

THE Windword

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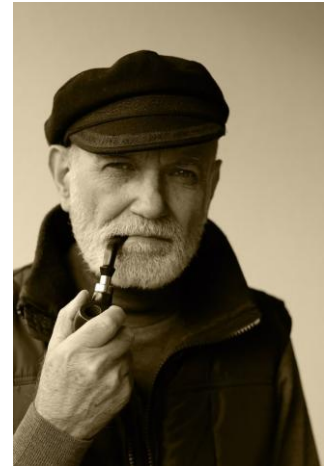
This is a replica of a Sydney 18 footer named Britannia which was first built in 1919. These classic beauties are still raced every Saturday in Sydney Harbour.

Word from the

Commodore:

Greetings WVSC Sailors,

Who's ready to go sailing? Our official WVSC grand opening for 2025 will be on May 3rd. If getting your boat on the water isn't always the best day, we're having a Cinco de Mayo social on the same day and we can help you launch. So come on out, have a good time, and enjoy some delicious food and drinks with your friends.



We had a great turnout with our spring cleanup day, despite the rain we got a lot done at WVSC. I would like to personally thank everyone who came out and braved the weather as we did some serious spring cleaning.

Be safe. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

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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.

Thanks and we'll see you out on the water soon!

Socials and

Sailing Activities

Saturday, May 3rd

10:00 - 2:00

Big Bash Boat Splash &

Cinco De Mayo Party featuring a
breathtaking

Taco/ Sancho Bar!

RSVP helpful but not
necessary. 316.644.4582

First tacos served at high noon. Don't miss
it!

It's our official launch day!

First Race Day of the Season

Wednesday, May 7th

6:00 PM Skippers Mtg.

6:54 PM the Come Within Hale Flag goes
down and the season begins!

Thanks to these fine WVSC sailors that made it out to get the club house, grounds and dry storage areas
ship shape. It was a cold and blustery day...



Skipper's Spring Fashion Lineup

courtesy Bill Allman Designs LTD.

It's amazing what Bill has put together with an
obviously tight budget. In Bill's words: Unabashedly
confident yet never pretentious. Less is more.

This months WVSC Fashion Trend Setter:

Skipper Preston Brammer



Denton Gauge Layna Gauge Jada Gauge

Julie Barth Richard Barth Ardie Condon

Ernie Condon Cindy Hoedel Stuart Funk

Melissa Funk Troy Oberly Paul Schye

Blaine Van Dam Janet Van Epps

Tedd Blankenship Mike Reynolds

Preston Brammer Bear Jeannides

Jim Steck Bill Allman Dana Herring



"I'm telling you Ernie, we're good. I made a solemn vow with our Commodore. We're done with mud daubers at WVSC. You won't see another mud dauber within half a mile of this fine sailing club, and if you do...

Kevin Welch Brenda Welch

Triple Dog Dare You

'Ready to Jibe Skipper'



Add this one to your bucket list. It's entirely possible. The Sydney 18 Footer is still actively sailed and raced and new boats are still being built today. You should give it a go!

For a wild ride, slip on your Coast Guard approved PFD,
then click on the YouTube link above.

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
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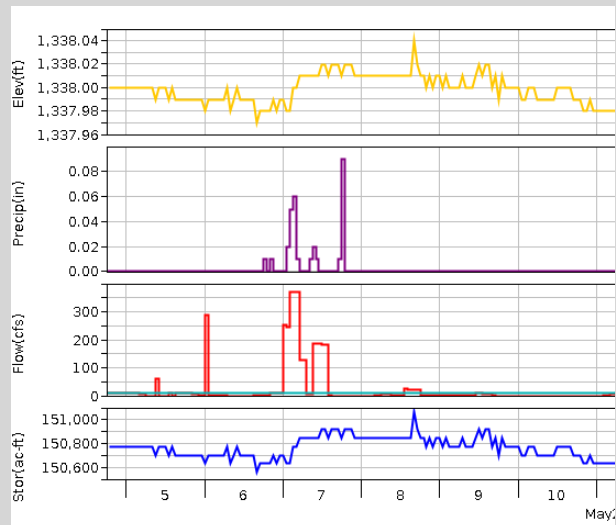
$$\rho_w V_1 g = (m_b + m_p + m_r)g$$
$$V_1 = \frac{(m_b + m_p + m_r)}{\rho_w}$$

Need the latest water level data?

Work out the physics equation above to get your
answer, or skip the physics homework and just ask
Charlie.

And if the formula above left you intellectually
curious, check out this month's "**Take a Closer
Look**" article.

You're going to need a napkin, a sharp pencil, and



El Dorado Lake

Inflow-Outflow Data

CLICK ON THE GRAPH ABOVE

for most of us, an eraser.

[TO VIEW CURRENT DATA](#)

Tech Tip of the Month...

Kevin prepares to eradicate all mud daubers from
WVSC docks, BBQ's, slips, boats, fuse boxes, etc. or...

KW



Kevin Welch to Mud Wrestle Commodore

Tree Top Troy October 31st, 2025, 8:00 PM WVSC

The fine print... in the unlikely event you encounter a mud dauber anytime between now and Halloween 2025 - Kevin Welch has vowed a full contact, one on one, no bars held mud wrestling match with Commodore

Tree Top Troy. The event is tentatively scheduled to be held - in a large kiddie pool - Oct. 31st, 2025. 8:00 PM, WVSC Clubhouse. Stay tuned!

In order to be fair we're asking that WVSC members **document all** mud dauber sightings you have this season, including but not limited to, slips, docks, boats, parking lots, sail bags, pool halls and bars.

Photos are encouraged, but we'll take your word for it. If you say you saw a mud dauber this season, **we know you did** and... the mud match is on!

Mail or text all *documentation* to self proclaimed Mud Dauber King - Sir Kevin Welch or Commodore Tree-Top-Troy @ 1-800-MUDDAUBER.

Time will tell, but I'm reserving my tickets today. The Kiddie Pool is half full.

We'll see you ring side Sailor! Music provided by D & The Deckhands.

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

When Jada Gauge Drops a Rock Overboard,

What Happens to the Water Level?



Physics questions are the most fun when people don't immediately agree on the answer. What feels intuitive or obvious—sometimes isn't. We can argue over the solution for hours of entertainment, and we might even learn something in the end.

Here's one of these seemingly obvious questions that's been around a long time: Suppose a large rock is on a boat that is floating in a very small pond. If the rock is dumped overboard, will the water level of the pond rise, fall, or remain unchanged? Go ahead and debate it with your friends and family. Then when you're 100% certain you've got it figured out, click on the link below and check your work.

[Is that really your final answer Skipper?](#)



Out on the Race Course



Cheers to knowing and *understanding* the race flag sequence.

It's always nice to avoid the infamous:

OMG! Did they just start the race?

Just for fun and good measure... quiz your skipper: What color is the individual recall flag and what *letter* is on it? If you just cocked your head sideways like an inquisitive puppy, watch this video, and be sure to watch *Baruska* and *Ladies Choice* this season! Word on the docks is that both boats are planning to be over early this year, at least once in a while! Good idea Skippers Stuart and Deann.

[2025 WVSC Racing Schedule](#)

Thanks for the committee boat operators walk through Blaine. We learn something new every year. And, thanks for the race starting sequence review and the all important rules update. Anyone venture to guess what important rule change we have this year? Blaine explained it quite eloquently.



Your bow sprit didn't finish the race before your anchor locker did Skipper. Why's that?

Mystery Photo

of the month

If you haven't seen *it*. We know you've seen *them*. Still don't know? Ask Charlie, Kevin, Tedd, Gene, Hector, Gary, Paul, Greg, Preston, Blaine, or any other old salt out on the docks. Better yet, ask one of the new old salts - Bear or maybe Jada!



WVSC BOG Meeting Minutes

Click on the link below:

[WVSC BOG MTG Minutes](#)

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.

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Sailing Activities

Blaine Van Dam

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Don't Be Shy



We would be delighted to hear all about how you polished up your decks **Layna**. You're obviously getting ready for the WVSC Big Bash Boat Splash May, 3rd. Nice work Layna. Does **Denton** help you on deck too?

Actually we're delighted to hear about anything WVSC Sailors have been up to lately, polishing your decks, cooking hot dogs on the grill or explaining how you rigged your backstay. It's all good! Thanks for sharing.

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 designing, building and installing your own Hydro Hoist from scratch. Just ask Dana Herring. Where there's a will there's a way. Hats off to Dana.

\$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

Saturday, May 3rd

Cinco Day Mayo Party and

The Big Bash Boat Splash

JOKE OF THE MONTH



A photon checks into the
Hoity Toity WVSC Marina Hotel...

and the bellhop promptly asks Captain *Photon* where his suitcase is. *Captain Photon* replies, *I didn't bring any luggage. I'm traveling light.*

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)

1989 Capri 22 Tall Rig

Wing keel with trailer and 6 HP outboard for sale \$6,000.

Two 150 genoas, two 135 genoas, one jib, and two mains. Almost new running rigging. Can see at dry storage # 113.

Contact Bill Allman 785-224-4918







Vintage 1977, Erector Set

It's all in the box...

Nuts, bolts screws, beams and 250 structures you can actually build.

\$300 or will trade for a functioning Hydro Hoist.

It's official. We reciprocate with the

Ninnescah Yacht Club at Cheney

List your boat, your sailing gear or your vintage Erector Set. It's all good. We love **water towers and hammerhead cranes** at WVSC.

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

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