

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

SEPTEMBER 2024



photo by Ernie Condon

Word from the Commodore:

Greetings:

Well, another month has come and gone and the dog days of summer have come to visit us. I would like to personally thank everyone for coming out to our 14.2 Regatta. Without everybody in our club volunteering their time, we wouldn't be able to put on such wonderful club events. We have our second 14.2 Regatta in September which will give sailors another chance to showcase their small boat sailing skills. Also, I would like to thank everyone who came out to our karaoke night. We had a wonderful time at photo by Preston Brammer



wonderful time. I was very impressed with the singing capabilities of so many club members. We have several social events planned for the rest of the summer and into fall. Please come out and join the fun and share if the good times.

Sailing quote of the month by John F. Kennedy:

"We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea, whether it is to sail or watch. We are going back to from whence we came."

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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

August:

Yesterday, we hosted an amazing **Kids' Day**. Let's just say we had kids *out the wazoo* at WVSC... We had kids on the water, kids in the water, on boats, sailing boats, paddling boats, etc. etc. Everyone had a great time. Hot dogs, snow cones, watermelon, 2500 water balloons and so much more. Nice.



September:

Our second 14.2 Mini-Regatta is next

Saturday, Sept. 7th 9:00 AM

New racers capsized drill 9:00 AM sharp - which is required to race.

Please let us know if you plan to race. Text or call 316-644-4582

9/28 Steak Night with

D & The Deck Hands

All the Cool Boats Sail

Three Days on the Water Challenge - once it cools off!

October:

10/12 Sail Jeopardy

6:00 - 6:30 Happy Half Hour & finger foods followed by Sail Jeopardy. It's free, but you'll need a hand written Sail Jeopardy Question to get in. One per person please.



Meagan Trainer &

Taylor Swift make surprise guest appearance at
Karaoke Night and...

Bring The House Down!

THE WVSC Rat Pack

No surprises here.. other than the
precisely synchronized, and
meticulously choreographed dance
routine. THE Rat Pack would like to
thank Dance Coach Richard Barth for
his time, dedication and extraordinary
vision. *"We'll never forget this magical
night Coach, you're the best dance
coach ever. Thanks Coach B!"*

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



Welcome
Glad you're here!

We're pleased as punch to have another
centerboard skipper, racer, and all around great guy.

From all of us at Walnut Valley Sailing Club -

Welcome aboard Bere Jeannides!



photo by Nick Camacho

Triple Dog Dare You!



"Three Days on The Water Challenge"

Coming soon to a sleepy little cove near you!

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 ask Charlie.

El Dorado Lake Inflow-Outflow Data

CLICK ON THE GRAPH ABOVE

TO VIEW CURRENT DATA

Tech. Tip of the Month...

Battery Powered Fuel Transfer Pump by Tera Pump

Fill your outboard hands free. Set the gas can down, place the nozzle in your tank, push start and walk away. The Tera Pump automatically shuts off when the tank is full. No more spilled fuel. Keeps spilled fuel out of the lake and off of your boat! Operates on four AA batteries. That's it.



Out on the Race Course



UPWIND SAILING TACTICS:

THE 3 GOLDEN RULES OF UPWIND TACTICS

Here are three questions to ask yourself at any point when you're trying to work out if you're on the right track - and the right tack!

1. Am I on the long tack to the mark?
2. Am I on the lifted tack?
3. Am I [sailing](#) in the same direction as the majority of the fleet?

Let's look at those in more detail. We'll consider these factors in relation to upwind tactics. The same principles more or less apply on the downwind legs too, but because we spend more of the time racing upwind, let's make that the priority for now.

1. THE LONG TACK TO THE MARK

If the racecourse is skewed, and there's more sailing to be done on one tack than the other, then start sailing on the long tack first. This will take you back towards the centerline of the course as defined by the [wind](#) direction. The closer to the centerline, the more tactical options you have available. Do the opposite, and sail the short tack first, and you have boxed yourself

into a corner. You've used up your tactical options early and now you're at the mercy of any changes in the wind, and most likely the bad air from other boats.

2. THE LIFTED TACK

You should have a sense of how the wind is shifting and you should be able to feel the boat lifting and heading through the wind shifts. Even better if you're tracking the numbers on a compass. Sailing the lifted tack means you're sailing a shorter distance towards the next mark.

3. GOING WITH THE FLEET

If most of the fleet is going in a certain direction, you should be going with them. Or at least, you need a good reason to be doing the opposite.



Races are getting more competitive every week. Skippers and crews are sailing faster and WE LIKE TO THINK... smarter.

We're getting eight to ten boats out to race each week and as the season progresses, finish times are compressing. Boat A is finishing within seconds of Boat B **and** Boat C, so it goes on down the line. Nice!

photos by: Nick Camacho

Questions about racing or curios to know more:

contact Blaine Van Dam 316 371 4166

or *Erika Reineke*



After the Races - by Chris Duncan

WVSC Board of Governors Meeting Minutes
for August 8, 2024 were not available
at time of publication.

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
Sailing Activities	Blaine Van Dam	Troy Oberly

Don't Be Shy

We would be delighted to hear about your 3500 mile road trip on a dirt bike Michael Shepperd. Actually we're delighted to hear about anything WVSC sailors have been up to lately, sailing, riding dirt bikes, playing dominos or baking pies. Don't be shy!



We would love to hear from you too! Photos & short stories always welcome.

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

Earning work credits at WVSC is easier than winning the World Championship Domino Tournament. Just ask Randy Double Box Cars Malcom!

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

All The Cool Boats Sail!

14.2 Regatta Numero Dos

Steak Night

JOKE OF THE MONTH



Who held the baby octopus ransom?

Squidnappers! But wait, there's more.

Click on the link above for the rest of the story.

hands by: Deann Gadalla

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

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,



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

various extra hardware

Nissan 5hp outboard motor

Trailer has built in extension
tongue for easy launching



Gas Can for sale:

\$10 or best offer...

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

Contact Tim Miller:

316 992 0514

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It's official. We reciprocate with the

Ninnescah Yacht Club at Cheney

List your boat, your sailing gear or your prized Championship Ivory & Ebony Domino Set. It's all
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WVSC Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

BOG Members Present

Commodore- Troy Oberley, Vice Commodore(Acting Secretary)- Julie Barth, Rear Commodore- Stuart Funk, Treasure- Preston Brammer, Board Members- Blaine VanDam, Jim McEwen, Mike Sheppard, Robert Fusco, **Not Present:** Secretary- Doug Albro

Call to order

The meeting of the WVSC Board was held at the Club House on Thursday August 15,2024 @18:36 PM

Approval of July 11 BOG minutes

Mike Sheppard moved to approve; Blaine VanDam seconded. Minutes were approved.

Commodore's Remarks

Thank you to all who helped or participated with the 14.2 Regala. Everyone enjoyed the race and the cookout afterwards.

Member Concerns

Julie Barth shared a member's idea of getting a shade for the west end of the shelter. Discussion on the types of shade and cost. Mike Sheppard will look at ordering a shade and putting it up.

New Business

Karaoke Social on Saturday August 24th. Social hour 6:30-7:30, Music and Karaoke at 7:30. The monies collected at the social will go to the Karaoke DJ.

Blaine VanDam was asked by a Ninnescah Sailing Association member if he could race with the WVSC. Board discussed and approved.

Committee Reports

Long Range Planning - Nothing to Report

Power Boats - All Lights are working

Harbor - No Complaints

Activities Center - New handheld Vacuum

Membership - 2 new members

Sail Training - Nothing to Report

Archivist - Nothing to Report

Liaison

Julie Barth

Preston Brammer

James McEwen

Blaine VanDam

Ardie Condon

Stuart Funk

Doug Albro

Committee Chair

Blaine VanDam

Bart Peace

Charlie Volk

Paul Schye

Katy Brammer

Stuart Funk

Doug Albro

Public Relations/Media-	Nothing to Report	Doug Albro	Charlie Volk
Finance	- Doing good	Preston Brammer	Greg Rinker
Dry Storage	- Getting weeds under control	Troy Oberly	Stuart Funk
Calling(Texting)	- Nothing to Report	Julie Barth	Julie Barth
Racing Activities	-Good! 9/11 last Wed. night race	Preston Brammer	Blaine VanDam
Social Activities	- Karaoke, Steak Night in Sept.	Julie Barth	Tedd Blankenship
Government Relations-	Nothing to Report	Blain VanDam	Gene Nold
Security	- Good	Mike Shepperd	Mike Shepperd
Sailing Activities-	Kid's Day, 2 nd 14.2 Regatta	Blaine VanDam	Troy Oberly

Business Calander

August 24 th	Karaoke Social	November 14 th	Annual Board Meeting /Chili Cookoff
August 31 st	Kid's Day at Lake	December 5 th	Christmas Party
September 7 th	2 nd 14.2 Regatta		

Old Business

Internet and Security Cameras update. Star Link will not do autopay without a Credit Card. Discussed ways we can move forward; a motion was made by Mike Shepperd to authorize Treasure to set up a business credit card for WVSC to pay for board approved expenses such as these. Jim McEwin 2nd the motion. Motion was approved.

Adjournment

Stuart moved to adjourn, Mike 2nd the motion

Secretary Julie Barth

9/12/24
Date of approval