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Windycrest Sailing Club is an excellent mix of keelboats and centerboard boats, racing, cruising, training and social events that offers something for sailors of all ages, interest and skills. Lake Keystone is just 20 minutes west of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Windycrest is a member of US SAILING.



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Messages for/from Members



Windycrest Memorial Day Long-Distance Race

LDHS 3/5

Monday, May 29, 2023

Each year, WSC remembers and honors those who fought to keep us free. This year, the annual long-distance race tradition continues and will also be scored as the third race of the Windycrest Long-Distance Holiday Series. The 5-race LD series is a fun way to celebrate the sailing season holidays. Bring your family and friends, break out the boat and take them for fun and memorable day on the lake.

Join us for Pre-Race Brunch from 9:30am to 11am: Coffee & Tea, Fresh Fruit & Juice, Mimosa's & Citrus Wine Spritzers, Vegetable Quiche Casserole, Bacon or Sausage, and Danish & Donuts.

START/FINISH: Starting Window: 11:00 am until 12:00 pm. Must finish by 3:00 pm. COURSE: Starting area in or adjacent to cove. There will be two rounding marks. One will be south towards the 412 causeway, one will be north towards the Walnut Creek area. After starting, you may sail to either mark first. After rounding both marks return to finish. The length of the course will be determined by the prevailing conditions of the day.

SCORING: 2021 Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap System will be used. Each race day starters will be divided into three fleets: Centerboard, Keelboat Spin, Keelboat Non-Spin. Overall Series scoring will be a boat's top three scores.

PRIZES: Plans are for prizes three deep in three fleets each race day, and the same for the Overall Series winners.

HOLIDAY SERIES NOTES: This series is for a low-key good time. No intimidating start line. Sail the direction you want. You are only restricted by five things: the time limits, going through the start line, rounding each mark (2), and returning through the finish line. The PRO will attempt to set a course that most boats should sail in 1.5 to 2.5 hours. Use these races to understand your boat, learn it's capabilities, and enjoy with your family and friends.

RSVP for Racing and/or Brunch to Activities Captain: Nancy.Keithline@gmail.com



Windycrest Junior Sailing Camp is coming up!
We can accommodate everyone from complete beginners to high schoolers that are refining their skill to compete at the collegiate level. We follow standard US Sailing teaching techniques and work towards getting the students a US Sailing "Small Boat Certification".

There is a skills test the first day of camp and students are required to tread water for 5 minutes and put on their life jacket while in the water.

Eligibility: Minimum age 10yo. and a WSC member,

Dates: June 5-9, 2023

Hours: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Registration: via the WSC website at Windycrest.com,

Volunteer helpers: Contact Mike Darrol, vid.ninja@gmail.com, 918-697-4438

Hope to see you at The Lake!

Mick Walsh

Rear Commodore

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LOVE YOUR SAILS

Sails are one of the most essential boat components. Without them, your boat is, at



*best, an inefficient power boat. Yet in spite of their importance, sails don't always get the attention they deserve. For 30 years, **Quantum sailmaker Todd Basch** has built and serviced sails for every size and type of boat. Here are his tips for taking care of your sails and showing them some love.*

THE HARD LIFE OF SAILS

Sails lead a hard life. Under sail, they are put on the torture rack of the rig, ropes, and hardware, all loading them with thousands of pounds in several

directions. Sails are cooked in the sun, soaked in the rain, and forced to work in bad weather. They're never left in peace. Settle in on one tack, and suddenly you smack the sail to the other side. And if your sails don't hurry you along fast enough, you strike them down and put-up others to endure the suffering. Even when not being used, they get folded, creased, dragged on decks, dragged on docks, stuffed in lockers, stuffed in trunks, stored in basements, stored in greasy garages, and put away wet. Merciless. Perhaps we could start showing our sails some love by simply affording them the respect we give a load of laundry—a chance to dry, the dignity of a nice fold (different crease each time), and storage in a clean bag.

I want you to get the maximum enjoyment out of the sails you have. So here are some things you can do to keep your sails flying for as long as possible.

A LOVE/HATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SUN

UV rays are a sail's worst enemy. Sailors protect themselves from the sun, and they need to do the same for their sails. Make sure your roller-furled sails are rolled with the UV cover out (Seriously, if you're not sure, ask.). Stow your furling main far enough in the mast or boom so that only the UV-protected corner shows. Similarly, make sure your mainsail cover fits and is on properly without any corners or edges peeking out. Don't leave an exposed sail on deck longer than necessary—it is the mark of a good sailor to bag sails and have them ready to redeploy in the event of a quick change.

Your sailmaker will give your sails a once-over for UV damage during your annual inspection and help you catch damage before it's too late. That's just one of the reasons you should have your sails looked at by a professional regularly!

Love Your Sails cont.

WEATHER EYE

You've got to be your sails' advocate. Keep an eye open to catch little problems before they're catastrophic. Sailors spend a lot of time looking at sails, but what we're looking at is often only part of the picture. We see shape, smoothness, luff tension, leech tension, foot tension, batten tension, depth, twist, sag, and telltales. But what about slides, bolt ropes, headboards, corner webs and rings, corner patching, sun covers, and stitching? Look at sails when they go up, when they go down, and when flaking. Scratch across stitching to see if it is brittle or loose. Are there permanent stretch marks on the cloth suggesting fatigue? Are the leech and luff ends of the batten pockets secure? Are all the slides and their reinforcements securely fastened to the sail? Stretched slide webs will change the luff curve of your sail. If you see something, say something.

LOVE MAKES YOU A BETTER SAILOR

Sail care is boat care. Keep your sail handling systems and hardware in good condition and your sails will thank you. If halyard sheave bearings screech, hoisting and dousing takes longer, is less smooth, causes more flog and wear, and leaves the boat vulnerable. Is your headsail extrusion lubricated? Mainsail track? Winches running smoothly? Smooth sheeting allows for better acceleration coming out of tacks and introduces on-the-weather loads without shocking the clew by bouncing it in.

TRIMMING IS CARING

A well-trimmed sail is a well-cared-for sail. Over-trimming is one of the more common sailing mistakes and does nothing but slow you down and increase loads (Read: wear on your sail!) while heeling the boat more. Under-trimming and letting a leech flutter is slow, ugly, and adds fatigue to a sail. Keep an eye on leech lines for the same reason. Easing halyard tension a fraction for a fuller sail is an effective way to get a little more off-wind speed, but an eased halyard on the weather—from slip or stretch—will load slides or luff rope, distorting your luff. If you're sheeting the foot of your headsail until it screams, consider changing instead of forcing it flat. A slow, flogging tack is not only an inefficient way to maneuver, but it also abuses the sail. Consistently clean, controlled tacks adds life. Sail abuse means a sail change sooner.

SAIL LOVE, LONGER LIFE

Everyone has experienced some kind of mishap with a sail, whether from error or age, and those troubles aren't fun and can sometimes be dangerous. Respect your sails like you respect the water and you'll sail better, save money, and keep your boat off its ear.





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coming up!
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Last Word

I have been a bit weak on my Windword duties and sailing altogether. So I am taking this opportunity to say "Sorry" and let's getting it going again.

As always I am open to people sending me articles either written by yourself or something of interest you have discovered.

Of course, I like to think that this a great place to try to sale boats, items, and services that you think that your fellow sailors would have an interest in...

I am always happy to see any social reporter "wanna bes" that have been at one of the wonderful activities that have happened at Windycrest Sailing Club. Photos and short articles will placed right up front.

Also any BOG officers that wish to let the membership know what is going on at the club are welcome.

I had strived when I first started this adventure to try add something fun and interesting to the Windword, Questions for an old sea dog, puzzles, and infomation about new and old members. Let's do that again.

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