



# THE Main Sheet

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### From the Editor:

#### Please note the deadline schedule.

- Announcements of scheduled events (such as dinners and races) and ads, must be received by the first Thursday of each month.
- Email will be accepted until 6:00 p.m. the first Sunday of each month.
- Any late material will be published the next month.
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- Commercial advertising rates are listed on the Classified page.

## ▶▶▶ Message from the Commodore

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Well, it has to be better than last year, right? While this is the time of year that we traditionally look back at the past year and reminisce fondly, many will be happy to see 2020 fading in the rearview mirror. So taking a look forward, what's on the horizon? Quite a bit, in fact. With the rollout of the Covid vaccines we are optimistic that we can resume a more normal social calendar, and we are planning to do just that. The Park administration is anticipating higher than normal park usage, so similar to last year we should have plenty of company at the lake. RSM, our marketing partners, are developing plans to promote our club and hopefully increase activities and membership once the weather warms up. While last year's work days were very successful, we are working to expand our efforts and organize plans to maintain our facilities and equipment with volunteer labor, getting more members involved in the process.

Speaking of property, Patrick Adams, our property manager emeritus, has secured new housing in Goddard and is in the process of moving with the help of several members. We have a committee currently working to define the duties required of the next occupants to oversee our property. Once that is complete, possibly by the time you read this, we will be interviewing applicants and will select a qualified person to assist us in the oversight and security of our property. This is a big step that is vitally important to continuing to maintain and operate our beautiful facilities, and we have an outstanding group dedicated to making sure it happens.

Other than that, what do you do in January? Beat back the winter doldrums and dream about sailing! In normal years the Caribbean is the place to be right now, but travel restrictions have made that difficult. The America's Cup is underway and provides some cold weather relief, even though those look more like rocket ships than sailboats! And at this time, American Magic is struggling, but that can change in a hurry. So take heart, it won't be long before the procession of boats heads east from the yards and the slips start filling up again, so pray for rain, but don't pray too hard!

Fair Winds!  
Phil Nelson



# LEARN *to* SAIL

*with* **Ninnescah Sailing Association** *at* **Cheney Lake**

## JUNIOR CLASS DETAILS

- Learn water safety, sailboat handling, sailboat racing, and sportsmanship.
- Coaches are US Sailing Certified.
- Boats are provided.
- Open to kids, age 8-17.
- Class meets from 9am - 4pm each day.

## 2 JUNIOR SESSIONS IN 2021

**Session 1: July 12-16, 2021**  
**Session 2: July 26-30, 2021**

**COST:** \$150 for Members of NSA  
\$175 for Non-Members

**SIGN UP FOR SESSIONS AT [NINNESCAH.ORG](https://www.ninnescah.org) | CALL (316) 617-3372 FOR MORE DETAILS**

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Twenty years from now you  
will be more disappointed  
by the things that you didn't do  
than by the ones you did do.  
So throw off the bowlines.  
Sail away from the safe harbor.  
Catch the trade winds in your sails.  
Explore. Dream. Discover.

*- Mark Twain*

## LEARN to SAIL

### COURSE CONTENT INCLUDES:

- Basic Boat Handling Skills
- Sailing Terminology
- Knot Tying
- Sailing Theory
- Sunfish & Keelboat Instruction
- Water and Small Craft Safety



## Adult LEARN to SAIL

with Ninnescah Sailing Association  
Summer 2021 at Cheney Lake

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Ninnescah Sailing Association

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## ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE

### SESSION 1

Thurs, June 24th, 6 - 9pm

Sat, June 26th & Sun, June 27th, 8am - 5pm

### SESSION 2

Thurs, July 8th, 6 - 9pm

Sat, July 10th & Sun, July 11th, 8am - 5pm

### SESSION 3

Thurs, July 22nd, 6 - 9pm

Sat, July 24th & Sun, July 25th, 8am - 5pm

### SESSION 4 - Advanced Keelboat\*

Sat, August 14th, 8am - 5pm

\*NSA Basic Sailing Class or previous sailing  
experience is a prerequisite for Basic Keelboat.



# Adult LEARN to SAIL

*Class Size Is Limited, So Register Early!*  
**Register online at [www.ninnescah.org](http://www.ninnescah.org)**

Adult learn to sail classes have been taught at Cheney Lake for over 40 years. The NSA Learn to Sail Course was developed in conjunction with the U.S. Sailing Association and is for adults, age 18 years or older.

**Sessions 1, 2 and 3** include 20 hours of instruction, both in the classroom and on the water using Sunfish, small sloops and catamarans.

**Session 4** (Aug 15th) is a one day advanced course covering basic keelboat handling. NSA Basic Sailing class or previous sailing experience is a prerequisite.

Classes are led by a team of enthusiastic, experienced volunteer members of NSA who are U.S. Sailing Association certified instructors.

The week night portion of the class (Thursday) meets at the CoBank Building in downtown Wichita and the sailing portion (Saturday & Sunday) meets at the cove at Ninnescah Sailing Association on Cheney Reservoir.

## **COURSE CONTENT INCLUDES:**

- Basic Boat Handling Skills
- Sailing Terminology
- Knot Tying
- Sailing Theory
- Sunfish & Keelboat Instruction
- Water and Small Craft Safety!

**PREREQUISITES:** To enroll in the adult NSA Learn to Sail course, you must be at least 18 years old. You must be able to swim 25 yards, be able to float or tread water for two minutes, and put a lifejacket on in deep water.

**It is essential that you feel safe in the water!**

## **REGISTRATION**

**Pre-registration is required and must be completed by mail or online at, [www.ninnescah.org](http://www.ninnescah.org)**

### **REGISTRATION FEES:**

#### **Session 1, 2 & 3 - Basic Learn to Sail**

\$195 for NSA Members & \$250 for Non-Members

#### **Session 4 - Basic Keelboat**

\$75 for NSA Members & \$125 for Non-Members

Enroll with a friend or family member and receive 1/2 price off the second person's enrollment fee.

Class fees include course materials and the use of sailboats, life jackets and other safety equipment.

Register online with a credit card or by mail with a check or money order only.

## **ADULT CLASS LOCATIONS**

### **THURSDAYS**

CoBank Building | 245 N. Waco | Wichita, KS

### **SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

Cheney Reservoir, The Cove at Ninnescah Sailing Assoc.

### **NINNESCAH SAILING ASSOCIATION**

#### **GPS COORDINATES:**

N37 43.154 W97 49.538

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**Present:** Phil Nelson, Charles Bruce, Jack Kramer, Rodney Johnson, Sheila Whiston-Fox, Brian Denny, Justin Fremin, Bruce Rowe  
Others: Allen Johnson, Scott Fry, Seth Edmondson

Commodore Phil Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

The first order of business was to approve the minutes as printed in The Mainsheet with the addition of a correction about the Junior Sailing Regatta being August 7, instead of August 17: Kramer/Bruce

The financial report was presented by S. Whiston-Fox. Dues are coming as expected. The financial report was approved: Rowe, Catt

**Property update: Jack Kramer.**

Patrick is still in the process of moving out, but hopes to be gone by the first of February. He has found a place to live in Goddard and has a storage shed rented for his extra stuff.

I see many different folks cruising through the grounds and helping to keep an eye on the property. There are some that live close by and are making it a point to come over.

The park department will be putting bids out for repairing the various potholes on the entry road and they are re-evaluating their decision about the large dumpsters. They will be moving to smaller units with lids, but as to placement, we don't know whether we'll get one.

Members are reminded to secure their halyards to keep them from slapping. The noise can be annoying and it isn't good for the halyards

either. Don't be surprised if you find yours tied off.

**Administrative Secretary Report: A. Johnson**

Dues and fee money continues to come in.

Member/guest introductions/forum:

One of our members came by to drop off a check and to ask if he could make payments towards his dues. The board agreed.

## Board Members Reports

**Secretary: B. Rowe**

**Treasurer: S. Whiston-Fox**

We have received several fraudulent unemployment claims.

The 1099's are ready to be distributed.

The inventory required by Reno County has been submitted.

The NEST boats have been mistakenly listed as NSA property.

Have been working with one of our accountants to make sure she understands our process and improve the accuracy of our financial statements.

**Yardmaster: B. Denney**

Jack Kramer and I took down cabana #6 and hauled it over by the sheds to be dismantled for its usable components. We will be considering different designs to improve both the shade and the sturdiness of the new unit.

The weather station keeps needing to be reset. It seems to show the proper data to the monitor in the AD, but the information is not being uploaded. The software needs to be undated.

Steve White and his wife Barbara have volunteered to help out with the mowing and other landscape duties this spring and summer. With a few more volunteers maybe we can keep contract labor costs low.

Would like to reach out to the membership for anyone with mechanical skills to help us keep our mowers maintained and operating. We have many units and they seem to break down too frequently.

A member noticed the water faucet at D dock common area dripping. Jack, Frank and I checked it out.

**Harbormaster: J. Fremin**

What about the hydro-hoist at E dock? Can it be fixed up? We could probably give it away to anyone interested in it, otherwise it may end up suffering the same fate as E dock itself.

I need a key to one of the sheds-will contact Doug Veith

The GFCI's on the slips are not weather or tamper proof. We might consider replacing them as needed with the proper units.

We shall be inventorying our property sheds and winnowing out un-needed/unused materials. Again, any member that happens to be storing anything in the sheds should remove it before we start.

I would like to recognize Stan Chase for his efforts on the Afterdeck WX station and hardware.

**Operations: J. Catt**

Not much going on. Are we going to use the same calendar we have in the past?

**Vice Commodore: R. Johnson**

Correction for the Mainsheet: Jr. Sailing Regatta is Saturday August 7

I have updated the Junior Sailing flyer and registration forms.

I paid the club's US Sailing membership fee: \$225.

Will be coordinating with Kevin Findley to organize the KBRs meeting date and race schedule.

Organize the regatta committee meeting  
Revise the Jr. Sailing online registration to simplify administration.

Inspect the race committee boat to ascertain repair and maintenance items.

**Commodore Elect: J. Kramer**

With no current property manager, Jack will be in charge of the Property Update each month. Members are encouraged to contact Jack with any concerns or observations.

**Past Commodore: C. Bruce**

We had a wedding reception last month at the AD.

Greg Greenwood and I restocked the paper products at the AD

Greg and I swept the floor while we were inside. April 17 is the Pretty Prairie's High School prom

It was mentioned that there were several boxes of paper products in the Ad basement or at least there used to be.

## Old Business

Once Patrick vacates the trailer we will need to determine its condition

A motion was made to allow Patrick Adams to store his boat in the yard for one year or until such time as it changes owners or other arrangements are made. This offer includes free mowing. The motion was approved: Rowe/Kramer

## Work Committee's

When we assign members to the various work committees we want to make sure they are actually capable of doing the work. We are sure there are many club members with the needed skills to help us, but we first have to identify all of our assets and break them down into subsets that can be addressed as warranted.

## New Technology:

A firm (IdeaTech) has a federal grant to offer wifi (internet service) to rural areas and Cheney Lake will be one of its recipients. They are going to run fiber optics around the park in the coming months and offer free wifi service. With our own "drop", it opens up all sorts of windows that we can utilize-from remote cameras on the AD and gates to pre-programming thermostat settings for the AD. We will identify an overall program update and gradually improve our assets until we accomplish that goal.

## Property Oversight

Still in the process of determining the next occupant of the trailer's duties and

responsibilities. Would like to stay away from an actual employee if possible. Several ideas have been considered and there is a committee working on it. For instance: perhaps a similar consideration like the camp hosts scattered around the park. It might even be a club member. Their main duties would include a daily "eyes on" all club assets, collecting fees for camping and ice, a certain amount of mowing as needed. We want passersby to feel welcome and be impressed with our facility. First impressions etc.

May be considering a "booking" process for our own campsites.

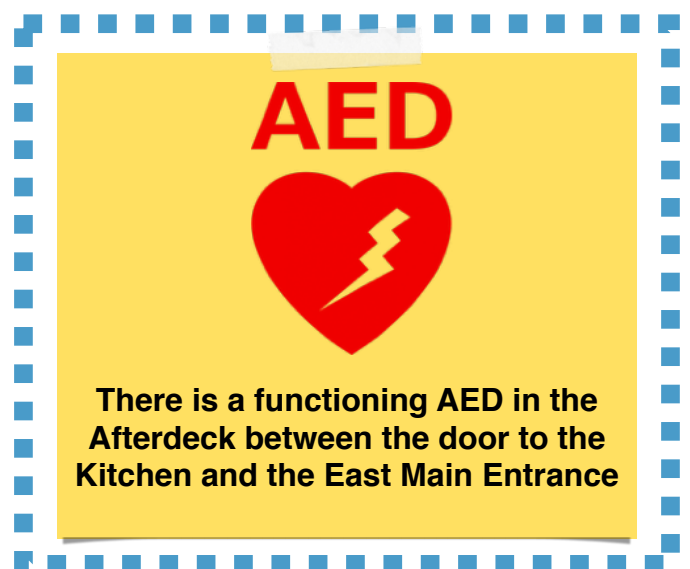
The marketing committee is still on the job working on re-branding our club.

A motion to adjourn was made and approved at 8:25: Kramer/Bruce

## Announcements:

The next board of governors meeting will be February 11, 2021 at 7:00

Pathway Church 2001 N. Maize Rd. Room# B0102





Our members often drop what they are doing to help others out.

Carry supplies from car?  
Helped with docking?  
Launching a boat?  
Tied down flapping sail covers?

Basically anything... big or small... send your short **Thank You** message to [editor@ninnescah.org](mailto:editor@ninnescah.org) and it will be published each month to the Main Sheet **Thank You Board!**

thank you!

Trivia by Allen Johnson!  
Q: What does this area in the photo have to do with the NSA?

A: The North Fork of the Ninnescah starts in the copse of trees.



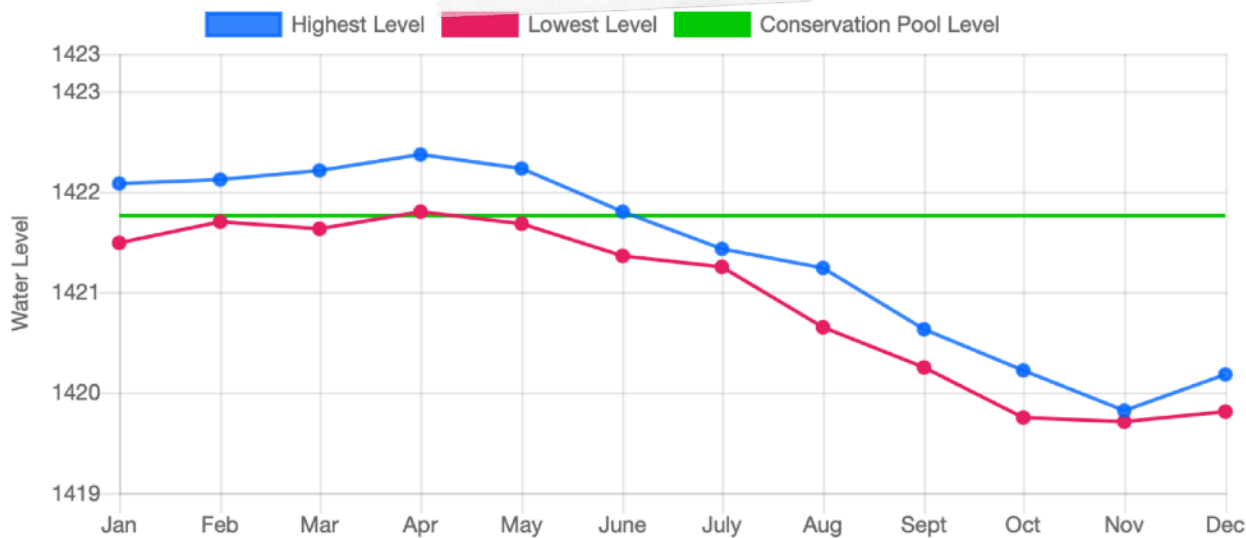


“Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in a while, you may miss what is happening at NSA!”

[Click the links below to learn more!](#)

## Historic Cheney Lake Levels

See how the lake levels changed over the years from 1964 to 2021!



Data courtesy of the U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

[Keel Boat Racing Squadron](#) - Racing every Wednesday!

[NSA Facebook Page](#) - Get the latest updates!

[NSA Instagram Page](#) - See the latest photos!

[NSA Calendar](#) - Find out when the latest events are happening!

[NSA Facilities](#) - Learn about our beautiful sailing facility!

[Current Weather](#) - Check out the latest info from the NSA Weather Station!



# Click individual event links for more info!

## Thursday - February 11

Board of Governors Meeting  
Location: Pathway Church  
2001 N. Maize Rd. 7pm.

## Thursday - March 11

Board of Governors Meeting  
Location: Pathway Church  
2001 N. Maize Rd. 7pm.

## Thursday - March 14

Wet Slip Meeting  
NSA Afterdeck

## Thursday - April 8

Board of Governors Meeting  
Location: Pathway Church  
2001 N. Maize Rd. 7pm.

## Thursday - May 13

Board of Governors Meeting  
Location: Pathway Church  
2001 N. Maize Rd. 7pm.

## Sunday - May 24

Memorial Day Dinner

## Thursday - June 10

Board of Governors Meeting  
Location: Pathway Church  
2001 N. Maize Rd. 7pm.

## Thursday - June 24

Adult Learn-to-Sail Class 1  
Location: CoBank Building  
245 North Waco. 6-9pm.

## Saturday-Sunday - June 26-27

Adult Learn-to-Sail Class 1  
Location: NSA Cove

## Thursday - July 8

Adult Learn-to-Sail Class 2  
Location: CoBank Building  
245 North Waco. 6-9pm.

## Thursday - July 8

Board of Governors Meeting  
Location: Pathway Church  
2001 N. Maize Rd. 7pm.

## Saturday-Sunday - July 10-11

Adult Learn-to-Sail Class 2  
Location: NSA Cove

## Monday-Friday - July 12-16

Youth Learn-to-Sail Camp

## Thursday - July 22

Adult Learn-to-Sail Class 3  
Location: CoBank Building  
245 North Waco. 6-9pm.

## Saturday-Sunday - July 24-25

Adult Learn-to-Sail Class 3  
Location: NSA Cove

## Monday-Friday - July 26-30

Youth Learn-to-Sail Camp

## Saturday - August 7

Jr Sailing Regatta

## Thursday - August 12

Board of Governors Meeting  
Location: Pathway Church  
2001 N. Maize Rd. 7pm.

## Saturday - August 14

Learn-to-Sail Keelboat class

## Thursday - September 9

Board of Governors Meeting  
Location: Pathway Church  
2001 N. Maize Rd. 7pm.

## Thursday - October 14

Board of Governors Meeting  
Location: Pathway Church  
2001 N. Maize Rd. 7pm.

## Thursday - November 11

Board of Governors Meeting  
Location: Pathway Church  
2001 N. Maize Rd. 7pm.

## Sunday - November TBD

Annual Meeting

## Thursday - December 12

Board of Governors Meeting  
Location: Pathway Church  
2001 N. Maize Rd. 7pm.

## Keel Boat Racing Squadron (KBRS)

Wednesdays TBD



**1990 Gloucester 22.** Single axle Rolco trailer. Tohatsu outboard. Jib and mainsail. \$2000 as is. Contact O.P. Baker at 940-594-3616 for photos and information. Located in the East yard #71. 1

**Whisker pole** for sailboat up to 28 feet. Extends from 8ft to 14ft with line control. Forespar model LC 8-14 EL-EL. 2 inch aluminum outer tube and 1.5 inch inner tube. Excellent for light/medium air on 28 ft boats; for heavy air on 26-27 ft boats. Good as new, never used it. Great for winging out the genoa downwind! \$350.00. Rob Fresh 316-303-5062 1

**Freedom 1985 J 27** Hull No. 124 \$11,000 2014 main 8.3 oz. High Aspect High Modulus from Challenge. Older back up main. Head sails: #1 (laminate) Fair, #2 2017 Blade good to very good condition. 2 Spinnakers: #1 Fair, #2 Good. Outboard Motor 2017 Mercury 5 hp 4 stroke. 2016 Harken 2 speed mainsheet system (gross and fine adjustment). 2016 Harken windward sheeting traveler system. 2016 Boom kicker and vang. 2020 Deep cycle battery and bilge pump. Roll off dual axel trailer. Raymarine Depth finder and knot log. The 8' long cockpit seats 4 to 5 comfortably. Below deck you can sleep 5. Call Patrick 316.540.3674. 5

**1986 Catalina 25.** Hull #5479. Main sail- 2005. Harken furler with 135 Genoa- 2011. 2014 Mercury 9.9 HP 4 stroke electric start. Boomkicker and vang. 2 battery system. New batteries 2020. 2 speed Lewmar winches. Custom made cabin cover. Rocco dual axle trailer. New tires 2020. Located at Ninnescah Sailing Association, Cheney Lake. Asking \$8900, includes trailer. Call 316-773-2533. Leave message. 2

**1977 S2 8.0B** 26 feet, 6 foot headroom, gas Mercury 9hp outboard, new carpeting, retractable keel, mainsail 119 sq.ft., roller furling genoa 244 sq.ft, storm jib 40 sq.ft, stainless steel boarding ladder several life jackets, hand pump, head/ toilet/sink, refrigerator, icebox, CD player, sleeps 4, portable air conditioner, hydraulic lift. Asking \$7,000 including trailer. Located at the Walnut Valley Sailing Club in El Dorado Kansas. Glenn Bindley 316-880-2396. 8

**Capri 14.2** with Shorelander trailer. Custom cover. 2 sets of sails. 1987 model in excellent condition. Complete with all parts. Fast, convenient day sailor. Asking \$1,900. Call Brad Anderson. 316-773-9550 or email at bradmj@att.net. 14

## AD Sizes and Prices

Business card size: \$50      1/4 page: \$100  
1/2 page: \$200.                  Full page: \$400

20% discount for ads with no changes running for six consecutive months.

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Members are invited to advertise at no charge. Email your ad copy to the editor at editor@ninnescah.org. Your item will appear in two consecutive issues unless you advise otherwise. Please let the editor know if the item is sold or if you want your ad discontinued. Items advertised must be boat related.

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