



# The Windword

Walnut Valley Sailing Club Newsletter, October 2025

## Greetings From Your Commodore

I don't know where the summer went but once again we are coming to the end of our sailing season. We are currently planning on shutting the water off at the clubhouse on October 13th. But before we close up the clubhouse for the winter we still have a couple of events scheduled. On October 4th we are having our annual Oktoberfest party. So bring your favorite food and drinks that you would like to share with your friends. We will also be treated to live music and maybe some dance moves from Paul. Last but not least, we will be having our "help your buddy get his boat out of the lake" event on October 11th. Our power washer will be provided if you would like to clean the underside of your boat. Look forward to seeing everyone at these events. Safe travels and smooth sailing. 🚤



“We’re approaching the windward mark!  
“Prepare to gybe! Gyyyyyyybe Ho! Wait a minute we’re head to wind again!?!”

The annual 14.2 regatta certainly tested the light air sailing skills of WVSC skippers Bear Jeannides, Chris Duncan, Paul Schye, and their crews. The race committee set up an Olympic course east of B dock and 3 races were run in a light and variable breeze. The constantly shifting wind kept the fleet on their toes with race 3 seeing a 180deg wind shift on the final lap leaving all skippers thoroughly confused as they rounded the windward mark



<b><u>Race 1</u></b>	<b><u>Race 2</u></b>	<b><u>Race 3</u></b>
1. Bear	Bear	Bear
2. Chris	Paul	Chris
3. Paul	Chris	Paul



And a big shout out to our race committee, Blaine and Kevin who set the course and stuck it out as we crawled our way around it!



# Out On The Race Course

As the daylight hours grow fewer and the shadows grow longer the Wednesday night racing season has drawn to a close and we have moved on to our Saturday schedule. Following the final Wednesday night race the crew of "Ladies Choice" treated the racing fleet to an end of the season taco bar, with Chris Proudfoot providing mouth watering smoked brisket sandwiches as well. A big thank you for making the end of the season more enjoyable!



Photo Credit: Blaine Van Dam



Photo Credit: Cindy Hoedel



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As of this writing we have 2 Saturday races remaining, October 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Skippers meeting at 12:00pm and the racing action starts at 1:00pm. Come on out; race, crew, or help on the committee boat. There's no better way to spend a fall afternoon than on the water!





## WATER SHUT OFF

As of this writing the water is scheduled to be shut off at the club on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Don't fret though! Prairie Pots will be delivering our deluxe portable outhouse soon and I hear the seat will even be heated this year!

Its that time of year again where our boats slowly and begrudgingly make the journey from their slips back to the dry storage yard. When tucking your boat in for its long winter nap we ask that you ensure your dry storage spot is squared away as well, free of overgrown vegetation, and trailer properly identified and secured.



## Upcoming Events!

### Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> - Oktoberfest!

6:30pm, Bring a fall or German dish to share  
Music be Dee and the Deckhands

### Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>

Help your buddy pull his boat day!  
Help with hauling out and the club power washer will be available

# Fall Evenings at WVSC



Remember friends:

*"A Sailor is an artist who's medium is the wind"*

*- Webb Chiles*

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<b>Powerboats</b>	Stuart Funk	Bart Peace
<b>Harbor</b>	James McEwen	Charlie Volk
<b>Activity Center</b>	Blaine Van Dam	Paul Schye
<b>Membership</b>	Brenda Welch	Kate Brammer
<b>Sail Training</b>	Stuart Funk	Stuart Funk
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<b>Public Relations</b>	Doug Albro	Charlie Volk
<b>Finance</b>	Brenda Welch	Greg Rincker
<b>Dry Storage</b>	Troy Oberly	Stuart Funk
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>	Troy Oberly	Mike Shepperd
<b>Calling/texting</b>	Troy Oberly	Julie Barth
<b>Racing Activities</b>	Blaine Van Dam	Blaine Van Dam
<b>Socials</b>	Troy Oberly	Julie Barth
<b>Government Relations</b>	Blaine Van Dam	Gene Nold
<b>Security</b>	Mike Shepperd	Mike Shepperd
<b>Sailing Activities</b>	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](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

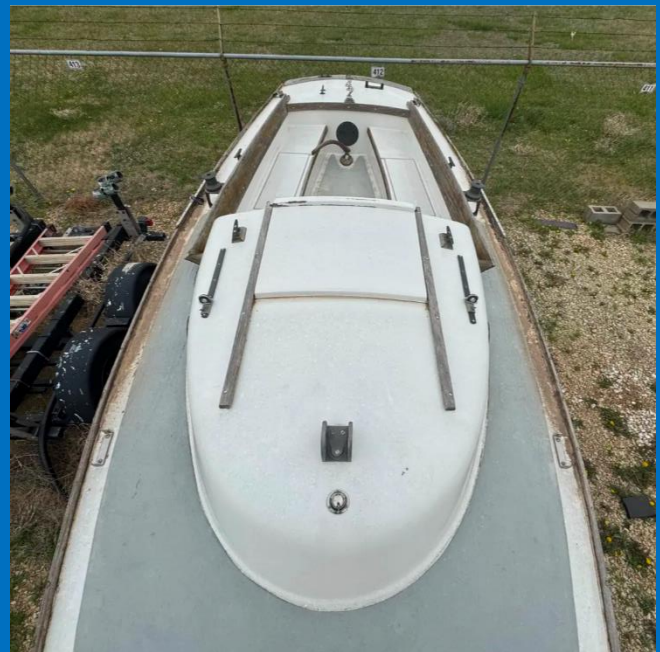
Contact Jim Steck (316-737-9010) or Jason Kaufman (316-393-9691)



**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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**1994 Gloucester 22 \$5,000**

Manufactured by Classic Yachts of Chanute Ks. Mayfly is a stable and easy handling boat perfect for single handing with all lines routed to the cockpit. She has a shoal keel and retractable centerboard, draft is 24" with board up and 5ft with board down. She has a brand new main and 150% genoa by Gleason Sails along with a 110% jib and storm jib. Solar charging and 4hp 4 stroke Honda outboard. Also includes a bimini top. Can be viewed in slip A10 . She's hands down the prettiest gal on the lake!

Contact: Chris Duncan (316) 209-5641  
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**WVSC Board of Governors**  
**August 19, 2025**  
**WVSC Clubhouse**

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

**Call to Order: 1836**

**Commodore's Remarks:** Noel & Annette Triab are approved as members with payment for slip and spot on drydock.

Ari still has to pay for the slip.

Let's think about on-line options for payments due the club

We might have a "come check your bubbler" day.

September 6th will be the 14-2 regatta at 1300 hours.

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

**Membership Concerns:**

We still need to make another call to Evergy with the pole number that is not working. Need to look at options for blinds for the pavilion.

**New Business:**

Bubblers will be bought, installed and owned by the clubs. This will come from This was moved, seconded and approved.

**Committee Reports: Liaison Committee Chair**

**Long Range Planning** Troy Oberly, Blane Van Dam

Will be having some pop-up get togethers.

**Powerboats** Stuart Funk, Bart Peace

Replaced impeller on committee boat. We need to look into getting a solar panel and bilge pump for the whaler. Members might have a solar panel and we have a bilge pump.



**Harbor** James McEwen, Charlie Volk

If cleats are loose please tighten them yourself, if there is a problem contact James or Charlie.

**Activities Center** Blaine Van Dam, Paul Schye

Any members that need hours & or work credits, get with the committee chair.

**Sail Training** Stuart Funk, Stuart Funk

Stuart's sail training certificate will need to be recertified this year. The USA sailing is not helpful with people being able to captain a rental boat. ASA training is the best option. There are funds in the sail training to cover the costs.

**Dry Storage** Troy Oberly, Stuart Funk

Members need to keep their area in dry dock clean and weeded and need to make sure trailer For their boat is in working condition. Stuart will check on prices for a company to take over the mowing as the club doesn't own a mower. He will also check on prices for weed control and check the possibility of a cost if the park does this.

**Building and Grounds** Troy Oberly, Mike Shepherd

Need a working party to get all the debris around the yard to be moved to the burn pile.

**Calling & texting** Troy Oberly, Julie Barth

This is working very well.

**Racing Activities** Blaine Van Dam, Blaine Van Dam

20 races so far, with a Saturday race September 13th, the 10th will be the last Wednesday race.

**Social Activities** Troy Oberly, Julie Barth

Sing along after the 14-2 regatta.

**Government Relations** Blaine Van, Dam Gene Nold

The Corp did an inspection on August 13th.

**Security** Mike Shepperd, Mike Sheppard

Cameras working well.

**Sailing Activities** Blaine Van Dam, Troy Oberly

Looking into a Halloween/Octoberfest activity and plan for the annual meeting.

**Windword Newsletter** Chris Duncan

Chis is doing an excellent job!!!!

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**Motion to Adjourn 2026 hours**