



The Windword

Walnut Valley Sailing Club Newsletter, August 2025

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Greetings From Your Commodore

Summer is here and so is the heat. We found a way to cool off at our kids day with 2000 water balloons along with a dunk the Commodore. We have another great social coming in August with our karaoke night on the 9th. Hope to see everyone there and bring your singing talents.

Your WVSC Board has discussed and decided to make the sun fish sail boats that have become in disrepair available to any club member that wishes to take on a restoration project. We would rather see club members who would like to save one of the sun fish sail boats have an opportunity to do so instead of them going to the dump. If a club member chooses to restore one of the sun fish sailboats, the sailboat will become their property and no longer belong to the club. If a club member is interested in one of these sail boats please contact me. -Troy Oberly



And we're off! Invictus is 1st over the line with the Gloucester and a Capri in hot pursuit

Photo Credit: Ernie Condon

Out On The Race Course

There are now only 5 Wednesday night races left in the season and competition at the front of the fleet is tight! Mother nature has blessed us with steady winds and tolerable temperatures most of the season but the dog days of summer are still ahead so pack a cooler with cold beverages and come on out. The most exciting racing action really does take place at 5kts on a little lake in Kansas!



Invictus getting the rail wet.

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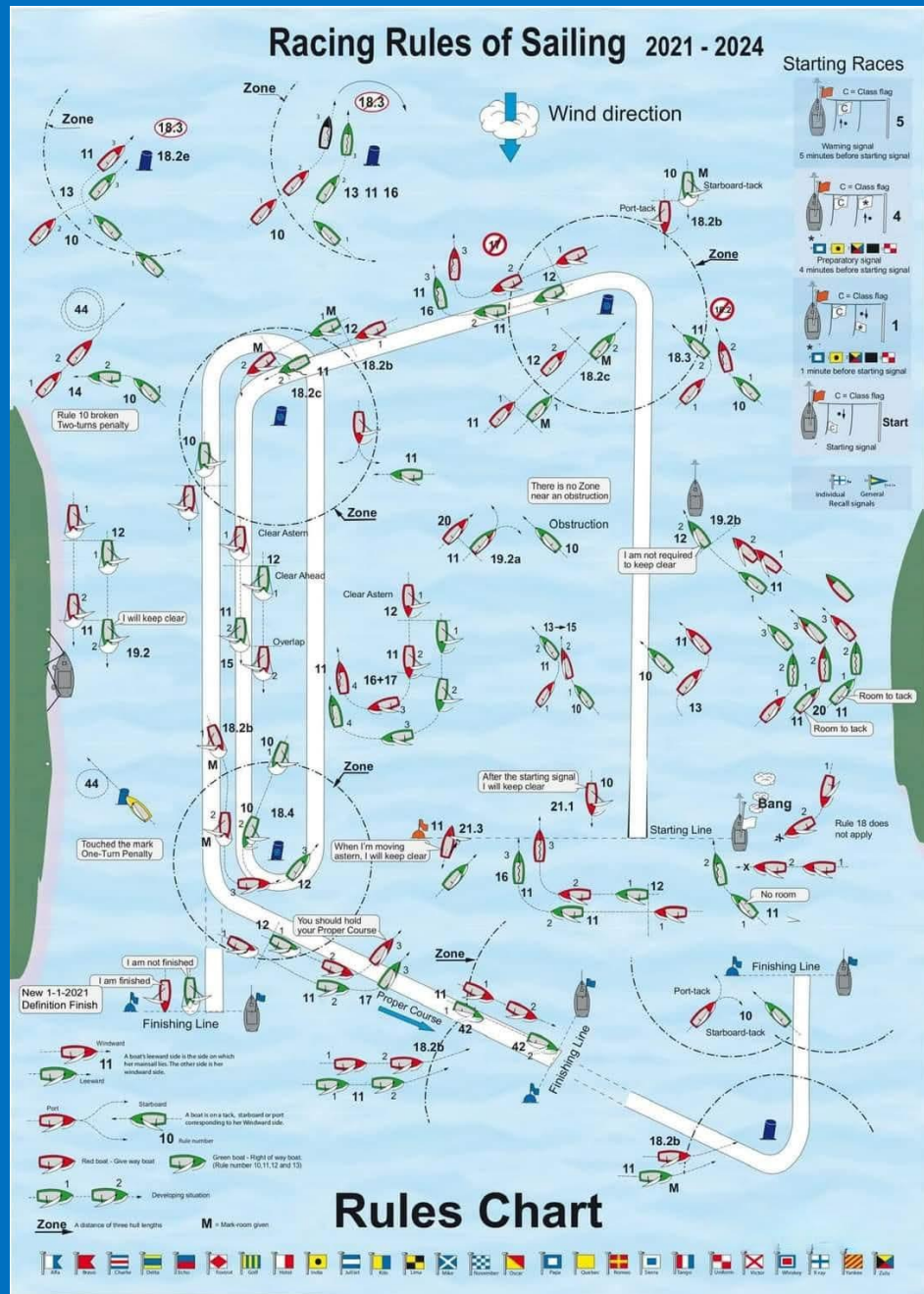


Need For Speed doing what she does best
Photo Credit: Melissa Funk



The Gloucester speeds away after a mark rounding
Photo Credit: Ernie Condon

Ever look to your crew or captain and ask for clarification on the rules? Below is a handy quick ref for all those situations!



Christmas In July!



Deck the docks with lights and tinsel
Fa la la la la la la la la
Don we now our shades and flip flops
Fa la la la la la la la la



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

Upcoming Events!

August 9th - Karaoke Night!

Join your friends on the WVSC docks for pizza,
Wings, and a chance to impress your fellow sailors.
\$10 per person, bring your own beverages.

August ? – Sail Olympics

Stay turned to your text messages for more info!

September – Steak Night

YOUR COUCH

It's empty! Because you're hanging out at the lake enjoying the club socials and summer sailing season with your WVSC friends!



Rain or shine we have a great time, but what is Paul doing down there? Counting mud daubers?





And speaking of mud daubers,
Has anyone noticed they've turned the trap
into a 5 star hotel?

As far as I can tell it's still serving it's purpose
though! With 5 star accommodations in the
shade of the club house they are avoiding our
anchor lockers and sail covers!

We ask that you continue to report all mud
dauber sightings to Kevin and they will be
given a stern warning to go away!



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The commodore giving boat rides at kids day 2025
Photo Credit: Melissa Funk



Hard working WVSC sailors take a break from the
heat at kids day 2025 . Photo Credit: Melissa Funk

Remember friends:

*"It is better to be in your boat with a drink on the rocks than
in the drink with your boat on the rocks!"*

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Harbor	James McEwen	Charlie Volk
Activity Center	Blaine Van Dam	Paul Schye
Membership	Brenda Welch	Kate Brammer
Sail Training	Stuart Funk	Stuart Funk
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Buildings & Grounds	Troy Oberly	Mike Shepperd
Calling/texting	Troy Oberly	Julie Barth
Racing Activities	Blaine Van Dam	Blaine Van Dam
Socials	Troy Oberly	Julie Barth
Government Relations	Blaine Van Dam	Gene Nold
Security	Mike Shepperd	Mike Shepperd
Sailing Activities	Blaine Van Dam	Troy Oberly

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 for the WVSC or Angela: 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.

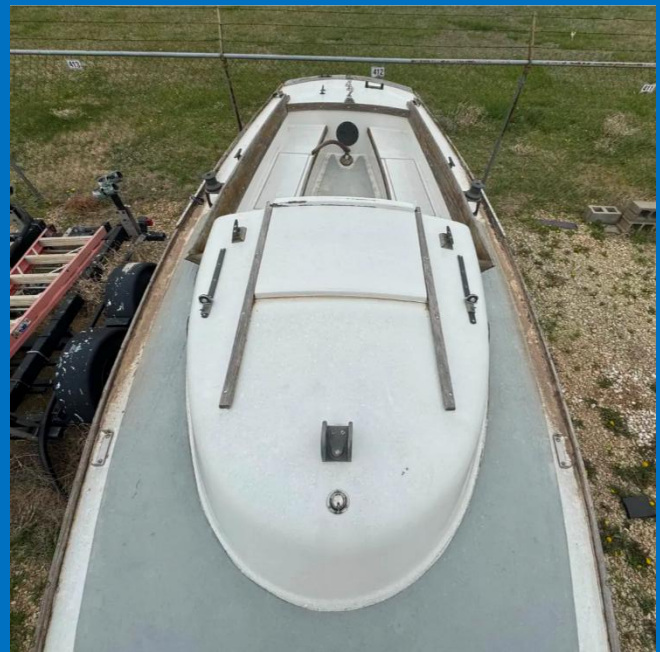
Contact Bill Allman 785-224-4918



1978 Cape Dory Typhoon \$2,000

Sailboat with trailer, Sails (in good condition), and cushions included. Its been sitting for a while and needs some work. Fiberglass up front has a soft spot and wood trim is weathered. Trailer tows fine and hull is solid. Great project boat with a lot of potential.

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Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

June 09, 2025

WVSC Clubhouse

Board members: BRENDA WELCH, MELISSA FUNK, JAMES MCEWEN, MIKE SHEPPERD, ROBERT FUSCO, TROY OBERLY, BILL ALLMAN

Call to Order: 1845

Commodore's Remarks: This weekend's activities will be rescheduled, due to the water level of the lake, they will be combined with the shrimp boil and raft up for Veterans weekend. We want to get some clean-up done before our social activities. The youth sailing class has been cancelled due to the conditions of the lake. The docks seem to be handling the excess amount of water. Bill would like to refurbish the 12' butterfly.

Motion to approve Minutes: BOG minutes from May meeting were moved, seconded and the motion carried.

Membership Concerns: Troy will put out feelers to see if anyone would like to "try-out" as editor of the Windword.

Zach did pay for the 2 months in order to be able to sell his boat. The Staples have 30 days to vacate. Brandt has paid his account up-to-date.

New Business: Melissa will add the new editor to receive a copy of the approved minutes. Troy will be gone from July 1st through July 10th.

Committee Reports

Long Range Planning: Troy Oberly, Blane Van Dam

July 12th will be the Christmas in July parade of boats. July 26th we will have hamburgers and hotdogs along with sailboat jeopardy.

Harbor: James McEwen, Charlie Volk

Damage to docks during the last storms was minimal. Charlie and Mike were repairing angle pieces on slips. There may be cleat damage when some dock lines just snapped. Following the rains the main dock anchors are good. Dan Freeman, who works with a bubbler company, will be looking at the docks where the ice accumulates to get a better idea of what we need to do. He is working up a schematic, concerning electrical problems w/GFI outlets.

Activities Center: Blaine Van Dam, Paul Schye

We will push back activities as needed with the water levels at the lake. Floorboards are coming up in front of the freezer, Troy will look at that.

Membership: Brenda Welch, Katy Brammer

We now have 79 members and soon it will be 80.

Sail Training: Stuart Funk, Stuart Funk

Adult sailing will be cancelled as Stuart is working on the ambulance for 12 hour shifts, not sure if it will be rescheduled.

Building and Grounds: Troy Oberly, Mike Shepherd

The cover that goes over the pump may need to be rebuilt.

Calling & texting: Troy Oberly, Julie Barth

This is working very well.

Racing Activities: Blaine Van Dam, Blaine Van Dam

We have had 3 races so far.

Social Activities: Troy Oberly, Ted Blankenship

Hoping to have the 14-2 regatta, sailing olympics and a family night with a movie on Troy's big screen with projector and popcorn from his popcorn machine.

Security: Mike Shepperd, Mike Sheppard

Starlink is set up, we have cameras and internet. Checking about getting a possible weather station.

Business Calendar: July BOG meeting will be July 15th at the clubhouse

Motion to Adjourn 1932 hours

