



The Windword

Walnut Valley Sailing Club Newsletter, May 2026

Greetings From Your Editor

The water is on and the club is showing signs of life! In spite of the April winds and the temperature roller coaster we have been riding, the dry storage yard is buzzing with activity (and the sounds of sanders) and the slips are slowly beginning to fill. I would like to take a moment and welcome two new members to the club, Timothy and Aretta Gordish, and their boat "Baby Grand" a Pacific Seacraft Flicka. It is always exciting to see new faces on the docks and new boats on the lake.

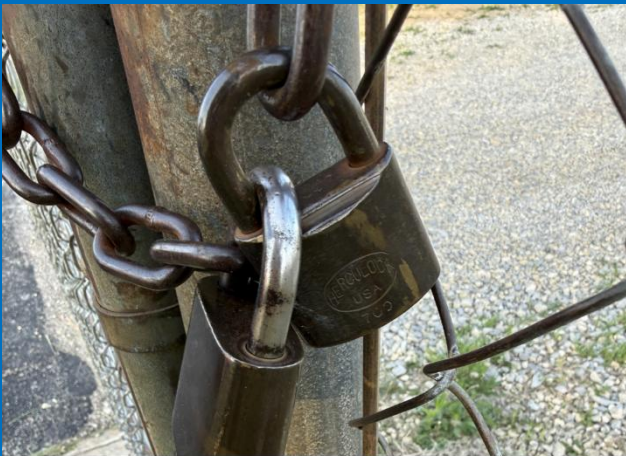
Be sure to check out the upcoming events section and stay tuned to your text messages you don't want to miss out on any of our upcoming spring activities and socials, see you at the lake!

- Chris Duncan

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.



Lock The Gate!

Security at the club is everyone's responsibility, as of late there have been several instances of members arriving at the club to find the dry storage gates unlocked and the building garage door open. When you leave the dry storage yard for the day please take a moment to look around and if no other members are present ensure the building is closed and lock the gate behind you. When locking the gate both padlocks should be interlocked with each other so that unlocking either will allow the chain to be removed. This ensures that our septic pumping service has access to pump out the sewage holding tank.

Spring Cleanup

WVSC members braving biting winds, cold temperatures, and plumes of smoke from local range burning worked with enthusiasm to prepare the club grounds for spring social and sailing activities. Trees were trimmed, sidewalks edged, and debris removed. After the cleanup activities, volunteers were treated to a hearty meal of bratwurst, hot links, and a plethora of delicious homemade sides. Thank you: Troy Oberly, Liana Fusco, Robert Fusco, Mark Dresselhaus, Chris Duncan, Jim Steck, Jeff Klein, Laurie Klein, Jeff Yost, Roger Blew, Mike Reynolds, Kevin Welch, Brenda Welch, Ardie Condon, Janet Van Epps, Tedd Blankenship, Richard Barth, Julie Barth, Preston Brammer, Blaine Van Dam, Hector Camacho, and anyone I may have overlooked, our members are always willing to pitch in and get things done!



I would also like to extend a special thank you to all those who work behind the scenes Janine Delaughder who keeps our clubhouse looking great, and all members who have assisted Harbormaster Charlie Volk with with repairs to the docks, including braving the frigid waters to replace leaking dock floats!

Out on the race course!

Racing season is here! We are less than a week away from the season opener, time to get the fleet launched a work the rust out before the starting gun sounds. For those interested in joining the racing action and for veteran skippers looking to add to their edge, Preston and Tedd are hosting a tips, tricks, and tactics seminar at the clubhouse this Saturday, May 2nd at 10am. come on out, ask questions, brush up on rules, and have a great time!



First race is May 6th, Skippers meeting at 6pm

Upcoming Events!

MAY

2nd- Racing seminar (10am)

9th- Water safety and CPR training

16th- Big Boat Splash and cookout (10am)

JUNE

13th- Long distance race

20th- Shrimp Boil!

I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU DRIVE



I GET 15,000 MILES PER GALLEON IN THIS BABY.

“The sea, once it casts its spell on you, holds you in its net of wonder forever.” -Jacques Cousteau

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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:

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



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

