

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

March 2025



Irenka and the kids sailing Mothership Adrift...

at the yet-to-be chartered El Dorado Lake - Point North Shore

Word from the Commodore

Greetings WVSC Sailors,

Well, it looks like that groundhog got us this year. Even our beaver friends at the lake were a little disappointed.

But don't worry, my fellow sailors, your Commodore has a plan to get our summer fun in order for the entire sailing season.



Please join us as a new or returning social committee member on March 1st at the El Dorado Civic Center. We'll meet at 1:00 PM to discuss and plan social activities for the year.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there, especially you.

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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



Join us **TODAY** at 1:00 PM

El Dorado Civic Center

201 E Central Ave,

El Dorado, KS 67042

Get in on the fun and help us plan another wonderful Socials and Sailing Activities Season. Got an idea? Want to try something new? Toss it out there - we're all ears!

Home cooked BBQ provided, please bring a side or desert to share.

See you this afternoon.

March 1st!

Socials and Sailing Activities

Planning Meeting & Get Together!

You're Invited Sailor!

Triple Dog Dare You



Haven't had your spinnaker, your code zero or that beautiful 150 out of the bag in a while? Triple Dog Dare You to fly each one of them this spring, better yet, fly them all at once - on the same day.

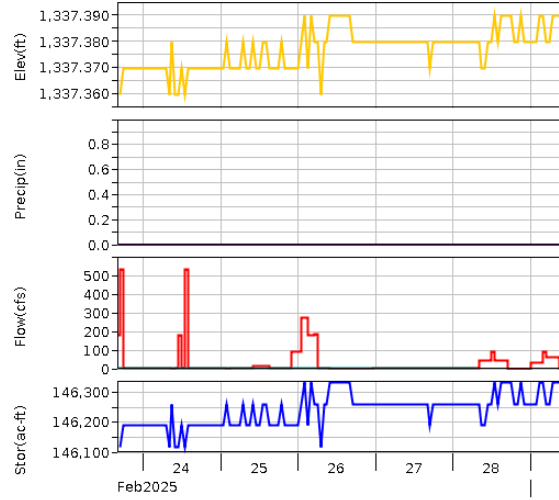
In the event of an emergency this is the address to provide EMS, First Responders:

Walnut Valley Sailing Club
4599 N E Boulder Bluff Road
El Dorado KS 67042





The B-Team is actively monitoring El Dorado lake level data, but for up to the minute information, click on the chart at right, or just ask Charlie, on the A-Team.



El Dorado Lake

Inflow-Outflow Data

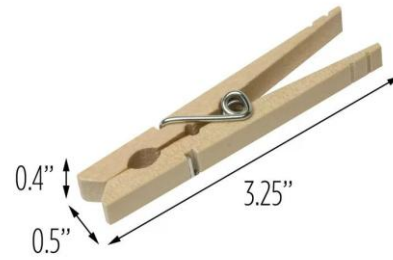
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TO VIEW CURRENT DATA

Tech Tip of the Month...



For a bucket load of clever ideas on the daily use of a clothes pin contact the first-mate or any respectable shipwright. For the rather nefarious applications, contact James - discreetly please.



Close a bag of chips, hold a match or stick of dynamite, organize papers, add rubber bands to increase - decrease clamping pressure, secure small lines for whipping, splicing, marking etc. Identify wires & hoses on an engine or motor, paint scraper, can opener, hold a tack or nail, reminder notes, hold repair manual open, cookbook, clip maps, blueprints, drawings to a board, wrap whipping line and needles around for sail repair... hang clothes out to dry, conceal a lethal weapon, repel from a helicopter.

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK



So, you want to get your boat, your gear, or that shiny stainless steel sculpture you had commissioned overseas through the Panama Canal. This is how it's done sailor.

The passage may take eight to ten days if you don't schedule ahead, eight to ten hours if you're registered in the log and eight to ten minutes if you watch this amazing time lapse video. About forty ships pass through the Panama Canal each day.

Out on the Race Course



If you find yourself in a compromised position

on the downwind leg, by all means Skipper, pull out the big guns. And yes, that's an *asymmetrical jib* sailor, says so right there on the bag. I know that because I printed *asymmetrical jib* on that bag just this morning!

Let's all have fun and play by the rules. Sounds like we may have a couple of new ones to learn. Thanks for getting us up to speed Blaine.

Cheers to the Bowmen out there ready and willing to fly anything the Skipper calls for - even when it's that monster *asymmetrical jib*.

[2025 WVSC Racing Schedule](#)

[2025 Racing Season Planning Mtg. Minutes](#)

Missed the start, missed the mark,

missed the meeting - Skipper?

No worries, you didn't miss the boat all together. Click on the link *above* and slap some bottom paint on *below* - you'll be back up to speed in no time!



Mystery Photo Numero Uno

And yes you've seen this mysterious object sailor, *many* times before. Submitted by the mysterious and often aloof Captain Brammer.

Still stumped? Look again skipper. We left you a clue, because *we care!*

WVSC BOG Meeting Minutes

Click on the link below:

[WVSC BOG MTG Minutes Dec 11 2024](#)

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

Troy Obery

Blaine Van Dam

Powerboats	Stuart Funk	Bart Peace
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Racing Activities	Blaine Van Dam	Blaine Van Dam

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Troy Oberly

Julie Barth

Government Relations

Blaine Van Dam

Gene Nold

Security

Mike Shepperd

Mike Shepperd

Sailing Activities

Blaine Van Dam

Troy Oberly

Don't Be Shy

Ernie isn't, but I guess we all knew that. Thanks Ernie.

We're delighted to hear about your latest musical adventures Ernie!

Actually we're delighted to hear about anything WVSC Sailors have been up to - writing poems to music or writing another entry in the navigation log.

Take a moment and listen to this sailor, you won't believe your ears. This is a song/poem about our very own D & The Deckhands set



[Click Here to be amazed! Click here to be dumbfounded!](#)

Click on the link above then click on the photo in the top left of the page you land on... then listen to the lyrics, you know the sailors they're singing about, they're in our club. The

to music - using AI.

Nothing short of amazing.

You be the judge.

music, you tell me. Who's in the band, who's singing? Is that Alan Jackson singing about... Kevin, Rick, Deann and Ernie?

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 whittling a ball in a cage - in a cage, just ask new WVSC members

Kevin & Lisa Findley.

\$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, Board Members, Committee Chairs and Liaisons working to keep the lights on... Thanks.

We appreciate your time and effort.



Your Couch

Today! WVSC Socials

& Sailing Activities Get Together

JOKE OF THE MONTH



Just as our Commodore predicted, the suave and debonair WVSC Captain and that saucy Ninescah Yacht Club Mermaids relationship was never going to fly. By June, it was over. Said the Commodore:

That relationship was clearly on the rocks from day one.

Boats, Gear and a red gas can For Sale

trade, barter, long term loan and/or free Uber delivery to your door. Earn instant \$2.50 cash bonus



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: Single Handed Mast Raising Unit

Sailor-builders wanted! Successfully complete one of these mast raising units before spring and earn a \$100 cash bonus, bragging rights and much more.

Taxes, fees, duties, tariffs, labor, lunch service, etc. all



Interested Parties Contact:

Tedd Blankenship 316 350 5618

or... call Janet 316 350 5051

negotiable.



Gas can for sale:

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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 a red gas can. It's all good. We love **red gas cans** at
WVSC. Happy New Year Sailors and don't forget, the first day of spring is just a rock throws
away!

contact: teddblankenship59@gmail.com for the Windword

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

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