

# The WindWord

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February 2025

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Annual Awards Party**  
Feb 22

**Board of Governor's Meeting**  
March 3

**Keelboat Race 1**  
March 9

**St. Paddy Long Distance Race**  
March 15

**Keelboat Race 2**  
March 23

**Keelboat Race 3**  
April 6

**Board of Governor's Meeting**  
April 7

**Keystone Chili Bowl**  
April 19

**Centerboard Race 2**  
April 27



## Mark your calendars

It's time to celebrate and reconnect with our friends and sailing family. The annual awards party will be held Saturday, Feb. 22 at the Canyons at Blackjack Ridge Golf Club in Sand Springs located at 1801 N. McKinley Ave. from 5 PM to 9 PM.

This Mardi Gras themed event will consist of a buffet of heavy hors d'oeuvres with "King's Cake" for dessert. Whoever gets the "baby" gets a free pass at a future event!

Make plans now to join our new Fleet Captain, Drew Ziegler as recognizes our best sailors from last season!

There is no cost to Windycrest members.

There will be a cash bar. \$5 for beer or wine and \$7 for mixed drinks.

Tea, water and soft drinks are complimentary.

Please RSVP to [www.windycrest.com](http://www.windycrest.com)

Always check the website for the most current information



**WINDYCREST INFORMATION**

Windycrest Sailing Club  
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Tulsa, OK 74159-4731  
Location:  
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[www.windycrest.com](http://www.windycrest.com)

**Commodore**

[commodore windycrest.com](http://commodore.windycrest.com)

**Membership**

[secretary windycrest.com](http://secretary.windycrest.com)

**Facilities**

[vice.commodore windycrest.com](http://vice.commodore.windycrest.com)

**Racing**

[fleet.captain windycrest.com](http://fleet.captain.windycrest.com)

**Events**

[activities.captain windycrest.com](http://activities.captain.windycrest.com)

**Training**

[rear.commodore windycrest.com](http://rear.commodore.windycrest.com)

**Lake Level**

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

## Time Traveling at Windycrest

David Hyman

Windycrest has a time machine. A real one. One that takes you back forty, even fifty, years without having to chew peyote or rub a magic crystal.

To enter the time machine, walk straight up the road from the launching ramp. When you get to the Thistle lot, keep walking. Walk past the MC Scow campsite, and then past the Windyrest caravan lot. When you get to a gravel parking lot, turn in and look for a dreary looking metal building with a large door. Enter and cautiously make your way to the far back corner of the building, stepping over and around the scattered tools, gasoline jugs, and heavy equipment. If you safely make it this far, look up toward the metal wall and see the walnut trophy case hemmed in by rakes, shovels, paint cans and bags of ready-mix concrete. Now, you are about to enter another dimension of time and space (apologies to Rod Serling).

Examine the trophy case closely noting the array of trophies and plaques. And then lower your eyes to the two shelves holding a dozen dusty blue leatherette-bound books. Now, you are before the Windycrest time machine: binders full of decades-old issues of *Sail* magazine from the 1970s and 80s. Right there in front of you is the time when amateur sailing was at its zenith, preserved as crisp as the day the mailman delivered them to our late friend Mike Lang. And every issue is a glimpse at a heyday of sailing around the US and the world. *Thanks so much to Tracy Lang for lending all these treasures to the club.*

Grab a random volume of time-frozen *Sail* and your curiosity and imagination will sweep through it. You'll find yourself thoroughly immersed. The first issue I opened was from January 1981 and it had over 200 pages and cost just \$2.25 (the January 2025 issue costs \$10 and has 80 pages).

The first things that grab you from 1981 are the dreamy ads for long-gone boat builders — Pearson, Gulfstar, San Juan, C&C, Oday, Tartan, AMF Alcort, Chrysler (yes, Chrysler not only made Dodges and Plymouths, but the still Buccaneers and Mutineers), and Ericson. I chuckled when I also saw an ad for a block-long Buick Electra and another for a Porsche 911. Everyone knew that yachtsmen then were rich, elite and discerning. And, to boot, there was a full-page spot for Lowrance yacht instruments complete with a card to mail for more information. The address was 12000 E. Skelly Drive, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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David Hyman

But the juiciest meat of the time trip were the expansive, well-written, and thorough articles. The *Sail* issues I unearthed were pageants of a heady sailing world spread out with shared boating knowledge and fun and gorgeous wet photography.

And if you aren't savvy about macroeconomics and the unstoppable march of inflation, a trip into the WSC time tunnel will also hit you like a bucket of ice water. Those old *Sail* issues advertised a weeklong bareboat charter in Tortola on a Morgan Out Island 41 for about \$1,700. The same get-away today is about ten grand. So, if you don't make it to that Caribbean charter this year, cruise up to the WSC time machine, check out a volume, take it home, and dream about the coming of Spring.

*Editor's Note: Mike Lang was a long-time member of the Club until his passing in 2018. Alongside his wife Tracy, he first joined in 1974 and went on to serve as Commodore. Mike was founder and chairman of our Windycrest Charity Regatta which raised over a million dollars for Multiple Sclerosis from 1980-2012.*



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STARTED.**

Visit the Windycrest website now to sign up



As previously communicated, the Club recently executed a controlled burn under the direction of Rear Commodore David Atkins. The intent was to remove low-growing vegetation and other dead grasses, vines and trees which could lead to a future uncontrolled fire.

A few photographs are included here but many more available on the Windycrest website.

Special thanks to Stephen Gent for the great visuals and those members who participated!

As a reminder, Windycrest Annual Renewal letters have been distributed to club members. Because of the late mailing, we are modifying dates a bit. Payments should be postmarked by February 15. Postmarks from March 1 onward will have a late fee based on a sliding scale. Your letter has all the details.

**CLASSIFIED ADS**  
BUY-SELL-TRADE YOUR  
BOATS-SAILS-EQUIPMENT HERE

**FOR SALE: Sanctuary. A 1980 Catalina 27.**

This boat is well cared for and was owned and raced by a former Commodore.

Sails great, very fast and well-equipped boat with lots of extra sails and two stainless steel marine grills!

Powered by a newer 5hp Tohatsu SailPro Propane Motor. Just had it's first service.

Boat is currently in a slip located on B dock.

\$8,500 OBO

Contact Clark Wheeler (918)-264-#### or by email [clarkwwheeler@gmail.com](mailto:clarkwwheeler@gmail.com)

**For Sale: 4,000lb Hydrohoist. Suitable for Catalina 22' or similar.**

No leaks. Includes blower motor and all mounting hardware.

Asking: \$500 OBO.

Contact: Mick Walsh 918-691-####

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**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.

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**FOR SALE 1995 MacGregor 26S**

Good condition. Comes with main, jib and genoa all in good condition. Fairly new 6hp Nissan with very low hours. This is a water ballast boat and light on the trailer. Good boat for someone looking for their first boat. Must sell due to health issues.

Asking \$3000 or obo. Contact Dale Housley 918-688-####, or Judy Andrews at 918-398-####

## FOR SALE

1981 Catalina 25 Sail Boat with fixed keel. Hull # 2705

1984 - 9.9 HP Evinrude outboard engine with electric starter

12 volt marine type battery – July 2024

New main sail and sail cover – July 2017

Jib and Genoa            New boat and tiller cover – 2024

Located in Slip C-10                    \$2,500.00

Contact Barend Meiling by text or phone at 918-752-####



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This 8,000 pound level lift Hydro hoist is available for sale at Windycrest Sailing Club. This lift is in excellent condition. The air compressor has an excellent air valve system which makes it very easy to raise and lower the lift. The cost for this lift system is \$4,000 which also includes installation at Windycrest. For more information about the lift or to purchase call Bob McGinnis at (918) 629-####.





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Located in slip D-21



**FOR SALE**

**Catalina 22 #1286**

**Includes trailer**



Offered by  
**Mark & Nancy Lobo**



**\$3,500**  
terms available  
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