

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

December 2024



Word From the Commodore:

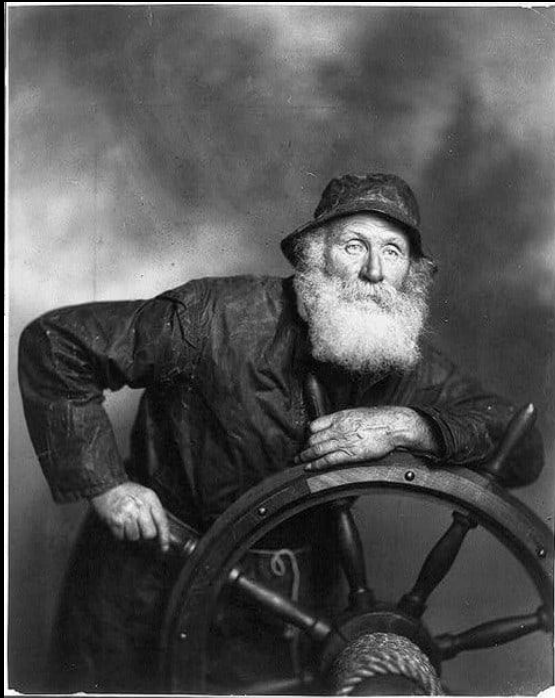
Thank you to all of our club members who attended the annual meeting at the House Of Schwann. I would also like to give a special thanks to all of my 2024 board members and look forward to serving with our new members.

On December 5th we will be celebrating our WVSC Christmas Party at *The Point* in Augusta.

The party starts at 6:00. Please join in on our holiday cheer. We'll have live entertainment from the

El Dorado High School Band, as well as cast members from the high school Mamma Mia musical. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone. Have a happy holiday.

Troy



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Board to select

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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: You're Invited!!



WVSC Christmas Party

Thursday, December 5th
Party Starts at 6:00

The Point Event Center
2101 Dearborn St #302
Augusta, KS 67010

Triple Dog Dare You



Triple Dog Dare You *not* to watch this video.
Is 129 our distinguished **Commodore**, one of **Santa's helpers**
or an **elf** on **giant-sized** ice skates? Only **Troy** knows for sure.

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



El Dorado State Park First Day Hike

Date: January 1, 2025

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Where: Meet just below the dam, west of the spillway in the camping area.

Come join us on day one for the first official outing of

the 2025 season. We've had a good turnout from WVSC the past several years and **we always have fun.**

Note: unless it's a total whiteout blizzard - it's a go. We've hiked with 300 jovial park visitors when **it was 15 degrees out** and 30 mile an hour winds. It's all good, and dog friendly - bring a leash, your scarf and mittens.

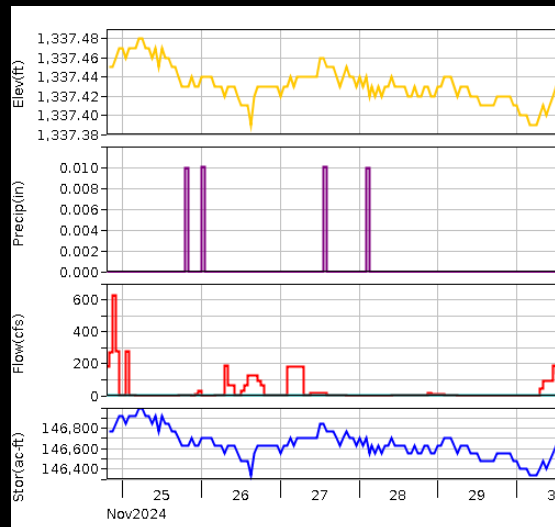
The Park provides snack foods, coffee, and cider for the hikers. In the past **KDWP's** has always had free T-shirts too. No mention of T-shirts this year. We'll see!



"What a beautiful sleigh"

you have Santa!"

"Why thank you **Little Elf**. I always do my best to keep my sleigh, my sleigh slip and my dry sleigh storage area neat and tidy. Thanks for noticing... **Ho Ho Ho! Merry Christmas Little Elf!**" Is that your sleigh, your slip, your dry storage area? Are you a good WVSC Elf? Let's all work to keep our Sleighting Club - ship shape and **make Santa proud!**



El Dorado Lake Inflow-Outflow Data

For current lake level data, ask **Santa**, or if Santa's too busy, ask Santa's Helper - **Harbor Master Charlie**. Charlie knows!

CLICK ON THE GRAPH ABOVE TO VIEW CURRENT DATA

Tech Tip of the Month...

Water turned off? Short on time, nor'easter blowing in and you need to get your sleigh cleaned today! **Santa** and a bucket of water is all you need sailor.



It's quick, it's easy, and **Santa** loves to clean boats, sleighs and even skyscrapers! Say goodbye to hull slime. Say hello to **Santa** and say hell-ooo to your shiny new boat bottom.

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

OR MAYBE DON'T

My mother always taught me to "**Respect your Elders**" and to "**Look up to your Elders**" so I might learn something. Well, **she obviously got that all wrong.**

We won't mention names but, **GN** and **GP** replace a faulty Windex in a **non-sanctioned** WVSC event.



Out on the
Race Course



Pour yourself a cup of eggnog, put on your favorite Christmas scarf and mittens and sit back and watch this fine video while you eat chestnuts roasting on an open fire. It doesn't get much better than this Skipper!

Questions about racing or curious to know more:
contact Blaine Van Dam
316 371 4166



After the Races - by Chris Duncan

**WVSC BOG Meeting Minutes
Click on the link below:**

Special thanks to these fine WVSC members that were formally nominated by the Walnut Valley Sailing Club nominating committee and officially voted in to serve on the board:

Melissa Funk, Bill Allman, Brenda Welch.

Meeting Minutes are published each month as available in the Windword.

Minutes are also recorded and available for review at WVSailingclub.com

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	Brenda Welch
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	Julie Barth
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 latest **Smoke'n Hot Chili Cookoff** and/or the delightfully informative WVSC Annual Meeting - meeting. Actually we're delighted to hear about anything WVSC Sailors have been up to lately; sailing, eating Smoke'n Hot Chili or **baking delicious Snicker Doodle cookies** with the multi talented **WVSC Baking Team**.
See the classified ads for details.



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 navigating **Santa's Sleigh** under the Haverhill Street bridge. Just ask any one of our **Fine Volunteer WVSC Board Members, Liaisons, or Committee Chairs**. They can do just about anything!
\$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, **Elves and Santa's Helpers** out there working to keep the **Christmas Lights Aglow... Thanks.**
We appreciate your time and effort.
Cheers!



Your Couch

WVSC Christmas Party
Thursday, Dec. 5th

JOKE OF THE MONTH



What did the lost crab say when he finally
made it to the WVSC Christmas Dinner?

Long time no sea.

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

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WVSC Christmas Baking Team Pot Holders for Sale or Trade! Contact any Team Member Today!

Kevin Welch, Charlie Volk, Bill Allman, Stuart Funk
Preston Brammer, Blaine Van Dam, Dana Herring
Hector Camacho, Jeff Yost, Chris Duncan, Chris Proudfoot
Steve Kubin, Randy Malcom, Ernie Condon, Paul Schye
Greg Rincker, Bill Grabendike, Tim Miller, James McEwen
John Aschbrenner, Richard Barth, Rick Brandorff, Brian
Hakala
Bill Fonger, Robert Fusco, Bere Jeannides, Dave Webb
Eric Wertheimer, Doug Albro, Bart Peace, Tim Miller
Gene Plehal, Dave Barker, Dave Reynolds, Santa Claus
Allan Unruh, Sir Billy Nicholson Jr. III, Michael Shepperd, Troy
Oberly, John Aschbrenner, Pat Boyarski, Nick Camacho, Clark
Chambers, Andrew Danner, Mark Dresselhaus, Brant
Dumford, Chuck Finney, Bill Fonger, Jared Hague, Jerry
Hawthorne, Mike Boyts, Evan Holt, Robert Horton, Bradley
Jones, Zac Kissack, Jeff Klein, Terry Lewis, Roger Lyons, John
McCabe, Nick Michaelson, Time Miller, Mark Neas, Gene Nold,
Bart Peace, Gary Pierce, John Randall, Joe Reintjes, Mike
Reynolds, Sid Rousseau, Fernando Salgado, Stephen Smith,
Jim Steck, Glen Thompson, Steve Warfield, Tedd Blankenship

Merry Christmas Sailors!



Gas Can for sale:
Price slashed now only \$8 or best offer...
Would also consider trade for a First-Class
round-trip airfare ticket to... anywhere.
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 **Snicker
Doodle** recipe. It's all good. **We love Christmas cookies at
WVSC.** Just ask anyone on the **WVSC Baking Team!** **Merry
Christmas Sailors!**

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

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