



The Windword

Walnut Valley Sailing Club Newsletter, June 2026

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Greetings From Your Editor

Summer is here and our first social event, the big boat splash has come to pass. Only one boat was launched before the winds picked up, nevertheless we were treated to a bountiful feast of burgers and hot dogs (and hot links masquerading as hot dogs) along with many delicious homemade sides. In the weeks that followed, many more boats have been launched and our club is once again becoming that second home we all love.

A new month brings a new member to the WVSC, lets all extend a warm welcome to Wendy Anderson and her Catalina 25. We have several exciting events planned for the coming month including the always anticipated shimp boil so be sure to check out the upcoming events and stay tuned to your texts. 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.

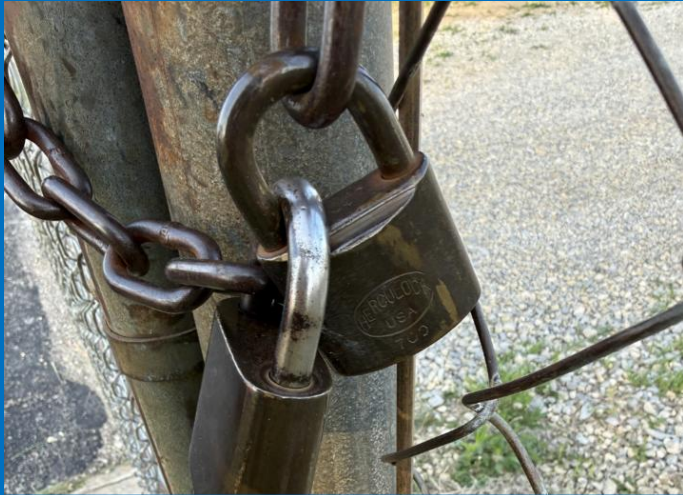


Locking up

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. Before setting the club house alarm, take a look around and ensure all doors and windows are closed and latched. On the French doors remember to lock the top and bottom latches, these prevent the wind from blowing the doors open and triggering false alarms. If you accidentally trigger the alarm, please reach out to Mike Sheppard and let him know all is well.



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.



Breakfast Club

The Wednesday morning breakfast club is now the Thursday morning breakfast club. Stimulating conversation and the best breakfast in town, thursdays at 9am.



Out on the race course!

The class flag is down and the boats are off and racing! The weather has been cool but the racing action has been red hot with an abundance of boat vs boat duels for position on the final beat! Contests have been decided by as few as 2 seconds and the action doesn't show any signs of letting up despite losing two race dates to the unpredictable Kansas weather.



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"We would like to extend a Special Thanks to Preston Brammer and Tedd Blankenship for hosting our 2026 Racing Training Class. Our racers showed up in force, with 25 people attending and participating. Preston and Tedd kept us all fully engaged, complete with a large race course mock up, boats, laylines, and wind vanes. We'll get our opportunity to put our training to use out on the course. Well done!"

Blaine Van Dam, WVSC Race Committee Chair



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Upcoming Events!

JUNE

13th- Long distance race

20th- Shrimp Boil!

JULY

11th- Catalina 14.2 Regatta and watermelon toss!

18th- Barbeque night, smoked ribs and brisket

*"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*

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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



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

