

TheWindWord

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



SEPTEMBER 18, 2023
EDITION

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*Always check the Website for the most current
information*

Hobie Catfight
Catamaran Regatta
September 23-24

Fall Club Races 5 & 6
September 24

MC Scow Southwest Regatta
September 30-October 1

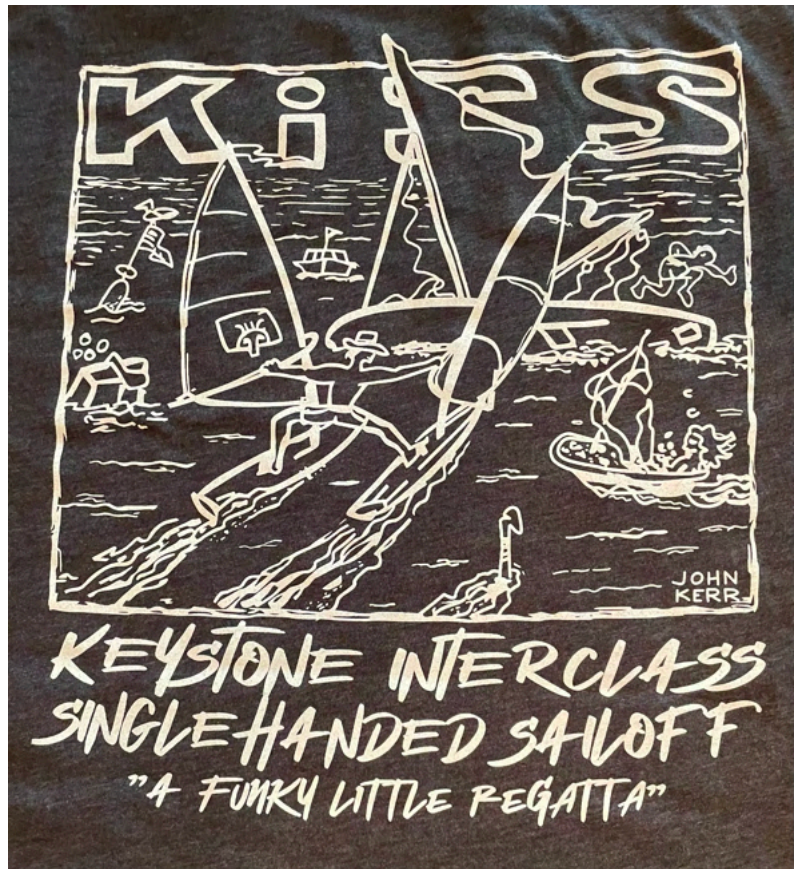
Board of Governors Meeting
October 2

Fall Club Races 7 & 8
October 8

KISS Regatta
(Single-handed event)
October 21

Skippers Meeting at 1 pm

Windycup Club Championship
October 28-29



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

The Keystone Interclass Single-Handed Sailoff is back and coming up soon. It is an event for all boats and levels of skill. Only one condition - you have to sail single handed. So, rig up your Sunfish with a "whomper" or your MC with double sail and get out there and have fun. Of course there will be prizes and a party. Plus the t-shirt shown above for all you skippers!

Windycrest's Charity Regatta SAILING FOR ALS

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

*I think I am, therefore,
I am. I think...*

~
George Carlin



Windycrest Pulls Off Another Great Event!

Thanks to everyone who came out to our 2023 ALS Charity Event. The final numbers aren't in yet, but the thanks and the photos are. Thanks of mucho grande go to Mark Lobo and Terry Rainey for managing the race, Rex and Allene Donley for the great lunch, Richard Ferguson for the trophies, Roger Kerr for the nice painting purchase and Justin Adams for matching the bid. Thanks to Justin for also coming up from Dallas and being our Regatta Pro. A big shout-out to Lisa Weatherholt for making it all go. She has composed an article in this Windword. And many thanks to those who helped not listed here.

And super congrats to Maria Ferguson for top boat honors for the day on her Laser! Booyah MC and J boys! We're all happy or you Maria!

The real thanks go to you who sailed and your generous wallet and time given to make it all happen.

Your Charity Regatta Committee



Images from the Charity Regatta





The Hobock Trophy, awarded to the first place centerboard boat at the Labor Day Long Distance Race.

LABOR DAY LONG DISTANCE RACE

The 2023 Labor Day Long Distance Race went off on September 4. It was a pretty windy day, up in the 18-23 mph range. Participation was light, with mainly Hobie Waves and Keelboats sailing. We'll wait for a complete report from our Fleet Captain Dan Jarrett. Dan is away at a catamaran regatta at this writing, and he'll give us the blow by blow on not only the Labor Day Race but also the complete results of the Holiday Summer Series later this fall.

Announcements from the Secretary



If you have moved, sold, taken a boat home or brought a boat to the lake, we need to know! Any of these changes apply?

Please send an email to the Secretary and the Vice Commodore
secretary@windycrest.com vice.commodore@windycrest.com



Did you pick up your Directory packet? Oops! If you missed it and would like a packet, please call Margaret at 918-282-6570. We will work out a pick up!



Cool Club sailing or event photos? Submit them to
Secretary@windycrest.com



Recruiting friends and family to the CLUB? YES - share your love of this sport and our Windycrest Family!

Give me a call or send potential members to Secretary@windycrest.com



Are you a member of our Private Facebook page? Look for the Private Group Windycrest Sailing Club! Find out what's going on!



MC SCOW SOUTHWEST CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1, 2023

Fleet 32's 32nd annual regatta is here. We are expecting a regional group with boats from Kansas, Texas, and Missouri attending. We hope to see you there!

[VISIT MCSCOW.ORG FOR REGATTA PAGE AND REGISTRATION](http://MCSCOW.ORG)



WINDYCREST BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The BOG is in the in the midst of searching for new members. Each of the jobs themselves are not too difficult, especially when managed and maintained appropriately. For our Club to operate well, it takes every member's "Windycrest Spirit" , a *helpful, friendly, can-do attitude*, that we all embrace.

Our club has operated over 50 years following this principle of volunteerism. So if you are approached by a board member please thoughtfully consider serving as a board member in a capacity that fits your skill set. You'll meet and make new friends while helping to make your Club the place to be in the future.

Danny Ziegler, Past Commodore, 1998, 2013

Windycrest Sailing Club Training Committee Meeting Minutes of meeting September 07, 2023

Meeting was held at the home of Mick Walsh in Tulsa in attendance: Mike Darrol, Gary Worley, Lisa Weatherholt, Blake Kelso, Dan & Cindy Edwards, Mick Walsh; Nancy Keithline (via Zoom)

Call to order at 6:30pm

Reviewed and approved minutes of the June 27 meeting

Mike Darrol reviewed ongoing Junior Training "Tiller Time" activities.
Future plans discussed:

- Tiller Time just on Saturdays because school is back in session.
- Clean and organize the Board Boat dock this Fall/Winter. Perhaps a work party with dues credit.

Blake Kelso reviewed ongoing Adult Training "Tiller Time" activities.
Future plans discussed:

- Organize a group sail to Pier 51
- We agreed that consistency in holding Tiller Time events is key to keeping interest alive. Plan to have some kind of training event at the regularly appointed time, even if weather conditions are not good for getting on the water. Possibilities include presenting a "chalk talk" about sailing techniques or holding boat maintenance demonstrations at the barn.
- Mike Darrol will develop some online presentations (possibly in PowerPoint) which can be accessed via the WSC website, explaining basic sailing principles.

Discussion of maintenance of WSC owned boats was deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints.

Other Business.

Committee members would like the BOG to address the following:

- Club policy regarding the consumption of alcohol at training events.
- Opportunities to make the WSC website and the Windword more effective communication channels by ensuring that they present information that is accurate, complete and timely

Next meeting of the Training Committee will be first week of November. Details TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mick Walsh
Rear Commodore, WSC

Windycrest - On the move!



Tim McMahon has done a little traveling this summer. Tim attended the ILYA Inland Championships in August (A, E, C, and MC) The event was held at the Buddy Melges Sailing Center on Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. This event, which moves around the midwest to various ILYA member Clubs, regularly draws around 200 boats.



Tim and Grant Gerondale both attended the MC Master Regatta in August at White Lake in Whitehall, MI. This event drew over 60 entries. Grant and Ramona spent a few days after the regatta and worked their way up to Mackinac Island, MI. for a little adventure.

On the move...

Windycrest member Kris Bundy participated in the 6 Metre Worlds held at the Royal Yacht Squadron in Cowes, England. Here is Kris with his daughter Nina.



MC friend Jack Hattendorf was recently in Dublin Ireland attending the Notre Dame-Navy game. While lunching at the Howth Yacht Club, he spotted a Windycrest burgee.



Dan Jarrett, our fearless WSC Fleet Captain, is participating in the 2023 Hobie Wave North American Championship Regatta at Onondaga Yacht Club in Liverpool, New York.

44th annual Charity Regatta Recap

Months of planning by the Committee, involvement with the ALS Association of OK, and finally THE DAY ARRIVED. While we could've used a bit more breeze, Saturday, Sept. 9, was mercifully temperate so I call it an 8.5/10!

As always, there was not a fee for sailing in the regatta or for the lunch. However, this was for a great cause and we encouraged participants to donate in lieu of an entry fee. Many did and also bought raffle tickets for the 25 donated items. In all, a preliminary total of our Windycrest donation to the ALS Association of OK is \$13,300. This is exciting, but we can do better! If you haven't donated yet, any amount is appreciated. <https://donate.als.org/team/515224>

We welcomed an honored guest after the conclusion of the race. Scott Craig, an ALS patient whom some of us met at an ALS Association function last spring, can no longer talk or move very much, but that doesn't stop his creativity. Using technology, he took up painting after his ALS diagnosis. He also has a podcast. To poorly quote him, his 20 episodes are made with Eyegaze technology, a synthetic voice, and some badassery. His podcast episodes are available here: ALS Uncensored podcast <https://spotify.link/vCzvMJtH2xb>

Scott made a very brief speech which was masterful. He evoked our strong feelings and then provided some comic relief. Somehow he shows the bad and the ugly of ALS, while giving us an insight to how he also is free to observe the beauty all around him.

While we hadn't intended to host an auction, it happened nonetheless. Scott had donated a sailing-related painting from a photo sent to him by committee stalwart Richard Ferguson. As we came to the end of the raffle, it was obvious that attendees wanted the chance to bid on it. As bidding began, the price quickly advanced with Roger Kerr and Justin Adams, a former WSC member who was ostensibly helping us, in the hunt. It was ON, Windycresters.

The final bid was \$1,350 from Roger-the-Sailmaker Kerr. Soon afterwards, Justin said that he would MATCH Roger's price! Yes, proceeds were \$2,700! Not only is that wonderful for ALS patient support in Northeastern Oklahoma, it was EXCITING and memorable. Last bit of good news is that Scott Craig is becoming an associate member.

Photos are on our website <https://windycrest.com/>. We appreciate the beautiful day and all the work that enabled us to enjoy the regatta, the watch party, and the lunch and raffle giveaways. We'll do it again next year on September 7, 2024. Put it on your calendars.

See you at The Lake,
Lisa Weatherholt
Past Commodore
Regatta Chair



THANK-YOU EMAIL LETTER from Scott Craig, who donated a painting (sailing theme) and who attended the post-Regatta lunch and raffle/auction.

Richard, Lisa and the Windycrest Sailing Club,

Wow! What a great day yesterday! It was so much fun on so many different levels. Thank you all for such a wonderful welcome and the Oklahoma hospitality that I keep enjoying day after day.

I'm sorry that I didn't get to meet Steve but I am glad that I could bring some of his energy back to the Regatta and his friends. ALS is such a terrible disease of the body, as you all know. But the mind is spared. Many are tortured by this, rightfully so, and ALS swallows them up, but some of us get the chance to experience something different and special. We get to sit back and enjoy the beauty and simplicity of life. Maybe we get a little peek at how God meant for things to be?

When we first arrived in the parking lot, a heron flew up from the water and perched in the tree where I could see him. My oooo's, ahhh's and gesturing had Erica wondering what was wrong with me... I just wanted her to see the beauty I was seeing. I chalk these and other things to just laughing at how ridiculous my situation is. Being dealt such a harsh blow, one can choose to lay down and die or to savor every breath and the sweetness of the miracle of life. Obviously, I've made my choice.

People like you, along with groups like the ALS Association, help families who suffer much more than I do, with equipment, finances and social services. This year, the entire operating budget for Oklahoma is ~\$250k. It's one step above a budget nothing, in the grand scheme of things. Your donations yesterday, however, were massive! And for me? The chance to make new friends, enjoy a day by the water and have a beer and a few laughs, to forget about reality for a couple hours, that was priceless!

As far as being an honorary member, well, that gesture isn't lost on me. I know you all have a rich history of family and friends who embrace life. I can see the love and quality you put into your club. I've been fortunate to visit other private clubs over the years and I know how special they are. I'm looking forward to just sitting by the water again and catching another peek.

The link to my website is <https://scottcraigalsfoundation.com/art/>

Sincerely, Scott Craig

Typed with my eyes

Scott Craig ALS Foundation

ALS Uncensored podcast

530-412-0655 (text only)

<https://spotify.link/vCzvMJtH2xb>

Editor's Notes:

For announcements, articles, reports, classifieds, and other information to share with the membership, please send content to sailamc@aol.com or leah.kelso@hilti.com preferred formats are word, pages, and jpeg.

Windword deadline: 10th of the month.

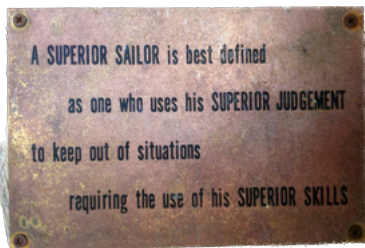


Sail for ALS
2023

Saturday
September 9, 2023
Finish Time: 1400

22		boats			
Start	Fleet	Place	Sail #	Boat	Skipper
1	CB	1	28	LASEM	Maria Ferguson
2	CB	2	0	H16	Andy Leithner
2	KB-A	1	1587	J-22	Roger Kerr
2	KB-A	2	316	CAP25	Terry Rainey
2	KB-A	3	72	S2-6.7	Dan Edwards
2	KB-A	4	1216	J-24	Bob McGinnis
2	KB-A	DNF	922	J-22	Lisa Weatherholt
2	KB-A	DNF	1966	J-24	Bill Reynolds
2	KB-B	1	206	SNT525	Rachel Navarro
2	KB-B	2	931	CAP22	Richard Ferguson
1	KB-C	1	915	CAT250	Alan Kelso
1	KB-C	2	1465	COL26	Matt Gillis
1	KB-C	3	198	CAT25	David Jacobs II
1	KB-C	4	13689	CAT22	Mick Walsh
1	KB-C	DNF	1092	COL22	Evelyn Hays
2	MC	1	2747	M-SC	Tim McMahon
2	MC	2	1929	M-SC	Harvey Baker
2	MC	3	2123	M-SC	Michael Gent
2	MC	4	2162	M-SC	Drew Ziegler
2	MC	5	2503	M-SC	Grant Gerondale
2	MC	DNF	2363	M-SC	Randy Bell
2	MC	DNF	2194	M-SC	Rob Stout

Remember this one? It used to hang on the side of the radio box in the Pavilion.



WINDYCREST RACING RESULTS 2023 SUMMER SERIES

CENTERBOARDS

KEELBOATS

Our annual charity regatta was a success due to the hard work by both long-time and newer committee members.

A special thank you to **Richard Ferguson**, who procured the trophies and did so many other smaller tasks that made us all look good.

Terry Rainey, a long-time volunteer who prepared the start times for our reverse-handicap start in the actual race, plus provided perspective during the planning process

Jo Ann Chandler, handled the postcards and helped keep this chairperson on the right track

Allene and Rex Donley, seasoned volunteers who made sure the post-regatta lunch was delicious and ready on time! They, too, have several years of practice.

Danny Ziegler, procured several donation items (one for Ziegler Art & Frame, very generous), and helped purchase YOUR regatta lunch.

Nancy Keithline and husband **Charlie** hosted the Watch Party for the second year in a row at their house way up on the bluff. She also provided guidance, greatly clarifying what details are important back at the Pavilion.

Mark Lobo, the PRO—Principal Race Officer. He had his own small but important group of helpers on the lake during the race.

Tom Weatherholt, my husband, who helped me with so many details AND listened to the airing of myriad anxieties leading up to the event. Also, transporting a ton of items to the Club and helping at registration and raffle sales. Not easy!

Race Committee members: Mark Lobo PRO, Gil Greenwood, Dave Dolcater, David Hyman, and Carol Hindsman. Each of these persons is very competent and WILLING TO WORK FOR US so we can sail! Please say Yes if someone asks for YOUR help to run our club races. It's fun and there is always something to learn.

ALS Association employees JoCarolyn Chambers and Christy Galyean. Christy attended the Watch Party and Jo Carolyn sailed with Terry Rainey and Justin Adams. I might have to get some sailing gloves for her!

Leah Kelso stepped in at the last-minute to help facilitate the raffle action, otherwise there would've been a mutiny by attendees. And the cookies for dessert were made/donated by several members.

Would you like to be a part of this annual regatta effort? Please consider it; the extent of volunteer participation is up to you. There are several types of activities to choose from. *Please contact me, Lisa Weatherholt.* Next year's planning generally starts around February. You can learn the most by attending the meetings. After this year, I too will remain on the committee.

Lisa Weatherholt

Past Commodore

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Work party

Thank you to the nearly 100 WSC members who participated in our work party. Three large dumpsters were filled with miscellaneous overgrowth. And heading into the summer the club was more manicured than it had been previously. Despite everyone's great work, we were not able to get to all areas of the club. For example, Steve Horn and his crew worked well beyond the work party day and replaced a lot of rotting wood on the pavilion apron and thank you to Rick Martin who cleared the trailer lot with Chris Foster, our facilities manager, at a later date.

We could use added support for broken boards on C dock and minor repairs to junior board boat dock. This fall, if you would like to complete these projects on your own time as a work credit, please contact me and we can work to arrange something.

Breakwater

Thank you to Bob McGinnis, Jack Stewart and Yul Shaffer who have been working to secure the current breakwater system in front of B dock. We are still in the process of finding a longer-term solution that is both affordable and effective. A vendor has located a potential solution in Oklahoma and we are currently working to get pricing to have it brought in and installed. This is a very large capital purchase and we have been working to find the best solution possible at a reasonable cost.

Electrical

Another large investment is the electrical system. We have had multiple contractors come look at the project in hopes of bidding on the replacement of wiring. Unfortunately, we have not had one agree to move forward after reviewing the scope and complexity of the work. We are hoping a slow-down in the fall will prompt one to agree to move forward. We understand the importance of safe and reliable electrical access.

Row boats

The board has authorized an investment in new row boats and have been exploring different options. We have a few alternatives in the works and members should see these by early October. We would encourage our sailors on a mooring to try out the proposed options and provide your feedback.

Boat and trailer locations

There has been quite a bit of confusion created lately in regard to the movement of boats and trailers both on the docks and in the trailer and dry sail lots. Please remember that when you move your boat or trailer without contacting me or Margaret, our club secretary, you might actually be taking the spot of another member who has paid for that space. To help bring some clarity to the situation, the board authorized in the purchase of markers so we can properly label and assign spaces to our club members.

Lake Patrol

We wanted members to be aware that the Lake Patrol has on more than one occasion visited our club and walked the docks sending notices to club members whose boat tags are not up to date. While they have not moved beyond the docks, this is a good reminder to make sure everything related to your boat is current.

If you currently are considering an option to remove your boat, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Blake Kelso

Vice Commodore