

The WindWord



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



December 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas
Dec 25

Kwanzaa
Begins Dec 26

New Year's Day
Jan 1

Annual Awards Party
Feb 22



Our club is celebrating an important milestone. Sixty years of sailing fun, fellowship and friendly competition.



"There is a fine line between fishing and standing on the shore like an idiot."

Stephen Wright.

Mark your calendars

The Annual Awards Party will be held on Saturday, Feb 22, at the

Canyons at Blackjack Ridge in Sand Springs. The event is tentatively scheduled for 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

More details on this Mardi Gras themed event will be coming in the near future.

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



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Lake Level

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

Activity Captain's Report - December



The Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner, our final event on the WSC calendar for 2024, was held on Saturday, Nov. 9th. About 50 people attended. The menu included roast turkey, provided by the club, and many delicious side dishes and desserts. The weather was sunny with a light breeze, making it a perfect way to close the season.

Some friendly reminders:

There will be no trash pickup at the club until next Spring. Please take your trash with you or use the WSC dumpster on the north side of Windycrest Road as you leave the club.

If you use the charcoal grill, please leave it in the pavilion to keep it out of the weather... please brush the grills after use so it is ready for the next member. Likewise, if you use the fireplace, leave some firewood on the hearth for the next member.

Please be sure to latch the refrigerator and the cabinet doors to prevent the resident raccoons from wreaking havoc with our supplies.

Our next scheduled event is the Awards Program in February. I'll let you know when the time and place are determined.

The club's social events are an integral part of the Windycrest experience. They allow us to get to know each other and build relationships. Those relationships are the backbone of the club. We are looking for a replacement for the Activity Captain. If you enjoy planning parties and organizing volunteers, this job is for you. If you would enjoy being of service to the membership, I would like to help you get oriented about where things are and how it all works so you can take it over next fall. The job is a two-year commitment with the bonus of not having to pay for your membership dues as a courtesy for your service. Please contact me for more information.

Commodore Report – December



Ahoy Windycrest Members,

As the year winds down and the holiday season fills the air, it's a good time to reflect on our 2024 successes and look ahead to 2025. Together, we've built memories, strengthened bonds, and made tremendous progress as a Club. Your enthusiasm, hard work, and dedication have been the wind in our sails, propelling us toward success. Let's take a moment to celebrate our accomplishments and prepare for even brighter horizons ahead!

Reflecting on 2024

This year has been great for Windycrest Sailing Club! We've seen enthusiastic participation across all Club activities—from the work party and Junior Camp to the races and themed parties.

Our facilities are in great shape and improving every day:

- The grounds are clean and well-maintained.
- The breakwater is undergoing essential repairs.
- Our electric service is being modernized.
- The water system has been upgraded, addressing a significant leak issue.

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who has contributed to maintaining and improving our Club. Your efforts have made Windycrest a vibrant, welcoming, and fun community. Together, we are building a strong foundation for an even better future.

Looking Ahead to 2025

Next year marks an incredible milestone: the 60th anniversary of Windycrest Sailing Club! It's hard to believe how time has flown. Plans are already underway for celebratory events to honor this special occasion—stay tuned for updates and opportunities to get involved.

As we prepare for this landmark year, we remain committed to enhancing our facilities and improving communication:

- A new website is on the horizon to make it easier for members to stay connected and for the public to learn about our community.
- A modern, integrated bookkeeping and data management system will streamline administrative tasks and help keep us organized.

Commodore's Report – December (cont)



Welcome to Our New Rear Commodore

We are pleased to announce David Atkins as our new Rear Commodore. Following the vacancy left in October's elections, David bravely volunteered for the position. Per Article VIII, Section 4 of the Club Bylaws, the Board of Governors unanimously approved his appointment. Congratulations, David, and thank you for stepping up to serve our community!

End-of-Year Maintenance

As we wrap up the year, I encourage all members to ensure your boats and equipment are "ship shape."

- Check your boats, dock lines, and boat lifts for security and functionality.
- Label your trailers (your name should be on them) and inflate the tires.
- Repair or replace torn tarps and tidy up your spaces.

Keeping our Club well-maintained is a team effort, and your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Get Involved in 2025

If you're an active volunteer, thank you—your efforts make all the difference! For those looking to get more involved, there are plenty of opportunities to contribute. Reach out to any board member to learn how you can help.

Thank you for making 2024 such a success—here's to an even better 2025!

Fair winds,

Mick Walsh, Commodore

Windycrest Sailing Club, Inc.

Survival Times in Cold Water

So Windycrest... the information below is not meant to scare you. It is meant to inform you. On December 4, 2024, water temperature in Keystone was 51 degrees. And it is only getting colder.

Below does not talk about water shock, which is when you enter cold water from air temperature that is greater than 15 degrees higher than the water temp.

Far and away the most important thing to increase survival in cold water is wearing a PFD. Even on a boat at a dock. You won't be able to pull yourself out, or swim to shore. Be smart, be safe. Google up "cold water survival" to learn more.

Source: University of Minnesota

Water temperature (degrees Fahrenheit)	Loss of dexterity without protective clothing (minutes)	Exhausted or unconscious (drowning without flotation) minutes	Maximum swimming time for self-rescue (minutes)	Likely survival time (with flotation) hours	Maximum survival time (with flotation and protective gear) hours
32.5	less than 2	less than 15	none	less than 15-45 min	1.4
32.5-40	less than 3	15-30	0-7	2-3	1.5-5
40-50	less than 5	30-60	7-40	2-3	5-12
50-60	10-15	1-2 hours	40-75	3-5	12-22
60-70	30-40	2-7 hours	75-105	4-17	22-36
70-80	2 hours	7-12 hours	105-140	more than 17	36-54
over 80	2-12 hours	more than 12 hours	more than 140	more than 17	more than 54

THE 50-50-50 RULE

There is no scientific basis for these "rules", and they should never be used to "educate" the public about safety. In their book, *Essentials of Sea Survival*, Golden & Tipton suggest that 50-50-50 rules got their start when someone misinterpreted the 50% "marginal zone" survival curve published by Barnett in 1962.

Four Popular Versions

- A person has 5 minutes to swim 50 yards in 50°F (10°C) water and has 50/50 chance of surviving the attempt.
- You have a 50-50 chance to swim 50 yards in water at 50°F (10°C).
- A 50-year-old person has a 50-50 chance of surviving 50 minutes in 50°F (10°C)
- If someone is in 50°F (10°C) water for 50 minutes, he/she has a 50 percent better chance of survival if wearing a life jacket.

Fleet Captain's Report - December



For the 2025 season, we will be looking at a new format for scoring the whole season rather than making three different series. Keelboat and Centerboard will be on different Sundays. Keelboats will start early March having three Sunday race series in five weeks. Centerboards will start in mid-April, having three series in four-week span. Both KB and CB will have six race days complete by early July, will have a five-week break to start back racing Sundays again last week of August, to finish 10 race days total by mid-October.

Scoring will be scored by the day, and you will be scored by your best six days. Your score for each race day will be based on the number of boats you beat that enter the score sheet for that day. First out of 10 boats will receive 10 pts for the day, tenth place will receive one point for the day. This will allow for the series to be more competitive throughout the season, you will not need to worry about what series it is or if you made enough races to be scored. Race one race day and you will be scored for the season. Each race day having a maximum of three races, minimal of one race. We will have a Fleet Captains meeting in February to finalize the scoring, but this is the rough plan to increase participation, with less emphasis on seasonal series and more emphasis on come race when you can.

In addition to Sunday series racing, we will have 10 Wednesday night races, two full moon Wednesdays with two races, so a total of 12 Wednesday races, with six races scored for overall result. We will have our long distance series as well, St Paddys Day, Keystone Chili Bowl, Memorial Day, July Fourth, Labor Day. We may have a Frostbite (early March), Mother's Day, Keystone Cup regatta (late June/mid July), these are tentative possible events.

Saturday BBQ Cruise, starting late-May until end of summer, we plan on having cruising races/ raft-up/ beach day- BBQ, something less structured of racing but more fun and social for everyone. But will be dependent, on water level, wind, heat and interest of fleets will decide the mode of weekly theme.

October/ November Wave sailing was some of the best sailing of the season if you hate the summer heat. After the great drought ended and we lost our great beaches, we still had several great days of sailing the last two months of the year. Water was warm and the wind was solid. On November 24 we had 4 Hobie Waves on the water with 20-40mph winds, only two capsizes. Also we have 2 new waves added in the same week, which brings the fleet total to 10 boats.

Happy Hobiedayz and Merry McScowmas
Drew Ziegler
MC 2162, Hobie Wave 86

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 sailamc@aol.com or Leah Kelso at leah.kelso@hilti.com Preferred formats include word files and jpg graphics.



In Memory of Scott Craig

Windycrest member and talented artist Scott Craig passed away on Wednesday, December 4, 2024.

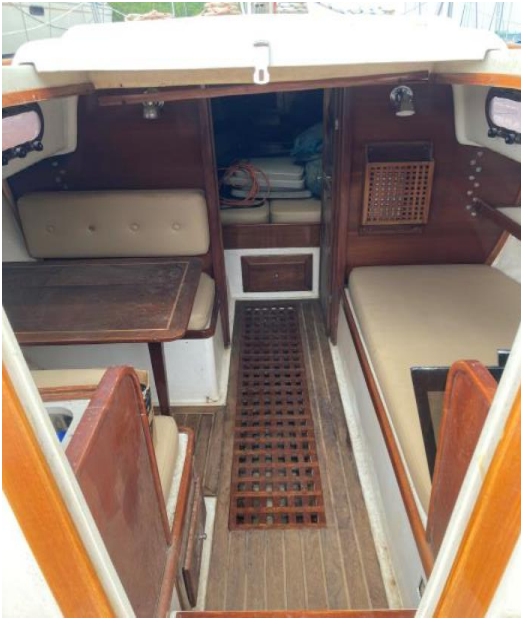
Scott brought an incredible amount of strength to his fight with ALS and was an inspiration to those who were fortunate enough to know him. After being diagnosed with ALS in 2019 he encouraged others to live their lives from a place of passion.

To learn more about Scott and his legacy, view his [memorial here](#).



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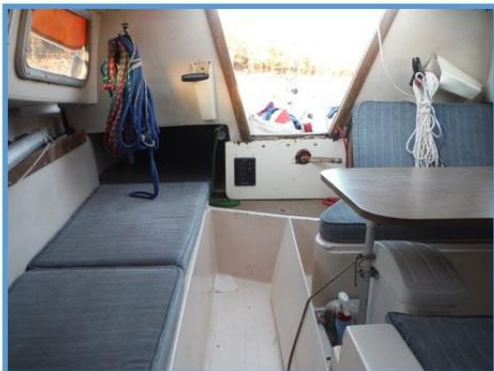
For sale. \$4,000. Ranger 26'. Call Bob McGinnis for details.



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6,000 lb Hydrohoist
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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 or Judy Andrews at

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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

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 or by email

clarkwwheeler@gmail.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
