



# The Windword

Walnut Valley Sailing Club Newsletter, September 2025

## Greetings From Your Commodore

Who's ready for a 14.2 regatta? Here is your chance to show the club your sailing skills. We will be conducting this competition on September 6th at 1:00. Don't miss out on our annual WVSC steak dinner night this month. We will be posting the time and date for this social. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at these events and all having a great time.

-Troy Oberly

## A Note from the Editor

We have been blessed with high water levels and an uncharacteristically cool summer for southern Kansas which has made for some great sailing days (and nights) along with increased activity at the lake. Unfortunately, not all activity is the desirable kind and it has been brought to my attention that there have been a few thefts from the dry storage area. Please check on your items and make sure all is secure and accounted for.





Photo Credit: Melissa Funk

## Out On The Race Course

August was unkind to the racing fleet with two Wednesday night races and a Saturday race being cancelled. We are now entering our last few Wednesday night races before switching to Saturdays, looking back the season has flown by but still ahead is some of the best racing of the year with cooler temperatures and steady afternoon breezes.



Photo Credit: Melissa Funk

**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!

### September 6<sup>th</sup> Double Header!

#### 1:00PM- Catalina 14.2 Regatta

Come out and show off your sailing (or swimming) skills  
or just cheer on your friends! 50% chances of sun or rain,  
wind or none but a 100% chance of fun!

#### 6:00PM- Potluck and Sing Along

Bring your guitar or ukelele, gong or kazoo, or just your singing  
voice and a your best "church potluck" dish to pass and join in  
our annual sing along.

### September 20th – Steak Night





# Summer Sailing at WVSC



Remember friends:

*"I'm not sailing away from my problems*

*I'm just taking them on a very slow, expensive ride!"*

## Club Contact Information

### **COMMODORE**

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### **BOARD**

#### **MEMBERS:**

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# Committees

## Committee

## Liaison

## Chair

<b>Long Range Planning</b>	Troy Obery	Blaine Van Dam
<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
<b>Archivist</b>	Doug Albro	Doug Albro
<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)

## **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

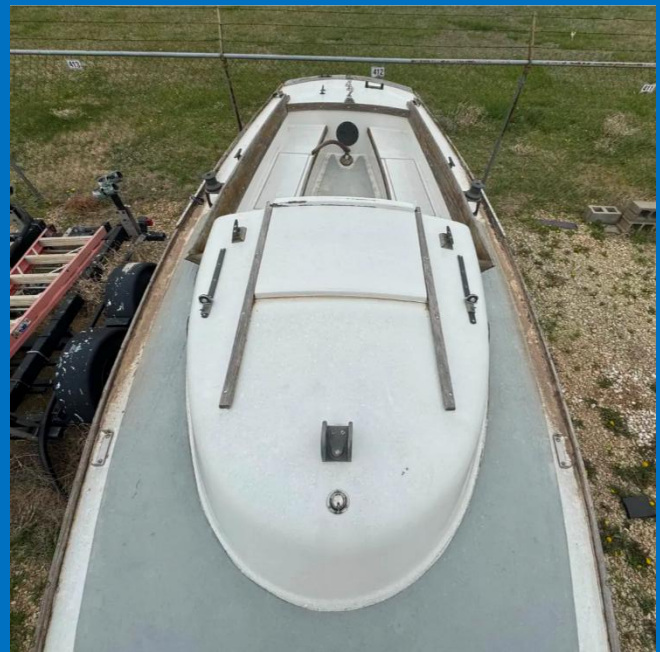




**1978 Cape Dory Typhoon \$2,000**

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.

Contact: Hunter Shonka  
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**1994 Gloucester 22 \$6,000**

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!

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**WVSC Board of Governors**  
**July 15, 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:** 1847

**Commodore's Remarks:** Still need help for Christmas in July on 19th and Kids day on July 20th.

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

**Membership Concerns:**

Charlie Volk by direction of the Commodore will purchase ladders to be either installed by Harbor Master or he will give instructions. The ladders will also have to be BOG approved ladders.

**New Business:**

- Chris Duncan has taken over as Editor of the Windward.
  
- The floating floor in the clubhouse will be repaired. The boards have buckled due to the heavy freezer and fridge. The floor under these will be cut out to avoid the buckling again.
  
- The 5 lazer's in the dry dock will be put up for anyone to have if they want to repair them. The one boat donated by Gary will be his if we find documentation he did donate it. The Club can give receipts if anyone wants to register their boat.
  
- Joshua Cline can do Karaoke August 9th. He is asking for 500.00. The board approved this amount.
  
- There have been thefts in the dry storage. Will have Chris put in the windward- To remind everyone to secure their property in dry dock and storage areas.
  
- If you are taking your boat out of dry dock, close and lock the gate as several items have gone missing.
- Troy will talk to an attorney about what we can legally do about Zach Kissick's boat. He has had several people he was scheduled to meet and has not shown up. If Zach comes out, we are to call sheriff.



**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

Waiting for part to fix the committee boat.

**Harbor** James McEwen Charlie Volk

The waterline in the clubhouse was repaired, ladders installed and beginning to replace floor boards

**Activities Center** Blaine Van Dam Paul Schye

August 9th will be karaoke night.

**Dry Storage** Troy Oberly Stuart Funk

Stuart and Troy will do another spray. Need to get appraisal for rock in dry storage area.

**Building and Grounds** Troy Oberly Mike Shepherd

Pavillion shades came in. Fiber boards need to be measured so it can be replaced.

**Calling & texting** Troy Oberly Julie Barth

This is working very well.

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

14 races done so far, and another one tomorrow.

**Social Activities** Troy Oberly Ted Blankenship

**Christmas is July on July 19th and kids day on the 20th. Karaoke on August 9th.**

**security** Mike Shepperd Mike Sheppard

The weather station if purchased will need to be placed high. Cameras and internet both working well.

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Doing Great!!! We appreciate the effort put in on it!!!

Business Calendar: July BOG meeting will be August 12 at the clubhouse.

Motion to Adjourn 1932 hours