

# The Windword

Walnut Valley Sailing Club Newsletter, January 2026

## Greetings From Your Editor

The boats were all tucked in the boatyard with care, in the hopes that warm breezes soon would be there! Happy New Year everyone! 2025 has come and gone and what a memorable year it has been. With lake levels returning to normal it was great to see everyone enjoying their time at the club and on the water. From sing alongs to shrimp boils and potlucks to polka, WVSC sailors sure know how to have a good time. I would like to extend a personal thank you to all of our volunteers who maintain our facilities and make our social events possible. Stay tuned to the Windword and your text messages for important upcoming events like the Social Committee planning meeting, Race committee planning meeting, and spring clean up as we head into 2026. Exciting times lay ahead and I look forward to seeing all of our members, new and old, at the club in the coming months. Until then keep warm and get those winter boat maintenance projects done, spring will be here before we are ready for it! -Chris Duncan

# Club News



## New Year, New Officers

Congratulations to Paul Schye, your commodore for 2026! Please see the following pages for a complete list of club officers, board members, and committee chairs for the new year



## Summer Socials and Sailing

Attention Sailors! Mark your calendars! We have an events schedule for the 2026 sailing season! Hoist yer sails, The 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month after the big boat splash will be dedicated to club sailing activities while the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday will be reserved for club socials followed by racing on the final Saturday (June-September). Wednesday night racing action will proceed as normal.



## Dues are Past Due!

Membership Dues and Dry storage fees for 2026 are now past due! If yours are unpaid Please contact the Treasurer, we don't want you to miss out on all of the fun we have planned for this year! A list of unpaid members will be published in the February Windword!



## Dry Storage

Shiver me tumbleweeds sailors! Our dry storage committee has been hard at work removing brush and debris from the boatyard. There are plans in the works to spread new gravel this season. If you have a boat or trailer in the yard please ensure that the tires are in good condition and the trailer is able to be moved to allow the spreading of new gravel. If you need assistance getting your trailer mobile please contact the dry storage committee.



# CHRISTMAS PARTY



A Very WVSC Christmas!

Deck the halls and trim your fellow sailors! Trim your fellow sailors? That's right! Pictured are right are a pair of club members who graciously volunteered to be the "trees" at the annual Christmas party! Does anyone know if Preston has yet successfully untangled himself? We enjoyed a taco bar, live music be D and the Deckhands, fed the hungry reindeer and drew Christmas trees on our heads as we celebrated Christmas and the passing of another year amongst friends.





**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  
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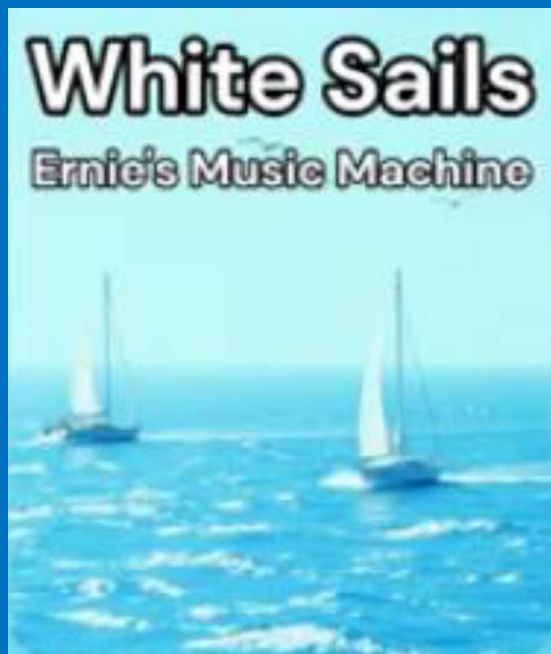
# Upcoming Events!

Stay Tuned to the Windword and Group Text, its going to  
be a fun filled 2026!

# WVSC Members Got Talent!

Our Very own Ernie Condon is proving not only his prowess on the racecourse but also at musical composition. Head on over to Ernie's Music Machine on you tube and give his latest a listen! And don't forget to hit that subscribe button!

<https://youtu.be/mwx0N5FxHtg?si=461vLIF1XZBaUEbm>



Remember friends:

*"Sail through the good days, and on bad days pick a spot of blue sky to steer toward."*

*– Richelle E Goodrich*

## Club Contact Information

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<b>Powerboats</b>	Blaine Van Dam	Bart Peace
<b>Harbor</b>	Mike Reynolds	Charlie Volk
<b>Activity Center</b>	Blaine Van Dam	Troy Oberly
<b>Membership</b>	Brenda Welch	Kate Brammer
<b>Sail Training</b>	Bill Allman	Stuart Funk
<b>Archivist</b>	Melissa Funk	Melissa Funk
<b>Public Relations</b>	Chris Duncan	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>	Chris Duncan	Julie Barth
<b>Racing Activities</b>	Blaine Van Dam	Blaine Van Dam
<b>Socials</b>	Paul Schye	Julie Barth
<b>Government Relations</b>	Robert Fusco	Gene Nold
<b>Security</b>	Mike Shepperd	Mike Shepperd
<b>Sailing Activities</b>	Blaine Van Dam	Troy Oberly

# BOATS AND GEAR FOR SAIL

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

List your boat or sailing gear here!

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SAILING



WATCH SAILBOAT  
VIDEOS



LOOK AT  
SAILBOAT



TALK ABOUT  
SAILBOAT



THINK ABOUT  
SAILBOAT



DREAM ABOUT  
SAILBOAT