



# The Windword

Walnut Valley Sailing Club Newsletter, July 2025

## From The Commodore

Do you remember we said it sure would be nice if we could get a little bit more water in the lake? Maybe we should have said not all at the same time! I would like to send a big thank you to all of our club members who assisted in the debris cleanup that the flood left at our clubhouse. We had a great time at our annual shrimp boil and I look forward to our next social event. Be sure to watch your texts for information on our July social. Let's have a great summer and make new memories.    -Troy Oberly

# Meet The Editor

Arguably the best dressed sailor on the seven seas and something like 117 Million lakes! Quick of wit but not in stays, And skipper of the prettiest and onlyest geen boat on the lake!

I joined Walnut Valley Sailing Club in 2023 After buying "Mayfly", My 1996 Gloucester 22. Last year I joined the racing fleet, Where Mayfly has made quite a name for herself.....as the slowest boat in the fleet! That position has its advantages though, like the photo on the cover of this month's Windword! If we haven't yet met, stop by slip A10 and introduce yourself! -Chris Duncan



## Out On The Race Course

From Race 2, 06/18/2025 By Blaine Van Dam:

*"The RC called an "I" course, with only 1 lap due to the winds tailing off. The winds also shifted more to the NW, favoring a starboard tack start. The entire fleet crossed on starboard, and it seemed like all of us were pretty close to the line when the horn sounded.*

*The wind shifts continued on the first beat, and again we saw tight racing with a number of close port/starboard crossings. Bill Allman and Bear had a great start, and rounded the pin first. Justin Whyte followed, with Kevin Findley and us sailing within a few yards of each other all the way down wind. Justin overtook the lead, with his Capri moving well in the light air. Kevin Welch and I rounded the leeward mark in 2nd, with Kevin Findley right on our stern. Kevin's C22 went off to the left, we stayed right, and Kevin crossed the line 35 sec ahead of us in light air. Four C22s followed, with Kevin F, us, Bill and Preston in trail. Dana, Ernie, and Chris Duncan in the Gloucester rounded out the fleet.*

*Congrats to Justin Whyte and Rodney Johnson on their win!"*

If you're curious about racing want to crew or help out on the committee boat come on out! Skippers meetings are Wednesday evenings at 6pm, and 12 noon on Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup> with races starting an hour later.



Photo Credit: Randy Malcom





# The Lake is Full!

The summer Sailing season got off to a wet start, our lake slowly crept up to normal pool level for the first time since 2022 and the faucet kept running....and running....and running. Our lake crested at over 6ft high and we were wading to the clubhouse through thigh deep water before the gates were opened and the water level began to ease. As of this writing water levels are 2.93ft above pool and dropping slowly. Water is still covering the gangway entry to the dinghy dock. Current lake level information can be found [HERE](#).

As the water receded clean up efforts began, Thank You to all the fine WVSC sailors who pitched in to remove debris from the boat slips, harbor, dry storage and parking lot. With the lake full I am noticing another boat or two being launched every week, if you haven't launched yours yet then now is the time! The summer sailing season is here and we have some fun events ahead, come on out and enjoy some time on the water with friends and family.



Photo Credit: Troy Oberly



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# **YOU COULD BE HERE!**

It's our membership that keeps our club going  
and makes the newsletter interesting! We  
WANT to hear about your latest SAILING  
ADVENTURE, BOAT PROJECT, OR  
MUD DAUBER TRAP!

Send Photos and stories to the editor at  
[rcpilotcd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rcpilotcd@sbcglobal.net)

## **Upcoming Events!**

### **July 19<sup>th</sup>- Christmas in July!**

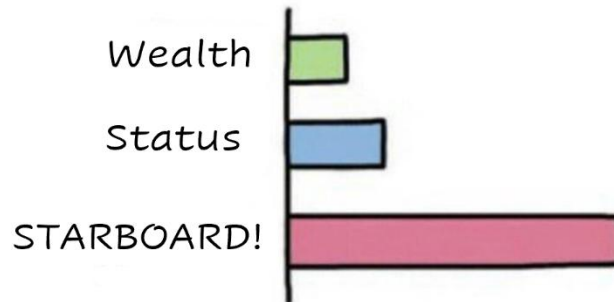
Christmas themed pot luck and white elephant  
gift exchange. Decorate your boat with lights  
and we will parade down the lake after!

### **July 20<sup>th</sup>- Kids Day**

### **August- Sail Olympics**

### **September- Karaoke Night Steak Night**

## WHAT GIVES PEOPLE FEELINGS OF POWER



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<b>Long Range Planning</b>	Troy Obery	Blaine Van Dam
<b>Powerboats</b>	Stuart Funk	Bart Peace
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<b>Sail Training</b>	Stuart Funk	Stuart Funk
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# BOATS AND GEAR FOR SAIL

It's official. We reciprocate with the Ninnescah Yacht Club at Cheney

List your boat or sailing gear here!

contact: [rcpilotcd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rcpilotcd@sbcglobal.net) for the WVSC or Angela: [editor@ninnescah.org](mailto:editor@ninnescah.org) for the NSA to place your free ad:



## **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



# Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

Minutes will return in the August issue