

# The WindWord

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September 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fall KB 4-6 / CB Makeup**  
Sept 29

**Hobie Catfight**  
Oct 5 - 6

**Fall KB 7-9**  
Oct 6

**Hobie 17 & 18 North America  
Championship**  
Oct 7 - 10

**Board of Governors Meeting**  
Oct 7

**WSC Annual Meeting,  
Oktoberfest  
& Oktoberfest Regatta**  
Oct 19

**Windycup & Windycup  
Potluck Watch Party**  
Oct 20

**Board of Governors Meeting**  
Nov 4

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

## WINDYCREST ANNUAL MEETING

Notice from your friendly *Windword* editors.  
Be on the look out for a wordier (and more official)  
e-mail soon.

Our annual meeting will be held the same day as the Oktoberfest  
Regatta which is currently set for Saturday, Oct. 19.

The Board of Governors (BOG) will announce the nominees for  
BOG positions by Sept. 30 (20 days before the annual meeting).  
Members will receive voting information via email.

Additional nominations may be made to the Commodore no later  
than Oct. 9 (10 days before the annual meeting).

Some key points to remember:

- An email will be sent to Regular Members with the link to proxy voting or better yet... come to the Annual Meeting
- Regular members are entitled to vote
- One vote is allowed per Membership (per household)
- Please one vote per household and please do not send the link to others
- 20% of members, present or represented by a proxy, will provide a quorum for voting

More details can be found in Articles V and VIII of the WSC  
Bylaws.

Annual Meeting is after the Oktoberfest Regatta and rehash.  
After dinner is served, we will have a State of the Club Address  
by Commodore Blake Kelso followed by a vote for the new  
board.



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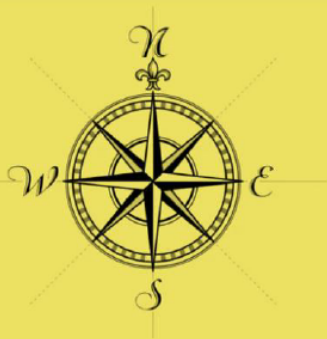
**Lake Level**

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



Thank you to Dave Dolcater for continuing to provide amazing photos of the club. Regardless of the season or weather conditions – it's beautiful out there!

## Join the Windycup Club Championship Watch Party



The Keithlines will be hosting a Windycup Watch Party on their patio. This is a potluck event – so bring your best and get ready to root on your favorite racer(s).

After the races are finished, spectators will head down to the pavilion to congratulate the winner!

## Commodore Report - September

Summer has finally started to release its grip and the weather has made days at the lake beautiful (and bit more tolerable). And we appreciate that since these last few weeks have seen a tremendous amount of activity at the club.

Oklahoma's longest running charity regatta is behind us and I want to thank all our club members, their guests, anyone who donated or lent a hand. Thanks to all of you, we were able to raise around \$12,000 for ALS (final accounting in the works).

As always, the Regatta watch party on Charlie and Nancy Keithline's deck during the race was a hit. We were fortunate to have a number of donated door prizes as well as some very nice auction items. Of special interest...two lovely art pieces donated by club member Scott Craig.

I would like to thank the planning committee and other great supporters comprised of Skeeter Chilton (who was also our Spirit of the Regatta recipient), Steve Elliott (who also served as our impromptu auctioneer), Scott Craig, Charlie and Nancy Keithline, Richard and Maria Ferguson, David Hyman and Tobie Bresloff, Mark and Mary Brophy, Terry Rainey, Gil Greenwood, Dave Dolcater, Dan Jarrett, Danny Ziegler, Lisa Weatherholt, Roger Kerr, Joann Chandler, Steve and Ruth Horn, Blake Annis, Doug Lewis, Mick Walsh, Mark Lobo (and any race committee I may have missed) and the ALS Society. I've probably forgotten someone – my apologies for that – but you can see from the above this was a true team effort.

On the heels of this great event was the MC Southwest Regional Championship Regatta. We were fortunate to have two great days of racing. Grant gives us a full run down later in this version of *The Windword*.

This is a warmup as we host the upcoming Hobie Catfight and the Hobie 17 & 18 North America Championship.

We hope to see you at the club for Oktoberfest, the Windycup and our annual meeting.



## Vice Commodore Report - September

Recent Windycrest facilities maintenance, repairs and updates:

- A storm on the night of August 16 caused a dock at Gull Bay to break a mooring and swing into the Windycrest mooring field. Several boats were separated from their mooring balls and blown eastward into the cove, but there was no major damage. All boats retrieved and the dock was restored to it's original position.
- Bathhouse: Replaced a leaky sink faucet in Men's side as well as light fixtures in both Men's and Women's showers. New floor mats in front of sinks; routine cleaning.
- Progress has been made in efforts to dispose of derelict boats as Brent Swopes has hauled a couple away.
- Blake Annis continues to keep the grounds looking well-manicured.
- A new motor for the work barge has been procured and installed. It's a long shaft 20hp Suzuki with electric start. The previous motor is only a year old and works well, but it was a short shaft and the prop could not stay in the water.
- Breakwater repairs: Yul Shaffer has determined that the small breakwater can be repaired to its old glory at a fraction of the cost of a replacement. Materials have been procured to fabricate 17 new concrete panels that will hang on chains under the floating breakwater platform. Meanwhile, Yul will be repairing the steel framework. This is our major ongoing project.
- Four new refrigerators have been procured and installed to replace old ones that were broken or in bad condition. Three are in the pavilion and one in the maintenance shop. Blake Annis found someone to haul off the old ones for no charge.
- New "Water Valve" signs have been installed on the docks, behind the bathhouse and at the main valve near Windyrest.

Respectfully submitted,

Mick Walsh

Vice Commodore WSC

*"Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter."*

*~Mark Twain*



Club members who may have served on race committee lately might remember the old, disintegrating and moldy cushions. They have been replaced with new cushions and are ready as we host our upcoming regattas and other races.

## Rear Commodore's Report - September

### Junior Regatta:

Junior regatta went well with a total of three participants. Ben managed to win first place in both races. Many thanks to Lisa Weatherholt and Orion's parents who helped us with race committee for the event.

### Club Boats:

We are continuing to leave the sails on two club 420s (under the covers) for Junior use this summer. We will put these away at the end of the sailing season.

Please remind anyone using the boats to report any malfunctions, damage, or anything else that needs attention.

### Ongoing Training:

Adult Keelboat Classes Tuesday Evenings – Organized by Lisa Weatherholt

Sunfish Training – Organized by Nancy Keithline

Junior Training – Ongoing as coaches are available Saturdays and/or Sundays

We are also making club boats available for Juniors to race in official club events.

Additional Training – We still need to schedule Power Boat intro/proficiency course for trainers, facilitators, and race committee crew. Fall will be a good time to do that.

Mike Darrol

Rear Commodore WSC



## MC Southwest Regional Championship Regatta

By Grant Gerondale



Easily the most competitive, largest and most travelled one-design regatta of the year for our club just concluded on September 15. The MCSW Regional Regatta is something I look forward to each year with anticipation about how many boats will we draw? From where? Will Dallas sailmaker (and recently crowned 2024 MC Nationals Champion) Bill Draheim and his crew Mary Anne Hopper attend? Will the weather cooperate? How will our fleet compare?

This year's event did not disappoint as we hosted sailors from seven different states (OK, TX, WI, TN, AR, MO, NE) combining to form a very competitive fleet of 18 MCs. The weather for this two-day event cooperated nicely with sunny skies, warm temps and E- SE winds around 5-13mph and bringing with it abundant wind shifts back and forth of 20-40 degrees. In fleet racing, these wind shifts "re-shuffle" the deck of cards so to

speak and create passing opportunities for everyone during the racing as the sailing angles change and gains are made by being "in-phase" with the shifts. What it also does is create stress for the Principal Race Officer (PRO) and their team to stay ahead of ever changing winds. Luckily, we had a superb one for this regatta as Skeeter Chilton and Asst. PRO Steve Elliott led the team of Dave Dolcator, Rick Martin and Jesse Martin, Jennifer Schultz, Nancy Keithline, Leah and Blake Kelso, Doug Lewis, Mike Beatt and Adam Kemmerly on the water. They represented the very best of race management for our club. Well done everyone!

If you've never witnessed one-design fleet racing like this before... you might consider helping in the future with an RC duty. Great, close racing with boats finishing overlapped, tight mark roundings,

capsizes, general (start) recalls and more happening steadily across seven races total during our two day event. With a front row seat at this event, you'll see and hear great RC work on the radio and on the water. Hats off to everyone on this RC team as they worked tirelessly to adjust angles of the starting lines, course angles and length, snappy flag-work and start-sequence timing.

It didn't take long for racers to notice the consistent speed and skills of eventual regatta winner John Harrop (San Diego Yacht Club), who just transitioned into MC action now from his home of Nashville. His sail trim was sharp, tactics and starts on-point as he cruised through the scoring with only 11 points. Windycrest was well represented with Drew Zeigler, Dan Jarret and Stephen Gent taking three of the top five spots with all of them sailing well. Nice job guys!



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By Grant Gerondale



In third place, and returning for his second attempt to place at this regatta was Mike Schoendorf from Milwaukee. Perhaps what's interesting to note with many top-finishing sailors is the fact that each of them raced within their respective club's junior program. Mike and Bill Drahiem competed against each other in Lasers and the like in the Midwest (as kids)... and here we found them again facing off on our home waters at Windcrest... some 40 plus years later. Pretty cool.

Some MC regattas feature 50 to as many as 90 boats on the starting line, but even with 17 at our event there was no room to be on the second row as the starting horn sounded. We all pushed the line hard, creating several General Recall flags to go up as the RC could not call over-earlies because of the crowd and the competition. The

shifty winds created good passing opportunities upwind. Downwind, the occasional puffs and corresponding lulls did the same as boats compressed at the leeward marks. All in all the conditions (which also provided very little powerboat traffic, which the locals noticed) were very nice and Keystone Lake did not let us down.

So, what happened to MC Nat's Champ Bill Draheim and his faithful teammate Mary Anne? They are perhaps "the face" of our MC class on the water and Bill has multiple titles to his name over the decades. They finished seventh in wind conditions that were shifty, and at times light throughout the weekend. I do know they viewed this regatta as a good "tune up" for the next big thing... the MC Masters National Championship coming in two weeks near St. Louis. Why did they remain a MC team of two (the only ones) when you can shed your crew (and weight) between races when the winds get light? Were they bringing their A-game or simply keeping the "rust" off of their game together in preps for the Masters Championship? We may never know, but their final standings caught many by surprise.

To you the reader.... In the end racing is racing. It's at the very core of our club's purpose and from where WSC was born. It is the measuring stick for us to see how we compare, paying rewards for hours spent in your boat. Events such as these are a high-point opportunity for anyone wanting to improve.

I'd like to offer this regatta summary to remind anyone who is looking to simply become a more efficient sailor, a better sailor, a well-rounded sailor... to join in our club's racing program and challenge yourself and learn new skills. If that's not your game, why not volunteer for RC duty throughout the year to get one of the best front row seats for our sport. Interested in trying an MC scow? Give me a text or call at (918) 694-3530.

The Windycrest MC Southwest Regional Championship is over for 2024. We had a great time both on the water racing and off during our Saturday evening dinner and morning coffee sessions catching up with old friends from across the county and meeting new ones. Windycrest still performs as it should. It's still there.

See you at the lake.

# MC Southwest Regional Championship Regatta (cont – page 3 of 3)

By Grant Gerondale

|    | A   | B                             | C        | D    | E  | F  | G   | H   | I   | J   | K   | L         | M                 |
|----|---|-------------------------------|----------|------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|-------------------|
| 1  | <b>MC Southeast Regional Championship</b> |                               |          |      |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |           |                   |
| 2  | <b>September 14-15</b>                    |                               |          |      |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |           |                   |
| 3  | <b>Windycrest Sailing Club- Tulsa, OK</b> |                               |          |      |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |           |                   |
| 4  | Winds: E/SE 5-12mph                       |                               |          |      |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |           |                   |
| 5  |   |                               |          |      |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |           |                   |
| 6  | Place                                     | Name                          | Sail No. | Club | R1 | R2 | R3  | R4  | R5  | R6  | R7  | Net Total | Division          |
| 7  | 1   | John Harrop                   | 2890     | SDYC | 1  | 2  | 1   | 7   | 1   | 4   | 2   | 11        | GM                |
| 8  | 2   | Drew Ziegler                  | 2162     | WSC  | 3  | 1  | 15  | 13  | 3   | 1   | 1   | 22        | Open              |
| 9  | 3   | Mike Schoendorf               | 2164     | SSYC | 4  | 8  | 5   | 1   | 10  | 5   | 3   | 26        | GM                |
| 10 | 4   | Dan Jarrett                   | 2251     | WSC  | 13 | 9  | 2   | 8   | 2   | 9   | 5   | 35        | GM                |
| 11 | 5   | Stephen Gent                  | 2581     | WSC  | 2  | 14 | 6   | 3   | 7   | 10  | 7   | 35        | Open              |
| 12 | 6   | Danny Ziegler                 | 2693     | WSC  | 6  | 3  | 8   | 11  | 5   | 3   | 10  | 35        | 1st- Grand Master |
| 13 | 7   | Bill Draheim/Mary Anne Hopper | 2846     | RCYC | 8  | 11 | 7   | 2   | 6   | 2   | DNF | 36        | GM                |
| 14 | 8   | Scott Griffiths               | 2420     | MYC  | 11 | 4  | 10  | 4   | 8   | 6   | 6   | 38        | GM                |
| 15 | 9   | Grant Gerondale               | 2503     | WSC  | 7  | 12 | 4   | 5   | 13  | 8   | 4   | 40        | GM                |
| 16 | 10  | Rob Stout                     | 2194     | WSC  | 10 | 6  | 12  | 10  | 9   | 7   | 8   | 50        | 1st- Mega Master  |
| 17 | 11  | Kris Bundy                    | 279      | WSC  | 5  | 10 | 11  | 14  | 4   | 12  | 11  | 55        | GM                |
| 18 | 12  | Scott Tillema                 | 1024     | MYC  | 12 | 5  | 3   | 6   | DNF | DNF | DNF | 62        | 1st- Master       |
| 19 | 13  | Joe Heinzl                    | 668      | LSC  | 15 | 15 | 9   | 12  | 12  | 13  | DNF | 76        | M                 |
| 20 | 14  | Randy Bell                    | 2029     | WSC  | 14 | 17 | 16  | DNF | 11  | 11  | 9   | 78        | GM                |
| 21 | 15  | Peter Lane                    | 2747     | WSC  | 9  | 16 | 13  | 9   | DNF | DNF | DNF | 83        | GM                |
| 22 | 16  | Susie Tillema                 | 1231     | MYC  | 17 | 7  | 14  | 15  | DNF | DNF | DNF | 89        | M/Womens          |
| 23 | 17  | Gary Schroeder                | 2763     | MYC  | 16 | 13 | DNF | DNF | DNF | DNF | DNF | 101       | GM                |





## Fleet Captain Report - September

### Wrapping up the racing season in September and October.

- Holiday LD series – Labor Day race was a big success, 20+ boats on the lake.
- Fall series – 9 races (CB & KB separate race days)
- Special Club regattas:
  - Oktoberfest regatta – (Windycup qualifier) – October 19 –  
Next big event  
Need race committee
  - WindyCup – October 20  
Need to secure 4 FS's  
Need 4 crews  
Need to get race committee together
- Other races
  - MC Southwest Championship – 2 days – September 14 and 15
  - Hobie Catfight regatta – 2 days – October 5 & 6
  - Hobie 17 & 18 North American Championship – 4 days – October 7 – 10  
Raffle fundraiser for ALS society.  
Need to complete the race committee

### Follow up on All Fleets meeting in February:

- Race 3 races per sailing day rather than 2 when possible. So far, this schedule has been beneficial and mostly well received.
- Experienced Skippers for loan program. For the holiday LD series races, up to five experienced and knowledgeable Skippers will be made available for loan to anyone wishing to take their boat around the course. This will be a valuable learning experience for anyone looking to improve their skill and competency.
- Emergency plan for racing with written instruction for managing race emergencies. We need this. Gil Greenwood.
- Continued motor boat training is needed.

### Replace the Keelboat & Centerboard Championship Trophies (Ships Wheels are full).

- Really cool rudders donated to the club will make nice trophies.
- Explore options for trophies

### Pursue nominations for Fleet Captain 2025.

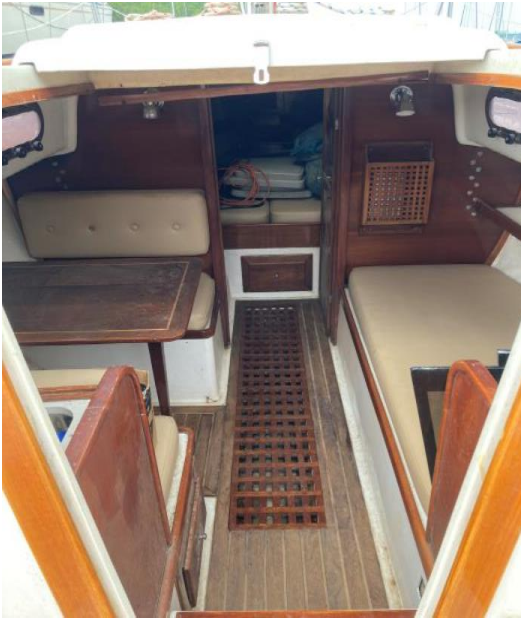


### ATTENTION MEMBERS

**As a reminder, when you turn on a water valve, please remember to turn it off when you leave the club. We have a few leaks on the water lines heading to the dock and turning off the valve will save us money on our water bill.**

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

For sale. Ranger 26'. Call Mick Hawkins at (918) 549-5372 for details.



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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 918-688-5773, or Judy Andrews at 918-398-3832

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**NEW LOWER PRICE:** 1974 Catalina 27 with an Evinrude 9.9 hp electric start, long shaft outboard motor.

Also included with the boat is an 8,800 pound Hydrohoist Level Lift. Boat, Mariposa, and lift are on B dock.

Price for the package was \$7,500 – now \$5,000.

Contact Rex Donley for information. 918-706-3635

**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)-264-5555 or by email [clarkwwheeler@gmail.com](mailto:clarkwwheeler@gmail.com)

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