

# The WindWord

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## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### Red Carpet Awards Party

Saturday, February 24

6:00 pm

The Canyons at Blackjack  
Ridge

(Sand Springs Golf Club)

1801 N. McKinley Ave.

Sand Springs

### Saint Patrick's Day Race

March 17, 2024

Start window 11:00 am – noon

Finish by 3:00 pm



Always check  
the website  
for the most  
current  
information

## Don't Miss the Windycrest Academy Awards Party

Saturday, Feb. 24 from 5 to 9 pm

Sand Springs Golf Club

The Canyons at Blackjack Ridge

1801 N McKinley Ave, Sand Springs

Look for the Windycrest banner

Hollywood-style Walk-of-Fame

honoring our club founders and others who are no  
longer with us

Heavy hors d'oeuvres

Plenty of beer, wine and our  
specialty cocktail "The Red Carpet"

Black Tie, Windycrest Style (meaning you must wear  
clothes but consider adding a black tie

We don't want to miss you.

RSVP by Feb. 20

email: [nancy.keithline@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.keithline@gmail.com)

text: 918-527-1959

This event is free to all members

\$Cash Bar, however.



**WINDYCREST INFORMATION**

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**Lake Level**

<https://www.swt-wc.usace.army.mil/webdata/gagedata/KEYO2.current.html>



If you don't know where you are going, you  
might wind up someplace else.

~Yogi Berra



## **American Sailing Association Basic Keelboat Courses and Coastal Navigation Courses**

Under the guidance and leadership of Gary Worley, Windycrest will be offering courses with certified American Sailing Association instructors this Winter and Spring season.

The classes are being organized now, and much of the content will be delivered over Zoom.

For more information contact Gary or one of the following other board members:  
Mick Walsh or Mike Darrol.

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### **CLASSIFIED ADS**

#### **BUY-SELL-TRADE YOUR BOATS-SAILS-EQUIPMENT HERE**

Creekmore 7 meter. Located on C dock. Free to a good home and comes with a trailer.  
Call Edith Coen at 918-640-3384

Catalina 25 for near give away. Can be seen on C-23. Better check it out quick.  
Call member David Walter.

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# Keep It Ready To Go!

## 2024 SAILING SEASON IS HERE!

With the Holidays and Valentine's in the rearview, now is the time to start your boat prep for the spring and summer season. Whether you have a centerboard or keelboat, the basics are pretty simple.

First of, give your boat a nice scrub down. A few brushes, stiff and soft, a new large sponge from the auto parts store, and a bucket of soapy water work great. A power sprayer can work wonders, but use care as you can damage gel coat and teak if not careful. Those Scotch brand Magic Erasers can make your boat sparkle, removing accumulated grime like sunscreen and tannin stains that accumulate.



As you scrub, closely inspect your standing rigging terminals, lifelines and stantions, blocks, winches, and other boat parts. Remember that the correct number of broken strands on any wire on your boat is none. You can take control lines and sheets and soak them in a bucket of soapy water or put in a mesh bag and run through the laundry at home. Look for things like loose nuts, bolts and screws from stem to stern. Make sure all your shackles are tight. Ensure that all your systems work: mainsheet, vang, outhaul, halyards, furling gear, reefing lines, etc. Nothing worse than a breakdown that keeps you on shore, except one that happens on the water.

Concerning your sails, you want to inspect them as well. For minor repairs, the local sailmaker can help. Don't neglect issues. Depending on how often you sail and the conditions you enjoy, know that your sails will wear out. Plan a budget to replace sails.

For trailers, a shot of grease in the bearings and a spray of WD-40 on the hitch mechanism can keep you going for another year.

Finally, if you think that maintaining your boat is expensive, just wait and see how expensive it is when you ignore it.

So, get out some nice day soon and spend an afternoon falling in love with your boat again. You'll be glad you did, especially when you go out the Club later and your boat is in good shape ready to sail!

Danny Ziegler

## UPDATED WAITING AND PASSED LISTS

Following are the most recently updated Waiting and Passed slips, mooring and travel trailer Waiting Lists. If you see a discrepancy you would like to discuss, please reach out to Vice Commodore, Mick Walsh.

WINDYCREST WAITING LISTS	
<b>LAST UPDATED 2/15/2024</b>	
All requests are based on dated, written requests submitted to the Vice Commodore.	
SLIP UPGRADE LIST	
10/4/2023	Gabe Palacios
2/5/2023	Eric Fransen
10/31/2023	Bob White
SLIP WAITING LIST	
2/1/2023	Charlie Keithline
6/1/2023	Brent Swopes
6/5/2023	Adam Stoermer
10/31/2023	Bob White
12/1/2023	Louise Williford
01/07/2024	Evelyn Hayes
01/31/2024	Chase Kronfeld
2/12/2024	Philip Nickel
2/12/2024	Ron Hosie
2/12/2024	Dan O'Meilia
2/15/2024	Stephen Gent
MOORING WAITING LIST	

PASSED SLIP LIST	
<i>Members who have reached the top of the Slip Waiting List and "passed" or previously held a slip may request to be placed at the top of the Waiting List at any time.</i>	
2/3/2004	Darrel Daniel
4/1/2005	Margaret Hamlett Shinn
8/18/2009	IV McNamara
11/14/2013	Steve Elliott
12/1/2016	Drew Ziegler
1/15/2019	Ryan Ferrell
10/2022	Andy Leithner
11/1/2022	Fred Hess
7/6/2022	Rick Farbro
TRAVEL TRAILER WAITING LIST	
PASSED TRAVEL TRAILER LIST	
2/27/1999	Barbara Montalbano
10/10/2004	Joe Perrault
4/1/2005	Margaret Hamlett Shinn
3/12/2015	Cindy Gowing
3/1/2016	Charlie Keithline
9/2/2016	Michael Jones
12/1/2016	Drew Ziegler
10/6/2018	Michael Gent
4/21/2020	Dan Kirkpatrick

### From the Editors

Our goal is to publish the *Windword* middle of each month. In order to do that, we ask club members to contribute content by the tenth of each month. This includes classifieds as well. Submit content to Danny Ziegler at [sailamc@aol.com](mailto:sailamc@aol.com) or Leah Kelso at [leah.kelso@hilti.com](mailto:leah.kelso@hilti.com). Preferred formats include word files and jpg graphics.

## AN INTERESTING READ

### What I've learned about racing

Regatta success is about learning throughout the event, but what about long term improvement? Don Finkle with RCR Yacht reflects on some things he's learned over many years of racing, often the hard way.

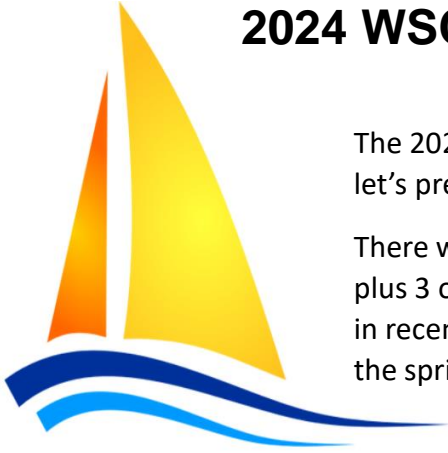


- Make sure to enjoy yourself. For the vast majority of us this is only a game, taking things too seriously leads to frustration. Unless you are sailing alone, others on the boat feed off your mood. Grumpy, screaming sailors ruin it for others. There is only going to be one boat that wins, understand that going in. You can try hard but if you don't win, be a good sport and don't drag down your teammates, or yourself.
- When there are multiple people on a boat each one should have a defined role and make sure they do that job to the best of their ability. Inevitably something goes awry, and the worst thing to do is start running around, leaving your job to try and fix someone else's. Now you have two things not going right. An emergency situation may be an exception, but even then your primary task needs to be attended to. Learning other jobs on the boat makes you more valuable and will broaden your own skills, but be sure to do your job first.
- I once asked a friend who has won many championships what was one thing he had learned over the years that made him more successful. He said patience. That surprised me at first, but then I looked back at my own experiences. Sure enough, there were plenty of times when I bailed out of our planned strategy because someone forced us to go the wrong way early in the leg. We let that boat lead us astray from what we had carefully planned to do, and of course we would have been better off sticking to our plan.
- Despite the above, it doesn't pay to be stubborn either. Other boats will impact your plans and you need to be flexible so long as you don't get led astray. One example of stubbornness that usually ends up hurting you is getting into needless tacking or luffing duels, especially early in a race. Maybe you beat that one boat, but you are losing to the fleet in process.
- One truism is the old saw, "You can't win a regatta in the first race, but you can lose it." The point is to limit poor scores by staying out of trouble and avoiding high-risk maneuvers. Going to the corners is high risk, it might be high reward but the odds are often against it. If you guess wrong you will end up deep. Consider the cost and effort to travel to an event, do your best not to blow it early on.

Lisa Weatherholt submitted the above article which was originally published on September 27, 2023 in Scuttlebutt Sailing News. To see the original source article or find other great sailing resources, refer to the following link:

<https://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2023/09/27/what-ive-learned-about-racing/>

## 2024 WSC Club Race Series



The 2024 sailing season is almost here. As we all wait out the cold winter months, let's preview the season and plan for good racing this season.

There will be a total of 15 scheduled race days this year for the entire Sunday Series plus 3 optional make-up days if necessary. This is similar to the number of race days in recent years. The difference is that we will have separate race days for keelboats in the spring and fall.

This year we have a few changes in store for the racing program at WSC. First off, we are planning to emphasize the keelboat fleet more than we have in the past. With this idea in mind, the early spring and late fall will feature the KB's. While the water is cold and the wind is blustery, let's concentrate on keelboat participation by separating the KB fleet racing days from the centerboard fleet racing days.

All you normal CB sailors need to team up with KB's to really boost participation among the "big boats". We need all hands on-deck for any and all KB's – spinnaker boats, non-spin boats, dirty bottom boats, Hydro-hoisted boats, and boats on a trailer in the lot. If you have a boat with a keel, fixed or retractable, let's get it on the course this year. Need crew? We can help you get crew, ask any of the CB sailors to jump aboard and help out. Want to learn to sail your boat faster/better? Let's use this opportunity to team up some seasoned sailors with those who are looking to improve. We've made some real progress with the racing program in the past few years, but I've heard from many who'd like to do more and the Sunday Club race series at WSC is a great opportunity to get it done.

The plan this year will be to do less race days but race more on those days. Rather than 5 race days with two races per days per series, spring, summer and fall, this year we are planning to do 3 race days per series with 3 races per day, plus a make-up race day if necessary. Two reasons for this change: first, we need to have less race days to better utilize the limited race committee personnel available and second, let's make those days for meaningful by having more races when we do race.

Racing 3 instead of 2 races per day will hopefully encourage more participation as race days will be fewer but more meaningful. The goal is to increase participation especially among keelboats, but not to lessen the duration of races. Race time should be in the 40–60-minute range for each race to complete, not in the 30 minute or less range just to ensure we get in 3 races per day.

Change is always difficult and we anticipate some adjustment will be necessary to make this a successful program. However, for the reasons stated above we feel it is important to make these changes. So, no matter what boat you'd like to race this season, there will be ample opportunity and we as a sailing community will be there to make this a good racing experience for everyone.

See you on the water soon,

Dan Jarrett

Fleet Captain