hands

played live last Saturday night at WVSC Steak Night. If you missed it, you missed out!

Don't miss this Saturday Night, Oct. 5th

Another wild night at WVSC... two weeks in a row!

Octoberfest/Halloween Party! Be there! 10-5



Last Saturday night WVSC sailors were treated to great food, wonderful music and a beautiful night. Thanks Richard, Julie, Ardie, and grill masters Chris Proudfoot and Kevin Welch. A fine time was had by all. Special Thanks to: D and the Deck Hands.

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

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



Dock Safety It is imperative that we keep dock walkways clear of obstructions for the safety of members and guests. This includes bow pulpits, anchors, carts, gear, lighting, etc. Thank you.

WVSC BOG, Troy Oberly



For current lake level data click on the link at right, read the water meter above, or ask our Harbor Master - Charlie.

El Dorado Lake Inflow-Outflow Data

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TO VIEW CURRENT DATA

Tech Tip of the Month...

FAIR WIND FASTENERS

Marine Grade Fasteners

in a Variety of Alloys

Click on the link below to shop the finest quality silicon bronze, 316 stainless steel, or copper marine fasteners on the market. We carry a wide range of guaranteed alloy, corrosion resistant nuts, bolts, wood screws, machine screws, carriage bolts, hex bolts, lag bolts, washers, nails, wood plugs, and more that are suitable for use in a corrosive environment. Our stock is carefully curated to be only the quality that we would use on our own boat.



Screw Lube

Does just as the name implies; but also provides anti-seizing properties and is easy to use. No fumes, no chemicals, no smells.

[FAIR WIND FASTENERS](#)



Out on the Race Course...

the season is starting to wind down,

but it's not over yet Skipper!

Skippers and Crew: below you will find an interesting idea to ponder, kick-around, design, explore, evaluate, investigate, experiment, hypothesize, sketch, doodle, draw, discuss, debate, conjecture, copy, emulate, pontificate, postulate, modify, scale up, scale down, or ultimately build a prototype and finally solve this WVSC racing conundrum. If and when you do:

"You'll become a lifetime WVSC racing legend.

We'll cast a life size bronze of you in your most flattering of profiles and worship you

for millennium to come."

In a nutshell a reverse hook arrangement was designed with a slot down the middle that is slightly narrower than the jib sheet (in this case a 4.8mm slot for a 5mm sheet). Perpendicular to the "insertion slot" is a 12-15mm sheet slot which the jib sheet runs through.



This system works by inserting the jib sheet into the slot. A simple twist then stops the sheet from falling out. Black PTFE was used to reduce friction to a minimum as the sheets slide through the fitting. When gybing, the pole is released back onto the boom. With a quick twist the sheet is ejected and ready to be quickly reattached to the new sheet on the new side - simply reverse the operation.

The fitting is the same outside diameter as the pole and is held in place by a round "tenon" which is riveted or screwed to the pole.

This article is provided as inspiration and a mild stimulus to all you thinkers and doers out there. Let's hope it works. We've got a caldron of bronze on the fire already, just for you.

Questions about racing or curios to know more:

contact Blaine Van Dam 316 371 4166



After the Races - by Chris Duncan

WVSC BOG Meeting Minutes

Click on the links below:

[August 15th Minutes pg. 1](#)

[August 15th Minutes pg. 2](#)

- The Windword publishes Meeting Minutes each month as they become available.



Committees; Liaison & Chair

Contact information, committee duties and other details may be found at wvsailingclub.com

Committee	Liaison	Chair
Long Range Planning	Julie Barth	Blaine Van Dam
Powerboats	Preston Brammer	Bart Peace
Harbor	James McEwen	Charlie Volk
Activity Center	Blaine Van Dam	Paul Schye
Membership	Ardie Condon	Kate Brammer
Sail Training	Stuart Funk	Stuart Funk

Archivist	Doug Albro	Doug Albro
Public Relations	Doug Albro	Charlie Volk
Finance	Preston Brammer	Greg Rinker
Dry Storage	Troy Oberly	Stuart Funk
Buildings & Grounds	Troy Oberly	Mike Shepperd
Calling/texting	Julie Barth	Julie Barth
Racing Activities	Preston Brammer	Blaine Van Dam
Socials	Julie Barth	Tedd Blankenship
Government Relations	Jim McEwen	Gene Nold
Security	Mike Shepperd	Mike Shepperd
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Don't Be Shy

We would be delighted

to hear about your latest adventures spelunking in the deep, dark, dank, mind bending bat cave... *"The darkness consumed me and filled my mind as much as the air. Dark thoughts found their way into my brain as I worried what was around the next corner waiting in the abyss."*

Actually we're delighted to hear about anything WVSC sailors have been up to lately, sailing, spelunking, tying knots or target shooting.



Don't be shy, we'd love to hear from you too? By the way does anyone know who this fine sailor is in the deep, dark, dank, mind bending bat cave? Is that Sandy?

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. Send information to: teddblankenship59@gmail.com
Photos & short stories always welcome.

Earning work credits

at WVSC is easier than watching First Mate Billy Nicholson JR III tie a reef knot, but hey, First Mate Billy Nicholson JR III always does it with a smile, just like First Mate Billy Nicholson JR III does when he's earning work credits. Come on out and join First Mate Billy Nicholson JR III.



\$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. Thanks for being such a good sport

First Mate Billy Nicholson JR III!!



Your Couch

Halloween/October Fest!

This Saturday, 10-5

6:00 PM Get Happy!

6:30 Let the Festivities Begin!

JOKE OF THE MONTH



What did the gorgeous mermaid say
when she got tangled in the seaweed?

Kelp Commodore Troy, Kelp!

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)

Catalina 22

Boat #8333

Always dry sailed

Rigged for racing - very good racing record



SAIL INVENTORY

Two Genoa sails - 1 light air Mylar & 1 heavy air Dacron

Two main sails: Dacron - one with flattening reef in foot

One 110 jib - Dacron

RIGGING INVENTORY

Mariner speed dial

Richie compass with heel angle

Main sheet post "barney post"

Adjustable backstay, adjustable traveler- crew adjustable location

Carbon fiber whisker pole

Anchor, interior cushions, various extra hardware

Nissan 5hp outboard motor

Trailer has built in extension tongue for easy launching



May be seen in dry storage at WVSC #212

\$6000

Gary Pierce 316-655-8853 gllpiercewich@cox.net

Gene Nold 316-734-3981 genenold@att.net



Gas Can for sale:

Price slashed now only \$9 or best offer...

Would also consider trade for a First-Class round-trip airfare ticket to London, England. Hey, it's a nice gas can.

Contact Tim Miller:

316 992 0514

timmiller2@cox.net

It's official. We reciprocate with the

Ninnescah Yacht Club at Cheney

List your boat, your sailing gear or your prized spelunking line. It's all good. We love caves, cavemen and cavewomen at WVSC. teddblankenship59@gmail.com for the Windword

or Angela at Cheney to place your free ad: editor@ninnescah.org

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WVSC Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2024

WVSC Boathouse

Call to Order – 18:46 PM

Lake Level: ~1336 feet (-3 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 (not present) Robert Fusco (not present)

Commodore's Remarks

Our 2nd Regatta went off really well; everyone had a good time. There was not as much water as before or wind but a good time was had.

August 15 BOG Meeting Minutes Approval

Meeting minutes recorded by Vice Commodore Julie Barth were presented. Blaine Van Dam moved approval; Preston Brammer seconded. The minutes were approved.

Membership Concerns -

Tim Miller wishes to change to an Affiliate Membership. Doug Albro moved approval; Blaine Van Dam seconded. Request was approved.

Members have voiced issue with BOG Meeting Minutes made available (via the WindWord). In several board members noted concern with the e-mailing of meeting minutes which contain the club's financial reporting as discussed in the meeting. The board's preference would be to place the minutes in the membership area of the club website. Charlie Volk has access to the membership area. Can the Secretary have access to the website to post the minutes to the Member Area. Or is Charlie willing to do this.

It was also noted that the Secretary has been providing an unapproved version of the minutes to editors for retention. Hard copies of the approved minutes are being retained in the archive cabinets in the clubhouse. The secretary noted that we have precedent in approving items (such as membership requests) through the use of E-mails and text messages. Suggested that the board members respond to the receipt of emailed Minutes with comments or a statement of approval. Approval of minutes could be achieved prior to the next meeting in this manner.

A Suggestion is that that minutes would then be placed in the members section of the web site.

Doug will talk to Charlie Volk about access/process. It was suggested that this cycle of the Minutes be approved, and e-mailed as before, without containing financials.

An additional issue: Charlie Volk has noted seeing lots of extra materials on docks. He's asking the Board to make a statement of keeping the docks and walkways clear of overhanging boat parts (motors, pulpits, equipment and non-boating "stuff"). The Board will request a note in the Windword,

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and perhaps transmit periodic texts as reminders. Blaine Van Dam will craft the statement and provide to Troy for approval.

Finally, Meyers Road will be closed next Monday. (portions over the railroad). Not sure for how long.

New Business.

- Board is looking to setting November 16th for Annual Board Meeting. We will continue to use the House of Schwann location (approximately \$350). There was additional discussion of whether this is best on a week-night coinciding with Board Meeting scheduling, or to have it on a Saturday evening as has been done for the last few meetings. Troy will seek additional input.
- Preston sends a reminder to members to turn in expenses for the year by October 20th.
- Committee chairs need to turn in compiled “compensation hours” for people who worked for their committees by September 20th.
- The non-profit organization “Butler Homeless Initiative’ asked if WVSC will fund their fishing tournament with a \$1,000 donation toward the event. The board discussed the issue. The Prevailing thought is that members can be asked to donate to the agency, as a public service. Club funds are collected and maintained to support club activities. Board members feel there is no latitude to use club funds for other purposes. There was no motion for any action.
- The group discussed the function of the Nominating Committee for the board member elect (at the annual meeting). We need three nominees’ willing to replace the terminating BOG members. A note in the Windword to invite people to be a part of the BOG. Windword can identify those seeking election. Please contact Commodore Troy. We can also use text messaging to invite interested parties to respond if interested. BOG members must be a club member for at least two years. An elected BOG member of less than two years serves as a non-voting member until the 2 years is reached. Suggested BOG members make effort to talk to “potentials”.

Committee Reports:	Liaison	Committee Chair
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Long Range Planning	Julie Barth	Blaine Van Dam
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Nothing currently in work.

Powerboats	Preston Brammer	Bart Peace
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The large boat was running rough. Users noted it was running ok Sunday and Wednesday. Racing will have 5 more events, needing the boats. We can likely complete the year without additional service. Members suggested pulling the Whaler at the end of the month. We will not winterize it yet.

Harbor	James McEwen	Charlie Volk
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Charlie Volk’s request that we speak to “encroachment’ over the dock walkways was revisited. A walking “survey” noted one slip on each dock as being questionable. Saturday repair/work activities are not a specific issue. This is about “un-attended” boats. Charlie has had the Wednesday group make adjustments when needed.

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Activities Center

Blaine VanDam

Paul Schye

We have replaced the air conditioner for the Women's rest room with a donated unit.

Membership

Ardie Condon

Katy Brammer

Nothing new to report.

Question: The "Cheeney guys" who have raced with us this year, "Is there existing policy about waiving initiation fees (because we are reciprocals?) This is just a question. The Cheeney folks are enjoying their time with us.

What is the age of a junior membership? Noted to be "At least 16 years through 23 years." Several "kids" are interested in becoming junior members. This allows boat access without the (parental) member needing to be present. There are no words in the By-Laws about required supervision of Junior Members.

Sail Training

Stuart Funk

Stuart Funk

No Update.

Archivist

Doug Albro

Doug Albro

Will do archiving. Previous discussion is noted.

Public Relations/Media

Doug Albro

Charlie Volk

Will visit with Charlie regarding the Minutes storage in the members area.

Finance

Preston Brammer

Greg Rinker

Charlie Volk forwarded some bills. There have been some other small bills. Again, noting, only the "Harbor" has gone over budget this year; a condition well understood.

Preston noted that we will have some members dropping out. Statements provided by Preston will be attached to the non-public form of these meeting minutes. In the past, Charlie Volk and Paul Schye have worked the billing process for members with boats using bubblers in the winter. Preston also noted that we are looking to sealing the parking lot during the next year.

Dry Storage

Troy Oberly

Stuart Funk

No new information. Will have a clean out at the end of the year. We have some new bins, hope to clean and organize. The young sailors are interested in helping (e.g. the EHS Jazz band).

Building and Grounds

Troy Oberly

Mike Shepperd

Mike Shepperd ordered a tarp; it was too small to make much shade. Will re-evaluate in the spring.

Calling (& Texting)

Julie Barth

Julie Barth

Group is calling and texting. Great job.

Racing Activities

Preston Brammer

Blaine Van Dam

There were 18 members represented at the last activity. We will add Brenda and Janet to "workers" for the year.

Social Activities

Julie Barth

Tedd Blankenship

Had a great activity. Steak night is the 28th. Looking at an October activity. Also, a Chili cookoff for the Annual Meeting. The Karaoke event was lots of fun. We are talking about an Octoberfest/Halloween party; probably a pot-luck dinner.

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Government Relations

Jim McEwen

Gene Nold

No activities; no issues.

Security

Mike Shepperd

Mike Shepperd

There were no notifications; alarms, etc. This is good.

Sailing Activities

Blaine Van Dam

Troy Oberly

No further discussion. This will continue. We are looking to see if there is interest in centerboard boating/racing series.

Business Calendar –

Looking forward to the annual meeting.

Old Business -

Internet: Our application for a business credit card has been submitted. The card should arrive soon. We still want to get internet and two cameras up and running by the annual meeting. We hope to demonstrate to members that we can pursue perpetrators of security issues. Interest is in having a live feed of the cameras in operation during the Annual Meeting. Mike Shepperd will need help to do the installation.

Commodore and Financial officer reiterated that Membership Dues are expected to have been paid ahead of the Annual Meeting in order to have voice and vote in the meeting. Commodore is suggesting we send a text to advise members that payment time is coming soon. It was noted that late payment after grace period results in loss of membership, resetting applicability of an initiation fee, and resetting membership longevity to zero. The Commodore and others have voiced frustration that it is taking so much effort to achieve payment of dues and rental fees.

Motion to Adjourn -

Adjourning to meet next on Thursday, October 10, @ 6:30 pm at clubhouse If very hot, the meeting will move to Pizza Hut (again).

Blaine Van Dam moved to adjourn; Preston Brammer seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 20:36.

Respectfully Submitted

Doug Albro – Secretary