

The WindWord

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



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sailworkz

March 23, 2024

12:00 noon

WSC Maintenance Building

Keelboat Spring Races Begin

Races 1, 2, and 3

March 24

First start 2:00 pm

Happy Easter

March 31

Board of Governors Meeting

April 1

Keelboat Spring Series

Race 4,5, and 6

April 7

Celebrate Spring Long

Distance Race

April 14

Keelboat Spring Series

Race 7,8, and 9

April 21

[Always check the website for the most current information](#)



"Sometimes I wonder if my sailboat is thinking about me too."

~unknown



WINDYCREST INFORMATION

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Racing

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Events

activities.captainATwindycrest.com

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Training

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Lake Level

[https://www.swt-](https://www.swt-wc.usace.army.mil/webdata/gagedata/KEYO2.current.html)

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American Sailing Association Basic Keelboat Courses and Coastal Navigation Courses

Under the guidance and leadership of Gary Worley, Windycrest will be offering courses with certified American Sailing Association instructors this Winter and Spring season.

The classes are being organized now, and much of the content will be delivered over Zoom.

For more information contact Gary or one of the following other board members: Mick Walsh or Mike Darrol.

CLASSIFIED ADS

BUY-SELL-TRADE YOUR BOATS-SAILS-EQUIPMENT HERE

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Creekmore 7 meter. Located on C dock. Free to a good home and comes with a trailer.
Call Edith Coen at 918-640-3384

Catalina 25 for near give away. Can be seen on C-23.
Better check it out quick.
Call member David Walter. Type your text



**START THE SAILING SEASON OFF RIGHT!
IT SIMPLY DOESN'T MATTER IF
YOU'VE NEVER SERVED ON A
RACE COMMITTEE, OR
COMPETED IN A RACE...
HERE'S A DAY THAT IS
DESIGNED ESPECIALLY
JUST FOR YOU!**

**SAILWORKZ 2024
Save the DATE!
12 noon on Saturday, March 23rd**

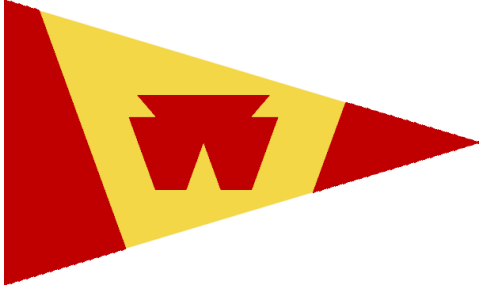
We'll have WSC members demonstrate key motorboat/safety skills & operations while providing training on how to serve on race committee. We'll also cover how to serve as PRO (Principal Race Officer) for the day.. It's easy! Want to try racing? How about "**Sailboat RACING- 101**"?

Let's learn basic skills and strategies to get you started! Weather permitting, we'll practice our new PRO skills on the water with club boats and try a few practice starts on experienced club racing skippers boats!

All you need to do is show up, dress warm and be ready to have fun & learn something new!

Let's meet inside the WSC Maintenance Building at 12 noon for overviews first, then (weather permitting) we'll head out on the water (bring PFD & appropriate gear) afterwards! Wondered about racing or race committee? This day is designed for YOU! Contact Grant at (918) 694-3530 for Q's.

HELP US KEEP THE CLUB IN TIP TOP SHAPE



Fellow Windycresters,

Remember that we currently have no facilities manager.

Please share your “Windycrest Spirit” (a *friendly, helpful, can-do attitude*) by helping to maintain our Club by doing the following:

- If you run across a full trash can, remove the trash and replace it with a new liner. Take the trash to the dumpster on the road. The Club will downsize trash cans to make this job much easier.
- If you are generating trash at the Club, please consider taking your own trash home instead of leaving it at the Club.
- Keep areas around your boat maintained.
- When using the bathhouse, make it a habit to check for and replenish toilet paper, soap, and paper towels.

We are currently reviewing options on Club maintenance and grounds issues moving forward into the summer. If you have suggestions or concerns, please pass them along to the Commodore, Vice Commodore, or Rear Commodore.

Your thoughts are important, you may have an idea or solution that has not been considered.

Blake Kelso, Commodore

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 sailamcATaol.com or Leah Kelso at leah.kelsoAThilti.com Preferred formats include word files and jpg graphics.

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Ask not what your Club can do for you, ask what you can do for your Club.”

-With apologies to JFK

As mentioned previously, Windycrest no longer has a facilities manager/maintenance engineer. While we have made arrangements with a contractor to start mowing the grass this spring, we will have to pick up after ourselves, at least for a while. Please take your trash with you when you leave the Club grounds and try to leave the place at least as nice as you found it.

If your boat is in a slip, please make time this spring to check your dock lines and/or boat lift for wear and replace or adjust as necessary. Remember, we no longer have an employee walking the docks to keep an eye on our boats. If you see that your neighbor's boat needs attention, please contact them, or let me know and I will pass on the information. Also, it's a good idea to have your registration up to date, and the numbers clearly legible.

If you keep a boat trailer (with or without a boat on it) at Windycrest, please ensure your name is clearly marked on the port side of the forward end of the trailer (extra points if it's on both sides). Also, the tires must be inflated so the trailer could be moved in the event of an emergency.

It's been a busy Spring at Windycrest, replete with planned and unplanned maintenance projects. Electric service to B-dock, D-dock and the Pavilion has been completely rewired and brought up to code. As of this writing, all is functional. The contractor, Gilley Electric, has only to run a new overhead feed to D-dock to complete the job.

An unusually high water bill alerted us to a leak that apparently started last fall, and water to the bathhouse was temporarily shut off. A faulty valve was subsequently detected and replaced by Jack and Jesse Stewart, and water service to the bathhouse has been restored. The city will credit the Windycrest account for the above-average water usage.

Thanks to the efforts of Bob McGinnis and his crew (Rick Martin, Richard Burton, Barend Meiling, and Dan Edwards), the maintenance barn has been cleaned and organized. Some stuff was discarded, but there should be a pile of salvaged useful-to-someone things on a table by the tent camping/disc golf area. Also, there are several rolls of heavy duty fire hose free for the taking by the Maintenance barn.

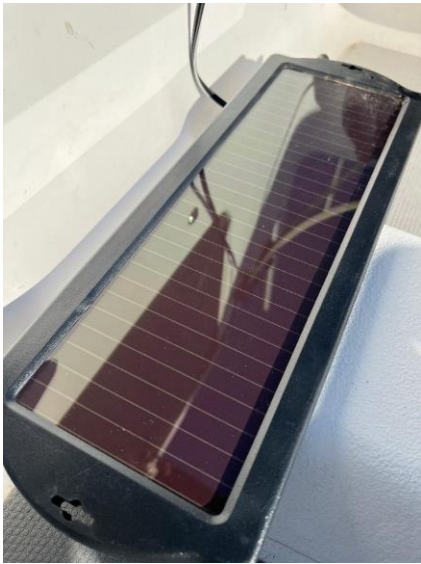
If you go by the Keelboat Lot, you may notice that numbered markers have been installed to identify the stalls. The plan is to install a marker at every boat/camper/trailer lot space. This will likely be a work party project.

And Speaking of Work Party, it will be Saturday, May 4. Mark your calendar.

Fair winds,
Mick Walsh
Vice Commodore, WSC

Solar Battery Charger for your Boat

By Grant Gerondale



Recently took the good advice from current board member Mike Darrol (Electrical Engineer) regarding a low cost, reliable and relatively maintenance-free means to keep my J-80's boat battery topped off on D-dock. He advised that he'd experienced good luck with a Harbor Freight purchased "Thunderbolt-Magnum" 1.5-Watt solar battery charger for years. I picked one up about 2 months ago and added a charging regulator accessory for the setup (same brand, same aisle in the store). The regulator helps assure you don't "over-charge" the battery beyond 100%. Also, know that if you need to make a long run of installation distance from the interior battery location to the outside of your boat where the solar panel rests... you can purchase wire-lead extensions for another \$20 bucks.

Like most modern things, the solar set up is calibrated to do its job with no input from me. Simply place the solar panel out of the wind and where it will receive as much southerly direct sunlight. Try to place the solar panel where it will most likely survive springtime Oklahoma storms and not get "flipped" (its lightweight) overboard while you're away from your boat! Mine rests flat on the cockpit floor, well out of the wind. Watch the wires as you route them over the top of your hatch board/covers to avoid a hard pinch. While charging with the regulator, you'll see a color-coded indicator "light up" to let you know it's working.



The charger's been through the coldest winter spell already and powers my bilge pump and LED cabin lights via the 12volt boat battery and has worked well so far. No complaints. Some of you might think of using one of these units in other ways around the home to maintain a remote battery on an RV, riding mower, etc. - think of the opportunities.

Thanks to Mike for the nice recommendation and here's to not lugging my boat battery up the D-dock walkway this year for a maintenance charge!

See you at the club.

