

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 2nd Saturday of each month after the big boat splash will be dedicated to club sailing activities while the 3rd 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
rcpilotcd@sbcglobal.net

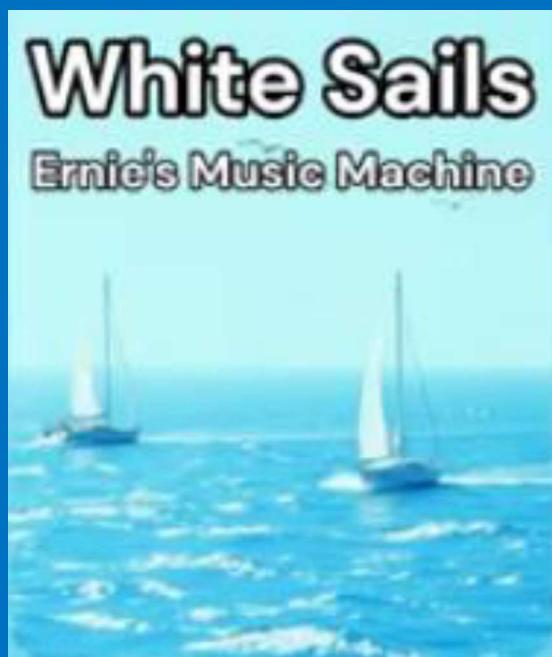
Upcoming Events!

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

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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!

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