

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

January 2025



Word From the Commodore:

Greetings WVSC Sailors,
This season is all about love, sharing, and
togetherness. It's a time to create memories,
appreciate the blessings in our lives, and spread
kindness to those around us. I sincerely
appreciate all the support and encouragement
that I have received this year as your
Commodore. I truly find myself in complete
admiration for everyone's dedication to our sailing club.



I look forward to creating new memories and friendships with all of our
club members in 2025. Thank you again and I wish everyone a happy
new year.

Troy

COMMODORE

Troy Oberly
316 648 0649

VICE COMMODORE

Board to select

TREASURER

Brenda Welch
620 331 9320

SECRETARY

Melissa Funk
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620 705 1700

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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:



El Dorado State Park First Day Hike

Date: **TODAY!** January 1st - 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 - we'll hike. We've hiked when it was 15 degrees out and blowing 30 miles an hour. It's all good, and dog friendly.

The park provides snack foods, coffee, and cider for hikers. In the past KDWP's has handed out free T-shirts. No mention of T-shirts this year. We'll see!

Triple Dog Dare You



Don't mean to single anyone out,
this *is* an open invitation after all.

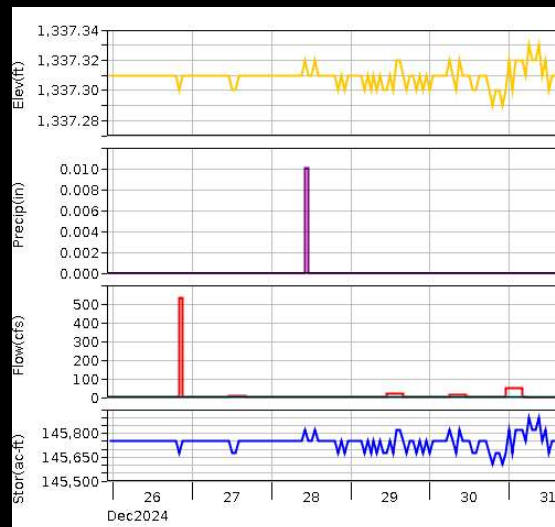
But hey, **Ernie, Hector, Preston...** the first sailor to
figure this out reaps the rewards, and there are many.

Too many in fact to list here!

See the "Want Ads" for details.

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,
ask Charlie. It's a New Year,
but some things never
change.

El Dorado Lake Inflow-Outflow Data

CLICK ON THE GRAPH ABOVE
TO VIEW CURRENT DATA

Tech Tip of the Month...



Make a single cup of coffee
on your boat in two minutes, including clean up.
Here's why Aeropress gets the coveted Gold Star:

- efficient – only boil the water you need.
- good coffee – with the right beans and grind you can make some really good coffee, even the experts agree. You can also make something close to an espresso.
- simple clean up – after pressing your coffee you eject the used beans as a compressed puck. Give the Aeropress a quick rinse and your cleanup is done.
- enjoyable process – the feeling of the smooth press of coffee and the satisfactory pop of the used coffee grinds makes it an enjoyable part of the morning routine.
- small paper filters – they are little circular pieces of paper that fit perfectly into the end of the Aeropress. Makes very little waste. And you can easily store 100s on board.
- transformer like – there's several methods of brewing coffee depending on what you like. Regular and inverted method, giving you some fun ways to experiment with different types of coffee. There are different attachments you can buy as well. I've tried the metal reusable filter and an espresso shot attachment.
- long rust free life – I've had mine for about ten years and it's still going strong.
- great customer service!

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK



Pay attention racers and... no excuse
for being late to dinner now cabin cruisers.

Out on the Race Course



Questions about racing or curious to know what
port tacking the entire fleet looks like?

It's all in good fun. Come out Wednesday nights and we'll be sure
to get you around the marks in flying colors. We love to see new
racers, novice or "pros" join the fleet! You can do it Skipper!

Look again sailor, there are six boats in this breathtaking photo.
Contact Blaine Van Dam
316 371 4166

Walnut Valley Sailing Club - 2024







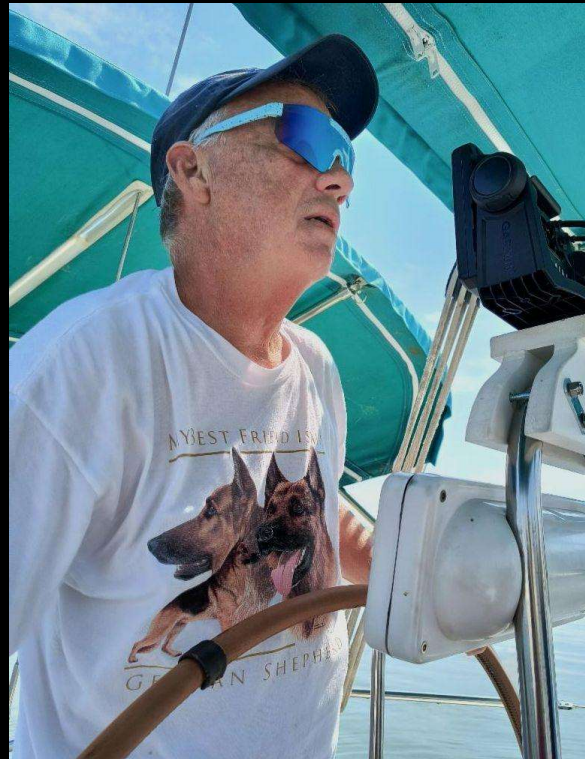


Thanks Julie, Richard, Michael, Gene,
Deanne, Janet, Ardie, Kevin, The Klein's,

The Yost's, Paul, Baer, Blaine, Tim, Chris, Chris P., Big Brammer, Little Brammer, The Camacho's, Melissa, Troy and all of the rest of you fine WVSC Sailors that sent me photos. Cheers to 2025!



Special thanks to Charlie for staying up late and taking the photo above. Nice Charlie, I don't know how the rest of us all missed that one. Well done!









WVSC BOG Meeting Minutes

Click on the link below:

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
Information below will be updated as it becomes available.

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 wild night out on A docks sailor. Actually we're delighted to hear about anything WVSC Sailors have been up to lately: singing, dancing or swinging on the halyards into the wee hours of the night. You name it.



You go girl... you too Skipper. Happy New Year!

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 are always welcome.**

Earning work credits at WVSC

is easier than getting back into your old Speedo.

Just ask... well no, maybe don't ask. \$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.

Speedo's... hmmm. Your call.



To all of our Fine WVSC Friends, Board Members, Committee Chairs and Liaisons working to keep the lights on... Thanks. We appreciate your time and effort. Cheers!



Your Couch

Take a Hike Sailor!

We'll see you just below the dam.

9:00 AM this morning. Happy Hiking -
Happy New Year!

JOKE OF THE MONTH



Our Commodore just never stops. Here he is out diligently picking up empty beer cans on a Tuesday morning, again. Thanks for all you do Commodore Troy.

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)

Wanted: Mast Raising Unit

Ernie, Hector, Bill, Captain Brammer
or any other inspired WVSC Sailor-builder! Successfully complete one of these mast raising units before spring and earn a \$100 cash bonus, bragging rights and so much more. All materials paid, brown bag lunch service, 24 hour deck hand on call. etc., etc.
Taxes, fees, duties, tariffs, labor, lunch service, etc. all negotiable.



Note: finished unit becomes property of *the editor*. *WVSC members will have full access upon request.

Interested Parties Contact:

Tedd Blankenship 316 350 5618
or call Janet 316 350 5051

**Catalina 22
Boat #8333
Sold**

This boat is going from one good home to another, all we have to say is...Welcome to the Catalina 22 Fleet skipper.
Game on! Cheers.



Gas Can for sale:

Price slashed now only \$6 or best offer...

Would also consider trade for a Coach-Class round-trip ticket to... Oklahoma City.

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 old speedo. It's all good. **We love retro swim wear at WVSC. Happy New Year Sailors!**

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

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WVSC BOG MINUTES

DECEMBER 11, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Troy Oberly, Blaine Van Dam, Bill Allman, Robert Fusco, Jim McEwen, Brenda Welch, Preston Brammer

Meeting was called to order at 6:41 PM

Commodore Remarks: Review of annual dinner; All things considered it was a success- the venue - great, attendance (45 out of 50) - wonderful, the games played by club members and songs performed by the High School group was the highlight of the evening. General consensus was to repeat the event at the same venue along with a similar menu.

November Board Meeting Minutes Approval: The minutes were approved on the condition that committee reports be added as originally submitted. Motion to approve- Blaine Van Dam, Second - Robert Fusco

Next Board Meeting - Tuesday January 14th at the El Dorado Pizza Hut

Member Concerns - Request for an explanation regarding the allocation of the reserve fund. Board agreed to develop an itemized accounting of the reserve fund with discussion commencing at the January meeting.

Board Positions for 2025 - Commodore: Troy Oberly; motion by Blaine Van Dam, second by Robert Fusco. **Treasurer:** Brenda Welch; motion by Troy Oberly, second by Robert Fusco. **Secretary and Vice Commodore:** to be decided at the January meeting; motion by Troy Oberly, second by Bill Allman.

Future Needs - Board had a general discussion about future needs such as Parking lot coating, roof repairs and inspection for the Activity Center, and weed control in the Dry Dock area.

Old Business - The foundation for the security improvements, which is the Starlink internet connection is scheduled to be installed December 15 2024 and fully functional by April 2025. Camera installation to be completed by the start of sailing season 2025.

Announcements - a February social is in the developmental stage. Plans include meeting at the El Dorado Train Depot for food and game activities.

Meeting adjournment - Motion by Preston Brammer, second by Bill Allman.

The selection of Liaison and Committee Chair for the various Committee reports for 2025 are as follows;

<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>	<u>LIAISON</u>	<u>COMMITTEE CHAIR</u>
Long Range Planning	Troy Oberly	Blaine Van Dam
Power Boats	Stuart Funk	Bart Peace
Harbor	James McEwen	Charlie Volk
Activities Center	Blaine Van Dam	Paul Schye
Membership	Brenda Welch	Katy Brammer
Sail Training	Stuart Funk	Stuart Funk
Archivist	Doug Albro	Doug Albro
Public Relations/Media	Doug Albro	Charlie Volk

COMMITTEE REPORTS**LIAISON****COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Finance

Brenda Welch

Greg Rincker

Dry Storage

Troy Oberly

Stuart Funk

Buildings and Grounds

Troy Oberly

Mike Shepperd

Calling & Texting

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