

The WindWord

A PUBLICATION OF THE WINDYCREST SAILING CLUB KEYSTONE LAKE TULSA, OKLAHOMA



March 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Keelboat Race 4
May 4

Board of Governor's Meeting
May 5

Spring Open
May 17-18

Wednesday Night Race 1
May 21

Evening Cruise Race
May 24

Centerboard Race 3
May 25

**Memorial Day Long
Distance Race**
May 26

Wednesday Night Race 2
May 28



Annual Awards Party A Hit

Club members turned out to celebrate and reconnect with our friends and sailing family during the annual awards party.

Held on Saturday, Feb. 22 at the Canyons at Blackjack Ridge Golf Club in Sand Springs, the Mardi Gras themed event was a hit. If you weren't able to attend, we look forward to seeing you next year at this annual gathering.

See the following pages for photo highlights.

Always check the website for the
most current information



WINDYCREST INFORMATION

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Training

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Lake Level

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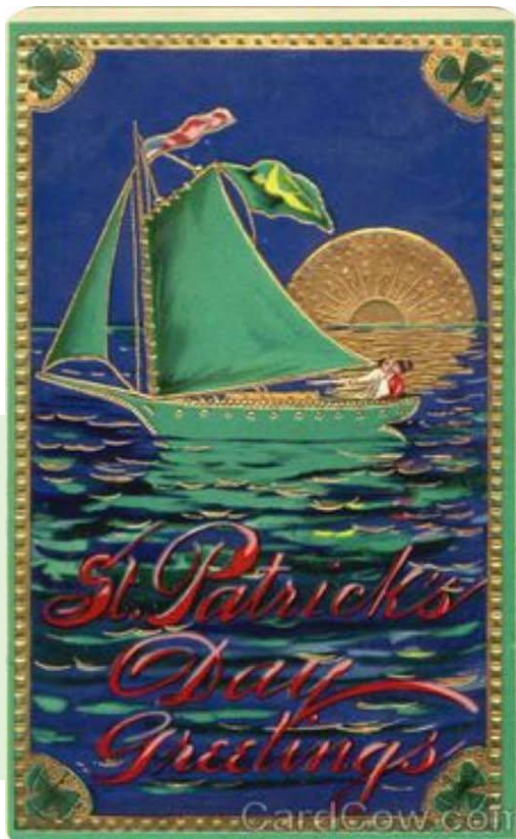
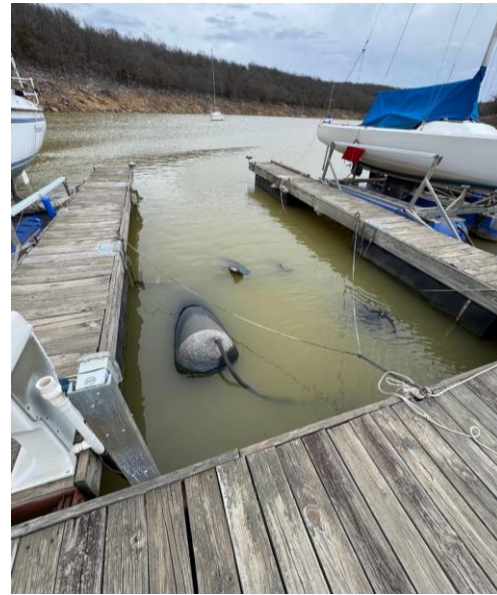
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Beginning March 14, the Tulsa-area saw sustained high winds – often near Hurricane force. Wildfires quickly spread in a number of areas having catastrophic impact on so many of our neighbors. Closer to the club, our docks and boats took a beating at times. The following photos highlight a few areas of damage. If you haven't already been to the club to check your boat and lines, now is the time to do so.



Long Distance Race 1 in honor of St. Patrick's Day

The Club hosted our first long-distance race of the year. The St. Paddies' Long Distance Race and Dinner was held March 15.

Windycrest Racing Rules 2025 3/4/25 edit

~~Rule 10.4 No race shall be started if the wind exceeds 30 MPH for Keelboats, and 20 mph for all other boats. Wind readings will be taken by the RC and considered over limits if readings exceed these limits for eighty percent of a ten-minute period.~~ Races can be cancelled, abandoned or postponed at anytime for unsafe/excessive wind, heat, cold, storm conditions at the discretion of Fleet Captain or PRO on Duty. Class wind limits and fleet consensus will be considered at skippers meeting if extreme conditions are present or forecasted. Skippers are responsible for determining if conditions are unsafe for their crew.

Rule 19.1 RRS Appendix A, will be used to score series race days except as changed by these sailing instructions. High Point Scoring based on the highest number of starters of race will be used for Wednesday night and Sunday Series Daily Results. See 23.1 for Scoring series.

~~Rule 19.2 Discarded Races are allowed as follows for Spring, Summer and Fall series: If 9 or more races are sailed in a series, three discards are allowed; if 7-8 races are sailed, two discards are allowed; if 5-6 races are sailed, 1 discard is allowed; if 4 or fewer races are sailed, no discards are allowed.~~

~~Discarded races are allowed as follows for Wednesday Night Series: If 9-10 races are sailed four discards are allowed; if 5-6 races are sailed one discard is allowed; if 6 or less races are sailed, no discards are allowed.~~

Sunday Series shall have 3 races (30-45min target time) scheduled per day, 1 race minimum to score the day. A total of 10 race days are scheduled for the Season. Make up dates for canceled days will be rescheduled at the discretion of the Fleet Captain. Minimum of 7 race days to make a series, will score 6 best scores. See 23.1 for series scoring. Sunday Wave series will be on KB Sundays and CB Sundays when wind is over limit for MC Class

Wednesday night series will have a total of 12 races scheduled, best 6 races will be scored if 12-10 races are sailed, best 5 races scored if 9-7 raced, best 4 if 6 or less sailed.

Long Distance Races times, Start Style, Course Layout can be changed up to an hour before posted start time at the discretion of the Fleet Captain.

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~~Rule 23.1 The overall Champion for each Class shall be determined by the High Point Scoring System as described in US Sailing Note on Scoring a Long Series at the end of Appendix A in the US Sailing edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024. To Qualify, a skipper must sail in 60% of the Spring, Summer and Fall series races scored. One Throw out will be allowed. One additional throw out will be awarded for any skipper that sails in 80% of the Spring, Summer and Fall Series races scored.~~

The overall Sunday Series Championship and Wednesday Night Series scoring for each class will be determined by High Point Scoring for overall finishing position each race day. The winner of the day will receive points equal to the highest number of boats in class that started a race for the day, each position after will receive 1 pt less than place ahead, last place will receive 1 pt. Non entrants, OCS, DSQ will receive 0 pts.



**PRO SIGNUP HAS
STARTED.**

Visit the Windycrest website now to sign up

Reminder: Renewals are now past due

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 have been 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.

Muskrat War and Peace at Windycrest

David Hyman



Having had two used, third-hand, very old hydrohoists spontaneously self-destruct from under my boat, and thinking that I am too old to wrestle the boat from another mangled wreck, I bought a brand new Hydrohoist and moved onto D Dock. Now for those who don't realize this, D Dock residents think it is the Westchester County of Windycrest, the Palm Springs, the Upper East Side. It's where the J Boats and all of the other boats with crispy sails berth. So, I was dismayed shortly after moving to find some pretty big piles of animal, uh, "leavings" on the dock. Right Beside My Boat. Some sort of

wildlife had turned my posh space on posh D Dock into a public lavatory. This sort of thing just would not happen at the Southern Yacht Club or even at Rush Creek. So, it darn well should not happen on D Dock. It was unsightly, it was unhealthy, it was impolite, it was not something that's done among our kind of people. It was unCorinthian.

I was sure it must be those darn geese. Geese have no pride in their surroundings or respect for other people. Someone's lovely dock is a goose's porcelain. So, as anyone protecting the sanctity of their neighborhood would do, I looked on Amazon and found a guaranteed, surefire bird deterring gadget and headed to the lake to install it. What I didn't do, though, was scrutinize the offending scat to reliably ID the culprit. A close look would have told me that this wasn't ordinary goose poo — not unless Keystone geese had developed a late taste for scaly things with miniature claws. No, the trashy beasts were not geese. According to Barker Creek naturalist Jack Stewart, what we had here was probably a muskrat invasion.

Now, according to the internet (so it must be true) muskrats live around ponds, streams and lakes, and they like to eat while lounging on a platform that they build out of sticks and leaves. But why would a smart muskrat go to all that trouble when a ready made platform — D Dock — is right there in a nice neighborhood? So, thinks a muskrat, grab a meal, shimmy up onto the dock with it, chow down, take a nap in the sun, relieve yourself and move on. It would all make good sense to a clear-thinking muskrat.

So far, the facts indeed pointed to muskrat as Jack believed. But I had never actually seen a muskrat on the dock. Jack is smart, but I had to know for certain. I had to know so I could make D Dock great again.

The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits.

-unknown

Muskrat War and Peace at Windycrest (continued from previous page)

David Hyman

The key to the mystery was elementary — look for circumstantial evidence of muskratness. How do you know a bunny has been in your yard on a snowy day? Bunny footprints in the snow, of course. How do you know a muskrat has picnicked beside your boat and then left several gift piles there? Look at the “footprints” or, rather, the poo-prints. Once more turning to Wikipedia, we see that muskrats love to eat small animals like freshwater mussels, frogs, crayfish, and fish. Closely examining the offending poo, I found slivers of mussel shells, countless fish scales, small bones and tiny lobster-like claws. Fish. Mussels. Crayfish. Couldn’t be more certain if I had a video of the the critter in mid-poop.

So, now I knew. Muskrats on the dock for certain. But what to do? Sit there all week with a BB gun? String electric fencing around the dock? Set a trap and go into the muskrat collar business? Nah. Go to Home Depot and buy a spray bottle of “Repels All” a foul-smelling (to muskrats) potion guaranteed to keep all sorts of annoying critters away “such as squirrels, deer, rabbits, chipmunks, mice, skunks, rats, beavers, raccoons, porcupines, birds, groundhogs and more.” I was particularly interested in the “and more” category; so, I gave it a try. Blimey, it worked. The muskrats have moved on to someplace else to foul up.

At last, I can bring my posh friends to D Dock without feeling ashamed of the neighborhood.

New Addition to the Windycrest Lending Library

In a group effort and thanks to former members Susan and Kemuel Cravens (sister to Rob Stout) who donated about 100 books about sailing, we have expanded our Windycrest Lending Library.

A lot of history, design, true stories, cruising and racing is included in these new additions.

These, alongside other assets including old *Windwords*, and *Sail* magazines referenced last month by David Hyman in his article Time Traveling at Windycrest are now available for club members to reference and share. You can find them in the maintenance building on dedicated shelves which were donated by Steve Elliott and were installed by him alongside Skeeter Chilton.

Check it out when you have a moment and take a walk down memory lane.



Mark Your Calendars

The 2025 Windycrest Spring Open Regatta

Keystone Lake, Tulsa, Oklahoma May 17-18, 2025

All boats welcome. Three boats in the same class make a fleet. All others sail in an appropriate handicap fleet. Classes currently anticipated: Handicap keelboats and centerboards, J22, Catalina 22, MC Scow, Sunfish, Hobie Wave, Hobie 17, Hobie 20 and Flying Scot.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Maximum of seven races

Friday, May 16, 2025

1700 – 2000 Registration @ Club Pavilion

Saturday, May 17, 2025

0800 – 1000 Registration

1045 Competitors Meeting 1120 (approx.)

Harbor Gun

1155 (approx.) Warning Signal 1st Race of day

Warning Signal for Races 2 & 3 asap after
finish of previous race.

Sunday, May 18, 2025

0820 (approx.) Harbor Gun

0855 (approx.) Warning Signal 1st Race of day

Warning Signal for subsequent races

ASAP after finish of previous race

No race will be started after 1200 Sunday

1300 (approx.) Trophy presentation

BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!



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FOR SALE: Sanctuary. A 1980 Catalina 27.

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

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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 clarkwwheelerATgmail.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-****

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 one our editors - David Hyman at david.hyman1ATatt.net, Danny Ziegler at sailamcATaol.com or Leah Kelso at leah.kelsoATHilti.com. Preferred formats include word files and jpg graphics.

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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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