

WINDWORD

Windycrest
SAILING CLUB

November 2017

12/4

BoG meeting

12/9

Holiday Party



Commodore Report

November 2017

We closed out the 2017 sailing season this weekend with a perfect mid-November afternoon. I want to thank everyone who helped out around the club this year. With every challenge, we have had many volunteers step in to help keep their club in order. We are lucky to have a very strong community of sailors that are passionate about their club. As the golden generation slows down, we are constantly seeking younger members to replenish the life of the Windycrest. We have already survived the 50 year expiration date of our lake silting in, who knows what other expectations we can exceed?

We strive to have sustainable growth with families who will invest in Windycrest for the long run. We rely on a lot of word of mouth, and the power of social media to spread the rumors of Windycrest's greatness. We don't have a large budget for promotional advertising, but always looking for unique recruiting opportunities. Jon Crump deserves many thanks for his commitment in making the TYPro's event a successful showcase of our hobby and beloved sacred sailing hole. Many first timers rant and rave about the vicinity of our hidden gem to Tulsa. We hope the conversion factor from guest to member that stems from these types of events will keep us from doing costly advertising.

With the low cost of our membership compared to similar clubs, we are able to contradict the stereotype that sailing is an expensive sport. With that being said, there comes a time when it is necessary to raise dues to avoid massive future replacement costs and continue preventive maintenance repairs. The BOG has discussed extensively over the last few meetings and has come to a solution that is fair for everyone. We believe that the rate increases will be sufficient to keep our club in working order for years to come.

Recently, the board has approved for asphalt work to be done on the lower lot entrance and make a road accessible driveway for the upper lot wash pad along with a reseal of our blacktop from the gate to the upper lot. The Prue road to our gate resurface project is still in the hands of Osage County and we are patiently waiting. We have taken delivery of our new Sea Ark chase boat. We will also be replacing the tie up dock this spring.

Everything is looking good for 2018 so far, please sign up for race committee, commit to crew, repair your boats, recruit your neighbors/friends/family. Call your fleet members get something going. The racing season might be over, but there will be plenty nice days to get out and sail over the winter. Chili Cook Off is right around the corner. See you at the Christmas Party!

Cheers

Commodore Drew Ziegler



23 young professionals came to Windycrest on Saturday, Nov 4th looking for a sustainable adventure. They found it!

Thank you to all the skippers, crew, race committee and other volunteers for making this a memorable event for our guests. Many more of you offered assistance than were needed so thanks to you who were there in spirit or fixing a water heater. Congratulations to Eddie Bryan for 'bragging rights' on reaching the moving finish line first on this sailing exhibition.

**Jon Crump
Former Fleet Captain**

How the Sail for Steve Regatta Raffle Changed My Life

David Hyman

When I was eight years old, I won a teakettle in a raffle celebrating a new shopping mall. For the next 45 years, I never won another random prize. Not a PTA raffle, not a church drawing, not an office pool, not the Publishers Clearing House. But then it happened. A handful of raffle tickets changed everything at the Sail for Steve charity regatta. I won Paul Foerster. Olympic sailing champion, multi-gold medalist, totally nice guy, Paul Foerster. For one whole afternoon racing about Keystone Lake, luck made Paul Foerster all mine to coach me and my crew on how to sail like an Olympic champ.

Here's how it all happened from beginning to end on the morning of September 9. The usual big crowd was gathered in the Windycrest pavilion for the event preliminaries, the welcomes, the thanks, the introductions of the many who supported ALS patients by turning out. Then came the raffle drawing, and I'm just milling about waiting for this all to end so I can insincerely congratulate some lucky winner and get on with the racing. At last, Steve and Mary Snider dive into the bucket of tickets and begin the drawing. The first ticket – not mine naturally – wins a ridiculously expensive cooler. Another wins a hat or something. Again, not mine, of course. On it went for half a dozen more prizes and not-mine's.

Everything else given away, the time came for the biggest prize of the day – Paul Foerster himself. The crowd quieted. Steve and Mary reach in. The mic goes over to Steve, "A day with three-time Olympic sailing gold medalist Paul Foerster goes to ... goes to ... David Hyman." Well smack me with a spinnaker pole. Quick, run down to the boat and clean it up. Coil the lines. Take out the good dishes. The universe has shifted; this is no teapot. This is big-time stuff. Can't let Paul Foerster think we are sailboat rubes. No, can't do that; have to be on our best. If Steve Elliott can think I steer like a dolt, what will the great Paul Foerster think? We don't even have matching team t-shirts. Oh, lordy, this ain't going to go well.

Well, it wasn't like that at all. We had a blast with Paul. Right away, he was one of us, cutting up and chatting easily about everything. My crew and Paul hit it off immediately. All of us – my son, Jonathan Hyman (former WSC junior Opti champ), my friend Steve Elliott, and hearty young midshipman Ben Hoel -- had a wonderful time with him. Paul was generous with his knowledge and sailing tales, and each of us was rewarded with a bit of Paul's sailing know-how and insights on how to make a sailboat go.

Paul took the middle crew position tending the mainsheet; but mostly he was the orchestra conductor directing sail trim, course adjustment, start timing and position. He patiently recommended steering advice to me, he encouraged Jonathan on the winches, and he and Steve – no sailing slouch himself – wrapped themselves into some pretty friendly yet high-level talk about sailing tactics and theory. And Paul was particularly kindly and supportive of young Ben. Here's an example of something I unexpectedly learned from Paul – you can roll tack a 4,000-pound keelboat. Really, it can be done; but it works much better with an Olympic gold medalist showing how to do it.

With Paul on board we did pretty darned well in the afternoon's racing. Not only did I win Paul himself, but with him we won the whole regatta. After so long, so much winning all at once was almost too much to bear.



Notice of Series

Carol Williams Pond

1. Event: The Greater Tulsa Model Yacht Club will conduct the Winter Series beginning Sunday November 19th at Carol Williams Pond in Tulsa Oklahoma. The Series Ends March 18th
 2. Rules: The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as any of these are changed by the sailing instructions, and by rules of the authority governing the waters on which the event is sailed. Sailing instructions will be available online at <http://www.gtmyc.org>
 3. Eligibility & Entries: Eligible boats are remote control wind powered CR914 Class sailing boats.
 4. Schedule:
1:15 Race course set up
2:00 Start of Race 1
Races 2+ to follow
- ***No Racing December 24th***
5. Weather: If at Noon of the race day the temperature is colder than 40F or wind gusts are greater than 20 mph, racing for that day will be cancelled. If the pond surface is frozen, racing that day is cancelled. The Fleet Captain will notify of cancellations via text message.
 6. Notices to Competitors: Notices to competitors will be made orally prior to racing that day. Notices may also be emailed to participants or sent via text message using info supplied by the participant during registration.
 7. Changes to the Rules: The sailing instructions may modify the rules.
 8. Prizes: Bragging rights are available.
 9. Scoring: The regatta will be scored using the Low Point system of Appendix A, except as modified by the sailing instructions.

Questions: Contact IV McNamara s20sailor@gmail.com 918.978.4232

Spectators are welcome!

If you are interested in RC sailing and want to give it a try, please contact IV McNamara to use our loaner boat.

Sailing with Paul Foerster

As we were sailing out of the slip on our way to the race course for the Sunday race that was part of the “Sail for Steve” week-end, Darrel Daniel asked us if we would like to have Paul Forrester to sail with us on the Sunday race. My response was of course a resounding “YES!”

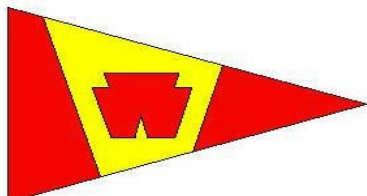
With Paul’s guidance, we had a very good start. Paul gave us several hints as we went up the course, such as “Sail a little flatter,” “Watch the Tell-tail’s a little better,” etc. He really stood out concerning strategy. It seemed we were always on the lifted tack & sailing in the best wind on the lake.

The entire race I kept thinking, wouldn’t it be great to have Paul on the boat with me every race day.

We finished the race way ahead of all the other boats, but there seemed to be a major problem. We were told that we were over early at the start, but I didn’t care! It was such a great experience to be able to sail with Paul Forrester.

Harvey Baker





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Call Meeting to order: Drew Ziegler (Commodore), Bryan Wutzke (Vice Commodore), Jason Williams (Rear Commodore), David Hyman (Fleet Captain), Cathy Casad (Secretary), Tom Proctor (Treasurer), Victor Wandres (Activities Chairman), and IV McNamara (Past Commodore)

Guests present: Kevin Calman (Facilities Manager), Steve Elliott, Terry Rainey

Terry Rainey offered to build three new wooden deck chairs to replace old chairs. BOG approved to cover material costs.

Secretary comments:

Tom reported a correction to the October meeting's minutes, Flying Scott boats were in reference to the Windycup event. The minutes were then approved.

Windword editor comments: Windword deadline is Sunday, November 12.

Windycrest Sailing Club Bylaws

The proposed changes to bylaws will be circulated to members.

Treasurer report:

Tom Proctor reviewed the monthly finance statement. October budget is on target. Two membership accounts are past due.

BOG budgets are due to Treasurer by November 22. Budget runs November 2017 through October 2018.

Vice Commodore report:

Bryan Wutzke reported:

If people have ideas for work party please submit to Bryan Wutzke.
(They may report any repairs/improvements.)

BOG discussed and approved the bid for asphalt work on three job locations on the club grounds. Job includes crackfilling asphalt pavement (club road within gate was last paved in 2013), excavating and installing new asphalt in certain asphalt drainage areas needing repairs and to add a new entry into wash pad to the MC Lot.

We might need to get a group of club members to attend a county meeting to encourage the road to Windycrest to be asphalted soon.

Facility Manager report:

Kevin reported bathhouse had issues with drain backing up and it has been fixed.

BoG Minutes Cont'd

Activities Captain report:

Victor Wandres report:

TYPRO's association (Tulsa Young Professional) sailing event was successful. We might expand to offer more clubs to crew with our members at the sailboat races. Goal is to target younger people to have exposure to sailing and they potentially might join Windycrest.

Windycrest Turkey Fry will be Saturday, November 11.

Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 9, including dinner and dance with a nine piece soul funk band. Planning committee met in October. Invitations will go out mid-November. RSVP and payment can be done by credit card or by check. Kids are welcome to attend party.

We are considering having a Circle Cinema movie night during the winter months.

Fleet Captain report:

David Hyman reported:

Plan offering Racing Seminars during winter months for our sailors.
Collect a list of skippers and crew members to share among the club.
List of Race Committee people who would be interested in learning how to run the races.
Work on ideas to encourage more sailors to participate in races.
Start putting together next year's calendar dates.

Rear Commodore report:

Jason Williams reported:

The new motorboat is still on order and no report yet when it will be available.
Planning next year's week long junior camp and the adult sailboat training.
Jason will look into getting level 1 instructor training.

Past Commodore report:

IV McNamara reported:

Continued dock repair discussions.

Commodore report:

Drew Ziegler report:

2018 Rate Change proposal was discussed by the BOG. Email with discussed fee changes will be sent out to BOG and approval will be made by email this week.

Meeting was adjourned 8:35 p.m. The next meeting will be on **December 4, 2017**, at the Case Community Center at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully yours,
Cathy Casad
Windycrest Secretary

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Posted 10/05/16

Catalina 22 #5625 (1977) - call for price.

4 HP Johnson 2 stroke 2 cylinder motor, Pop-up top, Port-a-potty,
Damaged Mainsail, 150 Genoa, OEM Jib, No trailer , Dock slip C34.

Contact Jerry Rice at 918-855-1475