



The Windword

Walnut Valley Sailing Club Newsletter, November 2025

Greetings From Your Commodore

I would like to personally extend my deepest gratitude to everyone in our WVSC for another wonderful year out at the lake. Our club works by everyone stepping up with club projects, helping out with club socials, and simply looking out for each other. I love our club and I truly feel blessed to be a part of our sailing community. Don't forget about our annual WVSC meeting at the House Of Schwann on November 8th and bring your favorite chili. See you there. 🚤

Out On The Race Course

That's all folks! The 2025 WVSC racing season is in the books, and what an exciting season it was. The racing fleet is growing, this year 15 skippers and crews participated and 28 races were run. With each race the skill of our sailors improve and the competition becomes tighter, often only seconds separate the boats at the finish line. In 2025 ten different skippers and crews won at least one race! In the end Steve Kubin and Randy Malcom held on, edging out Bill Allman and Bear Jeannides to claim the WWSV keelboat trophy.

The Catalina 22 fleet grew to 8 boats this year with the late addition of Chris Duncan who retired his Gloucester 22 from racing in favor of a 1971 C22. With 3 boats qualifying, the competition for the Ed Webb trophy came down to the final race with Bill and Bear hanging on for the win.

It takes a lot of work behind the scenes to make the magic happen, from setting up race courses to tallying the score and maintaining the committee boat. Thank you to all who volunteered for race committee duty, to Stuart for the unscheduled mid season committee boat maintenance, and to the ladies choice crew for a wonderful end of the season dinner.

Stay tuned to your emails after the new year for the time and place of the 2026 race committee meeting.



Photo Credit: Cindy Hoedel



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Good friends, good food, and good music! What more could a sailor ask for at our final social on the docks!





Have a winter project planned? Whether its refinishing your brightwork or building a catamaran out of an old bass buggy pontoon we would love to hear about it!

Upcoming Events!

Saturday November 8th

Annual meeting and chili cook off

6:30 pm at the House of Schwann - 3636 North Comotara

Bring your best Chili or side dish!

December- Christmas Party

Watch your text messages for the date and location!

Remember friends:

"There is nothing – absolutely nothing – half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."

— Kenneth Grahame

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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 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

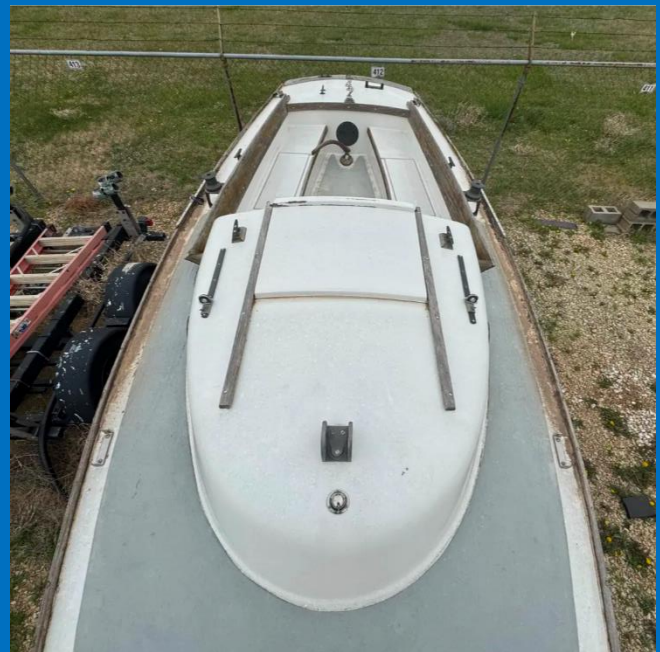
\$6000 OBO Photo above

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

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!

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