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Monday	5-Sep	Labor Day Race
Saturday	10-Sep	ALS Charity Regatta
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Sunday	25-Sep	Tulsa Hobie Catfight
Sunday	25-Sep	Fall KB/CB 5 & 6

October

Saturday	1-Oct	MC Southwest
Sunday	2-Oct	MC Southwest
Monday	3-Oct	BOG Meeting
Sunday	9-Oct	Fall KB/CB 7 & 8
Sunday	23-Oct	Fall KB/CB 9 & 10
Sunday	30-Oct	WindyCup Race



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Notice Of Race

2022 Windycrest Charity Regatta

Benefiting ALS Oklahoma

Saturday, September 10, 2022

Windycrest Sailing Club- 761 Windycrest Road, Sand Springs, OK 74063

GPS/Map Coordinates: 36.2081, -96.2289

Celebrate our friend Steve Snider's life by helping others in the same situation with ALS. Our goal is to raise funds to help Northeast Oklahoma ALS patients in need.

This year our friend Paul Foerster will be back to help, sailing on the raffle winning boats with his racing expertise. There will be a Regatta watch party on Charlie and Nancy Kiethline's deck during the sailing. Watch for other items of interest as race day approaches. It will be a very special day for sailing in Steve's memory.

Please get creative on your fund-raising. Can your company match your donation? Maybe sail with your deep pocketed generous friends. All we ask is for you to do the best you can to help make a successful event.

CLASSES: All boats welcome. That's the way Steve would've wanted it. LOTS of boats out!

RACE FORMAT: World Sailing RRS 2021-2024 rules apply. Staggered start by PYS wind corrected numbers. Boats on course will be finished in place (FIP) at end of race.

REGISTRATION: Let us know your coming! Pre-register with Terry Rainey at: terainey@cox.net with skipper's name, boat, sail#, names of crew and guests, and number of burgers you need.

COST: Your donation is your entry fee. Please be generous. Your entry for you and your crew includes racing, rehash, a burger after the race, entry into all door prize drawings, and, of course, great sailing camaraderie.

WATCH PARTY: This is "The Event Within The Event". 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. Enjoy the hospitality of Charlie and Nancy Keithline at their home overlooking our sailing area. You will have a birds eye view of the race while enjoying food and drink catered by the Keithline's. That will be special in itself. Expect this to sell out fast-Only 30 tickets for \$30 each! Sign-up here: nancy.keithline@gmail.com

SAIL WITH PAUL: Enter the raffle to sail with Olympic Gold Medalist and US Sailing Hall Of Fame member Paul Foerster on your boat. Sailing with Paul is a unique experience that will have you looking at your sailing in a whole new way. He will be sailing in Saturday's ALS race as well as both Club races on Sunday. Well worth it. And don't forget money from the raffle goes the ALS Oklahoma. Buy lots of tickets and write it off!

SCHEDULE:

8:30 am to 11:00 am- Coffee, fruit, donuts, breakfast stuff, etc....

10:00 am to 11:00 am- Registration in the pavilion.

11:00 am- Competitors Meeting.

11:00 am- Sail with Paul raffle winners announced.

11:30 am- Watch Party begins.

11:45 am- First Start.

2:00 pm- Race Ends. Boats on course are finished in place.

2:00 pm- Watch Party ends.

2:00 pm- Rehash/refreshments opens.

2:30 pm to 3:30 pm- Door prizes/auctions in pavilion.

3:00 pm-3:30 pm Lunch Served, Trophy Presentation.

THERE BE MONSTERS THERE — A TRIP UNDER THE BRIDGE

by Anon Y. Mous, Sailor

The Corps of Engineers unstoppered Keystone Lake a few weeks ago and lowered the water more than it had been in many years. They said it was to laser-scan the bottom to find how much silt had accumulated. Some say it was to find lost Ray Bans. Whatever the Corps was really up to, it was finally my chance to sail under The Bridge with my 37 foot high mast tip and discover what's beyond Highway 412.

In all my time at Windycrest, I had never sailed to the North side of The Bridge, so all cruising went like this: leave the cove, turn South, sail three miles to The Bridge, turn North and sail toward Cleveland. Or go the other way around. Really nice, but not very adventuresome. Beyond the Highway 412 bridge, however, was *terra incognita* — the unknown land. There might be the edge of the Earth on the other side. Dragons might live there. People with three heads and wings. New brands of beer. I had to go there.

Thus my adventure under The Bridge began. On a perfect early March afternoon with a pleasant breeze and an endless inviting sky beyond Highway 412 we put on our brave faces, left a final note on the dock just in case, and took off. One port tack took us from Windycrest cove nearly to The Bridge. Nearing the concrete pilings, we slowed to a drift to make one last survey of our chances and, stomach in throat, we headed in. I heard Gandalf the wizard bellow, “You. Shall. Not. Pass!” but it was only a semi honking above us. I truly expected the mast to grind against steel and a rigging crash at any second. But just as suddenly the Windex slid quietly below the first girder and we glided smoothly ahead. We were under The Bridge.

From the cockpit of a sailboat it's absolutely impossible to judge the distance between your mast tip and something directly above it. Whatever the actual distance is, it invariably looks like there is no gap at all. This is a fact of science and it applies equally to bridges, power lines and Grant Gerondale's airplane. Though I had carefully calculated that we would have plenty of room to safely pass under The Bridge [formula: (bridge elevation) - (water level) - (mast-tip-to-waterline distance) = clearance], as we passed under the bridge, it looked as if we'd hit every one of the overhead steel girders under the roadway. But my arithmetic was better than my eyesight and we cleared under The Bridge white-knuckled and with rigging intact. With that, a rainbow appeared (it really did) and we sailed confidently into the broad sea beyond The Bridge. One bass boat roared past us; but there were no monsters.

Many Windycresters have masts that don't prevent an adventure beyond The Bridge. They are the fortunate ones; but I'm not one of them. Sadly, the lake is back; so, like Moses, I now can only look beyond The Bridge, but not sail there. Not to make too much of my adventure beyond The Bridge, but it reminded me of a part of John Keats' poem *On First Looking Into Chapman's Homer*:

“Then felt I like some watcher of the skies
When a new planet swims into his ken;
Or like stout Cortez when with eagle eyes
He star'd at the Pacific—and all his men
Look'd at each other with a wild surmise...”

Messages for/from Members

New paving at walkway below the pavilion, new ramp next to new steps from Thistle lot to restrooms and the main road has been repaired.



Go Figure

My 2HP Outboard has always been ultra-reliable, but of course for the KISS Regatta, it let me down.

Some Dirt Daubers had built a nest inside the air intake DIRECTLY in path of the air flow! What are the chances??? I had to have an 8mm socket to get there, which wasn't handy during the regatta. But when the dried mud was cleared, we're back in business.

As Rosanne Roseanna Danna said,

*Dan Edwards, S2 6.7 **Encore***



My thoughts, feelings, and observations from the Editor

Not a lot for me to talk about this year. But I am ready to get the heat behind us. I have given up on trying to bring my San Juan 7.7 back to life. I have taken over a Catalina 22 which allows me to go out and sail without the work. The maiden sail was last weeks Labor Day race and I failed on all levels of sailing. I am going to be there for the Charity Regatta and am looking to get recharged on sailing.

See you all at the lake and lets have a great turnout for the Regatta.

Mark

Member section on the website is now working.

Once inside a member can look at monthly club minutes, sign up for crew or crew and watch a slide show, which is a club tutorial.

To sign in:

Username: "windycrest"

Password: "windycrest"+"2022 gate code"

Example "windycrest####"

This is also the same user/password for the Windword access.

If you allow the browser to save the password, then future access will be more convenient.

★Charity Regatta Update: PLEASE READ★

The regatta is Saturday, Sept. 10, and you'll want to be there because it's going to be loads of fun. More important, your generosity will assure that lifesaving support is there for local victims of dreaded ALS.

Here is what to do right now:

1. Pre-Register Your Boat for the regatta. It is going to be a staggered-start long-distance race. We need this info asap in order to prepare your actual starting time based on your boat's handicap rating. Registration is simple. Just go to this website and fill in the blanks.

<https://www.windycrest.com/charityRegatta.html#SignUpALS>

2. Make a Reservation for the Landlubbers' Watch Party on the Bluff. From Nancy and Charlie Keithline's new patio high on the bluff overlooking the lake, you'll enjoy drinks, hors d'oeuvres and great company while watching the boats race below. Transportation will be provided from the club up to Nancy and Charlie's lovely house. Attendance is a \$35.00 and will be limited to 30 attendees. Make your reservation early by emailing the regatta chairman at david.hyman1@att.net.

3. Buy Raffle Tickets. These will be available at the event. The price will be \$10 for one ticket; \$25 for three tickets; and \$75 for ten tickets. Among the items to be raffled will be Olympic champ sailor Paul Foerster* for onboard your boat for sailing advice, instruction and support; a stunning stained glass window with a sailing motif; restaurant gift certificates; a Windycrest coffee set; a Norwegian sailing design shirt; boating equipment from West Marine, and more.

*Paul has supported our charity regatta for several years by traveling here from Dallas to help us raise money for ALS victims. He will not only sail with a raffle winner in Saturday's race, but will return to join two more raffle winners for our Sunday races. What's more, Paul has agreed to lead a "chalk talk" coaching session for racers Sunday morning in the pavilion for juniors and grown-ups. Paul is a spectacular sailor and a true friend of Windycrest.

★And the most important thing of all...★

4. Make a Donation to Support Our Charity, ALS Association of Oklahoma. There are three easy ways to do it. Here is how:

- Mail a check to Windycrest Sailing Club, PO Box 4731, Tulsa Oklahoma 74159. Note on the check that it is for a donation for the WSC charity regatta. Make the check out to ALS Association of Oklahoma; or

- Make an online donation by going to this web page:

<https://donate.als.org/team/436872>

Then scroll down to "DONATE" and make your donation. Your donation here will be credited to our Charity Regatta; or

- Bring a check with you to the Charity Regatta on September 10.

All proceeds from the raffle and from the watch party will be contributed to the ALS Association.

Windycrest

RACING

Wanted

For Crew



Paul Foerster

Gold Metal Olympic Sailor

Have you seen this man?

Buy a raffle ticket and win one of three chances to have Paul crew on your boat with you.

Saturday at the Charity Regatta or on Sunday during club races.

Everyone is welcome to attend a Chalk Talk Sunday at 11 AM.



Even while unlocking some of the world's most incomprehensible mysteries, Albert Einstein, like ourselves, just had to get down to the water and go messing about in his boat.

To many people, the word “genius” conjures up a familiar picture: a benevolent, wrinkled face topped by an untidy mop of white hair radiating wildly in every direction. Usually a long chalkboard full of minute scribbling comprises the background. This face most associated with genius, of course, was that of the German-born physicist whose Theory of Relativity rocked the world of physics in 1907, and became the foundation upon which the modern study of space and time is based. His most famous formula, $E=mc^2$, is recognized everywhere, by young and old alike, even if few of us can explain what it actually stands for, and even fewer can fathom its ramifications.

Though arguably one of the world's greatest minds, Albert Einstein was, in many ways, much like the rest of us. In his spare time, to sort out his thoughts, he didn't resort to an isolated ivory tower lined with dusty books, high above the world's concerns. He craved instead to get out on his boat. And if he ran that boat aground more often than he would've liked, perhaps we can let the occasional lack of seamanship slide, supposing that a eureka moment of inspiration may well have been distracting him.

Before World War II dispossessed Einstein of his home and possessions, and turned him into one of the world's most celebrated refugees, he used to putter at every opportunity aboard his pride and joy, a 21-foot sloop called Tumbler that had been given to him by friends on his 50th birthday, after he had been ordered by his doctor to take it easy. Tumbler, which means “porpoise,” had been built with Einstein's tastes and needs in mind. Einstein wasn't fond of engines, deeming them too complicated, and he never even learned to drive a car. Tumbler was fitted with a cleverly hidden inboard engine — even the controls weren't visible when not in use. Her tiny cabin had a small head, extra seating, and a special shelf for storing his pipes.

Einstein sailed Tumbler out of his summerhouse in Caputh, Germany, until 1933, when the gestapo seized all his property. Later, from his home-in-exile, in New Jersey, he tried to get his beloved “thick little boat” out of Nazi clutches, but was unsuccessful. The German boatyard's owner, who easily could have moved Tumbler to neutral territory for shipment to America, was too frightened of Nazi retaliation to do so. Tumbler was eventually sold at auction and records of her disappear in the mid-1940s.

After moving to the U.S. Einstein owned another boat, a 15-foot dinghy that he sailed around New England, named Tinef, Yiddish for “worthless” or, simply, “junk.” Perhaps he was drawing a comparison between her and Tumbler, a more splendid boat. Or he may have called her Tinef in playfulness, for we do know he had great times in her. Some reports say he was a very good sailor, barreling pell-mell toward other boats only to turn away laughing at precisely the last instant; others cite those maneuvers as a testament to a certain happy-go-lucky seafaring ineptitude, adding also that he was known to periodically run aground on the same sandbar several hundred yards from his house. Tinef was eventually stove in against a rock while he was sailing in Saranac Lake, New York, and no trace of her or many photographs remain.

It has struck some observers as strange that a man of such an orderly and precise-thinking mind could so enjoy boating, which involves constantly varying and unpredictable factors — wind, tides, waves. They speculate that perhaps a little chaos might've been just what a mind such as his needed as a release from the rigid structure of complex scientific thought. But those of us who love boating, and who spend as much of our time as possible out on the water, might come to a different conclusion. We know that the elemental forces of nature, whether gently ruffling the waters or piling them into roaring billows, are always on display, that they exhibit great order, and what was Einstein's work dealing with if not those very forces? It's that energy — the invisible “E” in his famous equation — that moves the matter that creates the winds and tides and waves that so addict those of us who love the sea and boats. It may very well be that seeing the end results of nature's work — and there may be no better place for that than upon the sea in a little boat — helped Albert Einstein to recognize and define the elemental laws of nature that lie at their source.

Sailing Trip to Montana

I have just returned from a trip to Flathead Lake, Montana. I went there to teach some sailing classes. This allowed me to get first hand experience to teaching a “certified” class in sailing through the American Sailing Association. I was looking for not only the experience it offered, but also the structure and format it used. This will allow me to teach some classes to Windycrest members (if anyone is interested), even though, I won't be able to certify our members because we must be a “certified ASA School.” Except for the test, the classes would be the same.

Western Montana is truly a beautiful place. Flathead Lake is the second largest lake in the continental US west of the Mississippi River, and it set in a valley in the mountains just south of Glacier National Park. As you might imagine, it is a tourist area, and things are quite expensive.

Dayton, Montana has a Sailing Club and I have attached a few pictures. The club house is fairly new and really nice. The membership dues is part of the slip rental per season (\$1,800 to \$2,500 per year). That is quite high considering that the sailing season is only three months long. The lake is too low to launch a sailboat before about June 15th, and all sailboats must be pulled out before it lake level is lowered too low for the launch on or about September 15th. There is no keeping you boat in the water during the winter. The lake freezes and would ruin a boat. That is why the lake is lowered on September 15th, to keep the piers and docks from being crushed by ice.

The summer there has fantastic weather. I checked the weather log for Tulsa while I was there, and notice that Dayton was about 30 degrees cooler every day. While you were melting at 104 degrees, I was enjoying 74 degrees. We had good wind every day, and plenty of sun. There was an occasional threat of a storm, but it soon passed. And speaking of 30 degrees cooler, don't forget that it is at least 30 degrees colder in the winter, plus mounds of snow. They had so much extra snow this last winter, the lake filled up before June 15th from melting snow.

If anyone is interested in going there and wants me to answer some questions, just give me a call.

Gary Worley

Treasurer



KISS Regatta 2022

On Saturday, August 13, 2022, a blast from the past returned to Windycrest Sailing Club. The KISS (Keystone Interclass Single-handed Sailoff) regatta took place once again at WSC. The one-day regatta has a long and illustrious history as a funky little regatta and this one lived up to the billing with 23 solo-sailors representing a wide range of classes participating.

The essence of the KISS regatta is personal challenge. There are no handicaps, no class rules, no limit to sails or possible modifications. If you're willing to risk it, you can sail anything you choose. While the format is a natural for single-hand classes such as the MC, those who choose to solo a boat normally crewed by two or more add an extra dimension to an already challenging sport. This year, seven keelboat sailors took the challenge to test their skills and single-hand their boat, to find a way to do the job of two or three crew members solo, a task made all the more difficult as the breeze picked up.

This year's KISS schedule was intentionally skewed to the late-afternoon in anticipation of hot weather and to better accommodate delicious post-race festivities. As the 4pm competitors meeting wrapped up, the view from the pavilion was calm and wind appeared very sparse across the lake. Nevertheless, most of the intrepid single-handers made their way to the course and Race 1 started promptly at 5pm with the keelboats ghosting off the line in light air. All non-keelboats including centerboards and catamarans were second start. Races one and two were light and relatively short single-lappers rewarding those who found clear air and wind shifts in what light breeze could be found.

As late afternoon turned to early evening, the wind gradually began to build and while the final race of the day, a challenging two-lapper started in a fair breeze, getting to the weather mark proved difficult as shifting winds made one side and then the other alternately favorable. Once around the top-mark, the fleet spread out as boats worked both sides and the middle of the course seeking favorable wind. This race saw the most mixing of the fleets with the centerboards and smaller boats catching up to many of the partially over-powered and undermanned keelboats.





Boats were put away and rehash commenced by 7:30ish with a delicious taco bar extravaganza following. As usual, the post-race meal was outstanding and enjoyed by all in attendance. Prizes were awarded to the first-place winners in each of 6 classifications.

A sailboat light show began at dusk as a few sunfish and others participated in a fun light parade to the no wake buoy and back. The combination of bright lights, darkness and light winds made the adventure challenging but fun. The sight of lit up sailboats in the cove was really fun.

At the end of the evening, a few hardy keelboats were seen leaving the dock as the last super-moon of the summer began to rise over the hills. Like clockwork, the breeze picked up and a fun moonlight sail complete with meteorites, falling stars and satellites was enjoyed by a few lucky souls on the lake on a warm, moonlit August night.





A Note from Activities Capitan Nancy

I have resurrected an additional refrigerator for the pavilion and a new(er) microwave...one that actually works! Both additions will make it easier to properly store food away from the critters and assist with better service for events.

IMPORTANT NOTE: DO NOT store any food (ie, chips, crackers, bread, etc) in the plastic cabinets...the racoons have figured out how to open them.

The KISS Regatta was a blast Cooler temps should encourage more people to come out to enjoy the club. The Labor Day LDR was also a great time. More wonderful food was enjoyed by all.

The Charity Regatta is September 10, Paul Forester will be backed with an auction to have him on your boat. The "Observation Party" will be on the Keithline's patio and will provide a view of the race, drinks and hors d'oeuvres.

Food and drink will abound for all who are there.

Windycrest Classifies

Services:

Loren Kai Powell Massage

Private Studio

Located in Home

Near 15th and Delaware, Tulsa

By Appointment

918 706 6821

15 years experience

COVID protocols required and are in place

Boats:

Catalina 22 #13689 Ivy Porter

It's a good little boat underneath the grime that has accumulated. I will be cleaning it up but will sell as is if someone prefers to make an offer. New Mainsail with minimal use. Nice North Sails genoa and regular jib. Trailer was new during my ownership.

Boat is dry inside and comes with much more.

Michael Hughes

918 406 1797

Michael Hughes (hughesmp@att.net) wrote :

Boats:

FOR SALE

Creekmore 7 meter Keel Boat

Located on C dock

Black Hull with green and white stripes

Brown Sail Cover

Comes with a trailer

\$1500 for boat & trailer

Ecith Coen edithcoen@gmail.com

M-20 Scow \$500-OBO

Contact Gil Greenwood

918 914 3613

gilwood960@gmail.com

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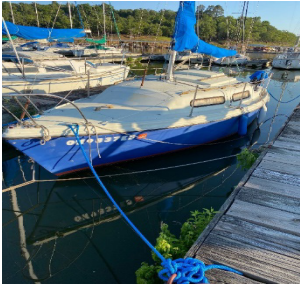
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Last Word

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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THE 2022 WINDYCREST CHARITY REGATTA

- * Light Breakfast For All Sailors.
- * Buy Raffle Tickets for Great Prizes.
- * Win an Olympic Champ Sailor on Board for the Race.
- * Buy a Ticket to Watch Race from a Special Party on the Bluff.
- * The Race! Easy Going and Fun. * Distinctive Racing Awards.
- * Social Hour with Open Bar. * Dinner - Hors D'oerves, Main Course, Desserts.

ALL THAT AT ABSOLUTELY NO COST* ... EXCEPT YOUR GENEROUS DONATION.

(*EXCEPT THE WATCH PARTY ON THE BLUFF and RAFFLE TICKETS, OF COURSE. We're raising money here)

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