

The Windword

Walnut Valley Sailing Club Newsletter, July 2026





Greetings From Your Editor

Four weeks ago we lost Paul Schye, longtime WVSC member as well as our club commodore. Paul was a staple at the clubhouse during the sailing season, always ready to catch a dockline or offer a beer and some helpful advice. His passing leaves much more than an empty chair on the dock and he will be greatly missed by all of us.

In the interim, our vice commodore Bill Allman has stepped up to fill the role of commodore. We still have lots of fun filled sailing events and socials ahead this year including the rescheduled long distance race this weekend, July 4th!

See you at the lake!

Chris Duncan

Club News

Shirts and Hats!

Fellow Sailors! Material samples for WVSC shirts and hats are currently displayed in the clubhouse! Have a look next time you're at the lake! Ordering will be online and a link will be provided once available!

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Shepperd.



Sail Training!

We had 7 students attend our youth sailing program last month. Stuart reports they will make fine WVSC sailors in the future! Special thanks to the volunteers who assisted with the classes and on water activities.



Sailing Jeopardy!

Know your Tedd's! Is it Hood, Turner, or Blankenship? Some members even got to showcase their pirate dance moves!

Congrats to team "Slow Boat To China" on their landslide victory!



Sunset Sailing!

Photo by Jeff and Laurie Klein



Out on the race course!

“Blow ye winds in the evening
blow ye winds hi ho.....”

Between the wind and rain we managed two race nights in June! In spite of the uncooperative weather we have had great turnouts with as many as 8 boats racing and as many as 7 Catalina 22s on the course at once!



Upcoming Events!

JULY

4th^h- Long distance race

11th- Catalina 14.2 Regatta and watermelon toss!

18th- Barbeque night, smoked ribs and brisket

AUGUST

8th- Keelboat Olympics

15th- Italian night and sing along

*"Better get you a ticket on an aeroplane,
you ain't got time to take a fast train
boring days are gone, c'mon out and sing along
our band just sent me this letter"*

D and the Deckhands summer tour dates



D & The Deckhands

Summer Gig Schedule

May 30th-Council Grove Marina
June 26th El Dorado Sr. Center
June 28th Ernie's Place
July 10th Emporia Sr. Center
July 31st Final Friday Private Event
September 19th WVSC Event



*"To desire nothing beyond what you have is surely happiness.
Aboard a boat, it is frequently possible to achieve just that. That is
why sailing is a way of life, one of the finest of lives."
—Carleton Mitchell*

Club Contact Information

COMMODORE

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BOARD**MEMBERS:**

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Committees

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Liaison</u>	<u>Chair</u>
Long Range Planning	Bill Allman	Blaine Van Dam
Powerboats	Blaine Van Dam	Stuart Funk
Harbor	Mike Reynolds	Charlie Volk
Activity Center	Blaine Van Dam	Troy Oberly
Membership	Brenda Welch	Kate Brammer
Sail Training	Bill Allman	Stuart Funk
Archivist	Melissa Funk	Melissa Funk
Public Relations	Chris Duncan	Charlie Volk
Finance	Brenda Welch	Greg Rincker
Dry Storage	Troy Oberly	Stuart Funk
Buildings & Grounds	Troy Oberly	Mike Shepperd
Calling/texting	Chris Duncan	Julie Barth
Racing Activities	Blaine Van Dam	Blaine Van Dam
Socials	Paul Schye	Julie Barth
Government Relations	Robert Fusco	Gene Nold
Security	Mike Shepperd	Mike Shepperd
Sailing Activities	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 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 \$10,500/OBO. Contact Michael Vaughan, mjvon4@gmail.com



1976 Force Five one design

Comes with:

heavy duty trailer

2 sails

2 dagger boards

2 tillers

Has new running riggin and is ready to sail

Can be viewed in the dry storage yard

Contact Deann Gadalla, \$700 OBO

Morgan 27 Sails

4 mains

4 genoas

Good condition

Contact Tom Christenson, Hiawatha ks 405-617-2520

Asking \$600 for all.

1986 Catalina 25

Fixed keel, Traditional interior

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

4 stroke Yamaha 9.9 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



WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 16, 2026

Location: Clubhouse

Call to Order

Vice Commodore Bill Allman called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

Attendance

Present:

- Bill Allman, Vice Commodore
- Troy Oberly, Rear Commodore
- Julie Barth, Acting Secretary
- Brenda Welch, Treasurer
- Robert Fusco, Board Member
- Chris Duncan, Board Member
- Blaine VanDam, Board Member
- Mike Shepperd, Board Member
- Mike Reynolds, Board Member
- Stuart Funk, Club Member

A quorum was present.

Commodore Remarks

Bill Allman opened the meeting by expressing the club's heartfelt condolences and sorrow regarding the passing of Commodore Paul Schye. Members reflected on Commodore Schye's contributions to the Walnut Valley Sailing Club and extended sympathies to his family and friends.

A photo memorial and commemorative toast in honor of Commodore Schye will be held during the upcoming Shrimp Boil event.

Bill Allman announced that he will assume the duties of Commodore moving forward in accordance with club leadership succession.

Vacancy of the Secretary position was discussed and Julie Barth was approved by board members to fill.

Approval of Previous Minutes: The May 2026 meeting minutes were not available for review. The minutes had been taken by Commodore Paul Schye and are currently unavailable to the club. As a result, no action was taken regarding approval of the May meeting minutes.

Committee Reports

Long Range Planning

Bill Allman reported that the Long Distance Race has been postponed. He also reminded members that the Shrimp Boil is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2026.

Power Boats

Blaine VanDam reported that the power boats are running well. Mike Shepperd will install a lock on the committee boat fuel container.

Harbor

Mike Reynolds reported that he will be replacing a water spigot on the docks.

Activity Center

Blaine VanDam reported that the Activity Center has been restocked with plates and other supplies. He also noted that JaNine continues to do an excellent job maintaining and cleaning the facility.

Membership

A membership application submitted by David Clothier was presented for consideration. Following discussion, David Clothier was approved for membership by unanimous vote of the members present.

Sail Training

Stuart Funk reported the completion of a recent sail training session involving seven new sailors, ages 10–15.

Archivist

No new business or report.

Public Relations/Media

No report.

Finance

Treasurer Brenda Welch reported that updates are needed to the club's banking records following the change in club leadership. Bill Allman will be added to the club checking account in his capacity as Commodore.

Brenda also reported that the club's post office box requires two members to be listed. The Board discussed members who are not compliant with payment requirements. The Board agreed to move forward with communication regarding dismissal procedures for non-compliant members.

Dry Storage

Troy Oberly reported that another weed treatment application will be completed in the dry storage area. He requested that a notice be included in the next Windword newsletter reminding members to clean up and maintain their assigned dry storage spaces.

Building and Grounds

Troy Oberly reported that windy conditions have delayed the planned burning of the wood pile. Once weather conditions are suitable, he will obtain the necessary permit and proceed with the burn.

Mike Shepperd reported that the Evergy light issue has been resolved and the light has been repaired.

Calling and Texting

Nothing new to report.

Government Relations

The committee will communicate with Gene Nold regarding ongoing government relations matters.

Security and Facilities

Mike Shepperd reported that the main battery in the clubhouse lock system has been replaced. He also noted that, as previously communicated to members via text message, two security cameras have been installed in the clubhouse.

Sailing Activities

The Long-Distance Race has been postponed.

The 14.2 Sailboat Races are scheduled to take place in July.

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No new business or report.

Old Business

Delinquent Memberships and Slip Rentals

The Board revisited the issue of members who have not paid club dues or slip rental fees. Consistent with the Membership Committee report, the Board agreed to move forward with communication regarding dismissal of members who remain non-compliant with payment requirements.

Lift Request

Chris Duncan's request for a lift was approved.

Club T-Shirt Design

A motion was made to accept the proposed club T-shirt design. The motion was approved.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Reynolds and seconded by Robert Fusco. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Barth
Secretary
Walnut Valley Sailing Club