

# The Windword

Walnut Valley Sailing Club Newsletter, April 2026



## Greetings From Your Commodore

Well spring is official here and activity at the club is picking up. People are launching boats and I been told there have been sightings of boats sailing on the lake. Still a little cool for me. February was a productive time for the club. The sailing activities, the social activities and the racing committee calendars have been firmed up. A big thank you to all that participated. We have volunteers to host some of the events but there are still some opportunities to pitch in and earn some work credits. March on the other hand was not as productive. There was not a quorum for the March board meeting so no official business what taken up. We did not waste the opportunity, however, and we each gave updates for our particular areas of responsibility. The water will be turned on around April 15. The first social will be April 18 with rescue boat training at 10am, Spring Cleanup and boat splash starting at 11am. Come on out and get educated on pontoon boat operation and help get the facilities ready for the season. See you at the club! -Paul

# Club News

## Shirts and Hats!

Fellow Sailors, the BOG has been working with a local supplier so that we could offer the membership the opportunity to purchase, WVSC logo hats, sweatshirts, hoodies, polos and long and short sleeve T-Shirts. The logo is embroidered on the Polo and the Sweatshirt and for an additional charge you can add your boat name. More information will be available soon. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Shepperd.



Water on April 15<sup>th</sup>!

## From the Editor's desk

The Rumors are true! At least 4 boats have been sighted on the lake, sailing season is here again! Warm weather and longer days are returning and in between the days of gale force winds there have been some beautiful days for sailing. As we begin our annual migration down to our slips take a minute to go over your gear, a seized sheave or a chafed halyard can add some undo excitement to your first sail of the year. Here's to a memorable and fun filled 2026 sailing season, see you at the lake! -Chris



# Upcoming Events!

## APRIL

18<sup>th</sup> -RC / Rescue boat training (10am)

-Spring cleanup (11am)

25<sup>th</sup>- Racing clinic with Preston and Tedd (10am)

## MAY

9<sup>th</sup>- Water safety and CPR training

16<sup>th</sup>- Big Boat Splash and cookout (10am)

# Club Contact Information

## COMMODORE

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<b><u>Committee</u></b>	<b><u>Liaison</u></b>	<b><u>Chair</u></b>
<b>Long Range Planning</b>	Bill Allman	Blaine Van Dam
<b>Powerboats</b>	Blaine Van Dam	Stuart Funk
<b>Harbor</b>	Mike Reynolds	Charlie Volk
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<b>Archivist</b>	Melissa Funk	Melissa Funk
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<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
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<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:

## **Clipper Marine Corp 26**

with trailer Main plus CDI FF2 roller furling, Nissan NSF4A2 outboard, 4-stroke, 4 HP, jib, new running rigging, GPS, depth finder, anchors, cushion covers replaced in 2020 - currently in dry storage at WVSC. \$2,800 OBO

Billy Nicholson 316-816-5730



## **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)



## Hunter 240

Fun to sail, easy to trailer, simple to rig, the Hunter 240 will provide real enjoyment with ease for the entire family. As the third owner of this boat (sailed with previous owners for several years), I can tell you that this boat is great for a family, racers or anyone looking to overnight in anchorages and lift the keel for a beach day. While we don't need to sell, we are not able to use her as much as we have in the past years, and as experienced yacht owners (this being our smallest yet) we feel a boat's place is in the water, being used. We have enjoyed her and know the next owners will for years to come. Featuring a never used-composting head, lithium battery (new fall 2023), reliable 5hp Mercury 4 stroke (annually maintained and used approximately 10 hours per year), upgraded lifting keel line (2023), 110 inverter for pumping up those beach/floaty toys, auto bilge, upgraded electrical panel (2024), upgraded LED masthead light (2024), new furling line (fall 2025), new Spinlock halyard block (2025), and new wheels on trailer (2025) this boat is rigged and ready to sail, or drop the mast and take her to your home lake on her own trailer! Currently stored out of water after the 2025 season, she is on her trailer fully rigged to rejoin the wonderful Walnut Valley Sailing Club fleet on El Dorado Lake, KS or drop the mast and take her to her new lake home! Asking \$11,795/OBO. Contact Michael Vaughan, [mjvon4@gmail.com](mailto:mjvon4@gmail.com)



# 1986 Catalina 25

Fixed keel, Traditional interior

Sails: Main, 110 Jib, 150 Genoa, whisker pole

4 stroke Yamaha w/ electric start

Depth finder, compass, VHF radio, anchor

Dual axle trailer rigged for easy maintenance

Dock box with many extra parts

One owner, always sailed on El Dorado lake

Can be seen in dry storage space 211

\$9000, Contact Gary Pierce 316-655-8853

