

WINDWORD



December 2019

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| 1/1 | IHBC Raft-Up/Fireside Gathering at Noon | 2/1 | Dues Due |
| 1/5 | Frostbite Race #1 | 2/2 | Frostbite # 3 |
| 1/7 | Board of Governors Meeting | 2/4 | Board of Governors Meeting |
| 1/11 | Post Holidays, New Year & Awards Event | 2/16 | Frostbite #4 |
| 1/19 | Frostbite Race #2 | | |



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918.289.5613**

Docks and Roads: Word from the Vice Commodore

David Hyman, Vice Commodore

Consider this: Windycrest is an awfully big and elaborate place. Run your mind's eye around just a partial inventory of our facilities: 5 docks housing 105 boat slips; 2 enormous floating breakwaters; 5 buildings with showers, sinks and toilets; 5 boat and boat-trailer lots; 16 travel trailer sites; half a mile of paved roadway; 1500 feet of water line; over 2000 feet of electrical lines; 4 power boats; 22 moorings; an electric gate; 500 feet of paved footpaths — all on acres and acres of land. It's a grand place that many other boating clubs dream of having. Generations of Windycrest members built the club site for us to enjoy, and now it's our turn to conserve and maintain it for us and for the next generation of sailors. A big and very important responsibility.

Although much of the needed maintenance and improvement happens on the annual Spring work party day, the job continues without rest the other 364 days. Water lines break and must be patched. Electrical circuits fail and must be rewired. Docks lose boards that must be replaced. Outboard motors need servicing. Trees need trimming. Roofs leak. Our capable facilities managers have ably handled the day-to-day care of our facilities, and often more. But there are critical things that exceed one man's capability. So, we are fortunate that many Windycrest members dependably attend to countless necessary repairs all through the year. Consider the half a dozen or so members — the Windycrest Chain Gang — who keep our docks and breakwaters from irremediable disrepair.

But as our facilities age, deterioration and breakdowns become more frequent and more extensive. Recent high winds, for example, tore our largest breakwater from its anchors and threatened to drive it into C Dock. The Chain Gang quickly attacked the loose breakwater only to find several of its anchor chains so dangerously rusted that they could not hold. Repairs were made; but it was clear that a long-term evaluation of all the dock and breakwater anchors is critically needed.

Beginning early next year, therefore, a new facilities committee will begin a comprehensive evaluation of the entire Windycrest property — buildings, roads, utilities, docks, everything. Its aim will be the identification of everything that needs repair — both immediate and eventual — and the creation of a long-range inspection and maintenance schedule. It's hoped that this will keep breakdowns and failures to a minimum, keep our great facilities in good condition far into the future, and keep our maintenance costs as low as possible.

Needless to say, if you know of anything that calls for maintenance or repair, please call or email me right away. It is our club to enjoy; so let's not let it fall into disrepair. Reach me at vice.commodore@windycrest.com.

Past Commodore's Report

Well, here I am, older, slower and hopefully smarter, back on the WSC Board. The club has a great Board in place for next year and it is my pleasure to again serve as Past Commodore.

Saturday January 11, 2020 we will gather at My Studio for a New Years, Post-Holiday, & Awards party.

Recently participation in club events has begun to wane. Also, we are very bad about not making our reservations in a timely manner. I hope that you will support the club by attending this party.

Years ago Lisa Weatherholt sent me this quotation that I would like to leave you with.

There are good ships,
and there are wood ships,
The ships that sail the sea.
But the best ships, are friendships,
and may they always be....

Jo Ann Chandler
Past Commodore



This quote seems appropriate for this month's article, as I want to encourage everyone to spend a few minutes on the websites mentioned below; pick up a few pointers at the very least.

Upon acquiring his first boat the yachtsman discovers that its use is going to involve intimate, personal contact with rope and cordage, and to a far greater extent than he ever anticipated.

Hervey Garrett Smith, *The Arts of the Sailor*

The other day I was looking online for sailing resources, so that I could properly respond to some emails from prospective members. I hope that they will join, and the information was intended to be encouragement. Since I am convalescing from hip replacement surgery, I had ample time for a deep dive. Most of us can benefit from practicing our knots and watching some videos about docking, winches, racing tactics, you name it. There are a few sites that have numerous short videos about skills that we use whenever we sail. As a relatively new keelboat sailor, I need to know more about anchoring for instance. I also like to geek out with learning more knots.

<https://www.animatedknots.com/boating-knots> Years ago Skeeter told me about these 'animated knots'; it's still here and still great.

<https://asa.com/new-sailor-resources/> Sailing Made Easy, Knots Made Easy, Docking Made Easy - Three categories, each full of video clips to increase your knowledge so you can have more fun at the lake.

<https://www.westmarine.com/WestAdvisor/West-Advisor-Articles> These are articles and videos about EVERYTHING in and on your boat, advice that you didn't even know that you needed! This has content about products and rigging and setting up your boat.

2020 sailing instructional programs are still in the planning stages, but by January things should be shaping up. There will be programs for both children and adults, and I welcome input and questions. In fact, you can help make the programs better. I have taught with the juniors almost annually for around 20 years, and have also helped with the adult program.



This is the goal for 2020:

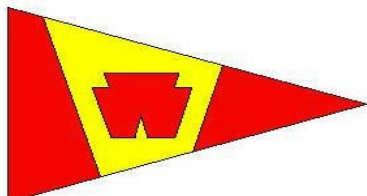
Everyone should feel this happy!

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Lisa Weatherholt

Rear Commodore

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Call Meeting to order: Skeeter Chilton (Commodore), David Hyman – (Vice Commodore), Lisa Weatherholt - (Rear Commodore), Dan Jarrett - absent (Fleet Captain), Maurice Casad -(Secretary), Gary Worley - (Treasurer), Mark Hoagland - (Activities Chairman) and Jo Ann Chandler - (Past Commodore), Christian Supernaw – absent (Facilities Manager), Julie Stilwell – (Windward editor).

Guests present: Carmen Skelton, member.

Old Business:

The certificate of ownership for Donna Rutledge's donated Catalina 22 was officially transferred to Carmen Skelton.

The use of credit cards to pay WSC dues and fees was discussed at length. Using credit cards or similar forms of 3rd party credit will entail added fees, averaging around 2.5 to 3%. Oklahoma law now states that retailers cannot raise prices to offset credit fees, but the Board doesn't believe this law will apply to WSC since no goods or services are supplied, and there is no applicable market value that can be assigned to the WSC dues.

A motion was proposed and seconded to add 3rd party credit options for payment of club dues and fees. The motion passed unanimously.

A second motion was proposed to raise dues by \$25 for payment by credit card, with a \$25 discount if paid by cash or check. This would cover the service fee added by 3rd party credit companies. The motion passed, not unanimously. Further discussions were held concerning the payment of added fees by 3rd party credit for the other costs of membership such as boat storage, slip and mooring fees, Windyrest etc.

The county road up to WSC has been repaired with the potholes filled with gravel.

WSC has been in contact with Osage County to do further repairs and improvements on the road. A chip and seal would cost WSC approximately \$15,000+, and new asphalt topping would be over \$25,000. The homeowners along the road and any other private businesses would be asked to contribute to the costs but would be under no obligation to do so.

New Business:

One of the breakwaters at WSC has been compromised again with the high winds recently. At least one of the anchors has drifted or come loose allowing the breakwater to move out of position. The breakwater will be repositioned correctly and re-anchored, and more anchors may be added if necessary. Jay at Dock Services will analyze the structure and make recommendations.

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One of the “fingers” on C dock seems to be out of position, this will also be analyzed and repaired if necessary.

The future of A dock was again discussed. This dock is over 50 years old and may be beyond repair. There are currently enough empty slips in the other docks to allow A dock to be removed and not replaced. If more slips are needed in the future a new dock could be considered.

Secretary Report:

Maurice Casad

The November minutes of meeting were approved.

Windycrest Editor Report:

Julie Stilwell

Julie Stilwell announced her retirement effective immediately as Windward editor after 5 years of service. The board very much appreciates the job Julie has done and is very sorry to have her resign. Anyone interested in the position should let one of the WSC board members know.

Treasurer Report:

Gary Worley:

The monthly finance statement was reviewed, no concerns were noted.

Gary will be putting together next years budget, and each board member was asked to submit their proposed budget items for next year.

Activities Captain Report:

Mark Hoagland:

The proposed holiday party and awards presentation this year is now planned for January 11th from 5 to 7 pm, with light oeur d'oeuvres, beer and wine served. The venue is the “My Studio” space at the Fontana Shopping Center.

Vice Commodore Report:

David Hyman:

A maintenance committee is being assembled to discuss the best path forward for necessary remedial maintenance due to age and the record high water this summer. Erosion around the club, water lines to the docks, electrical services, building infrastructure will all be analyzed and repair methods and costs prepared for review and approval.

Rear Commodore Report:

Lisa Weatherholt:

The current sailing training options and associated fees at WSC were discussed. The training for both young and old, experienced and novice will be reviewed and analyzed to seek opportunities for improvement.

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Fleet Captain Report:

Dan Jarrett, absent

The start sequence timer and horn for the race committee boat needs to be replaced. Various options ranging from \$350 to \$700 were discussed, and a suitable replacement will be identified and purchased for next season's racing.

2020 racing schedule - added holiday regattas that would span 2 days over Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day etc. was discussed. If these regattas are held the results would be added into the overall season results.

Facility Manager Report:

No Facility Manager report

Past Commodore Report:

No report this month.

Commodore Report:

Skeeter Chilton:

Commodore report was part of the review of old and new business.

Meeting was adjourned 8:38 p.m. The next meeting will be on **Monday January 6, 2020** at the Case Community Center at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully yours,
Maurice Casad
Windycrest Secretary

Bareboat Sailing

For those of you not familiar with the term "bareboat", it means that the individual skipper rents a boat from (usually) a commercial owner and uses it for pleasure. I have made bareboat trips in Croatia, Greece, the British Virgin Islands, the Canary Islands, St. Lucia and Martinique. They were all wonderful and exciting trips. I recommend that if you are seeking adventure and fun, try bareboating.

After I qualified for my bareboat certification (which is all you need unless you want to sail a catamaran) I went on an ASA affiliated trip to Croatia. You will also need an FAA radio license (which requires a fee and an application) and an international certificate (requires an application and \$40). If you go to the ASA website, look under Charters and Flotillas, then under Affiliate Organized Flotillas and pick your destination. Your "Commodore" will guide you what to do next. If you especially want to be the skipper, tell him before you book the trip, otherwise he may put you on a boat as a crewman. If you don't have a Bareboat Certificate, then you cannot be the skipper. You can take as many people with you as there is room and you can afford.

I went with Med Sailing Adventures to Croatia. It was a wonderful trip and we saw a lot of the cultural sites on land and the aquatic sites on the Adriatic Sea. Croatia has a lot of nearby islands and the waters are calm. Many Americans worry about language barriers and travel problems, but we found that most people speak English (it is the British version) and there are very few travel restrictions.

I recommend that you get at least a boat that is 39 feet LOA, but not too much longer. I rented a 39 foot boat; our group consisted of three adults and a child. We didn't have any problems and the Commodore (who was on a different boat) answered all of our questions when we needed a little help.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss a trip, just call me at 918-261-4074.

Gary Worley
Treasurer





WSC Classifieds

FOR SALE:

Chesapeake Wherry Row Boat
Built from kit 2006
Wooden Lapstrake Construction
Length 17'9"
Beam 38"
Carbon Fiber Hatchet Blade Oars

\$500.00

Buyer responsible for pick up or shipping

918-595-5552



WSC Classifieds

4000 pound Hydro hoist with a dry keel tub. The keel tub allows the keel to stay dry when the boat is sitting on the Hydro .The hoist is selling for \$1300.

6000 pound Hydro hoist for sale. This hoist is selling for \$1800. Both hoists are at Windycrest Sailing Club

Call or text Bob at 918-629-930



2013 J/70 #239 w/ trailer. \$34,000
Never campaigned. Never trailered after delivery.
Never kept in water. Sailed only in club races.
Located: Tulsa, OK
Contact: Roger Kerr 918-284-7910



**Catalina 27 with 4 horse Yamaha and roller curler for sale \$1500.
Take a look on "A" dock....Eveready II.**

**Contact Ken Madewell @
918-636-1214. leave message**

E scow For Sale

1995 model 28ft. E scow. Includes trailer and numerous sails. Sails include a new unused spinnaker. The boat is old style (non-bow sprit) in good condition and not heavily used. It needs a new cover. Includes upgrade extras of dual compasses and hiking straps that are not currently installed on the boat. Currently stored at Tsa-La-Gi Yacht Club. \$6,000. For more information contact Burdette Blue 918-583-1166

ISLAND HOPPER MOTOR FOR SALE

Type: extendable shaft, air cooled, 2HP, easy carry (16 lbs), 2 cycle, less than 2 hrs total use. Perfect for small boats on wind failing days. Paid \$670. Firm at \$300. Bob Wandres, 918-813-1052

CLASSIFIEDS



Santana 20 #700 (1985) - \$1,400 or best offer

Includes original sails (mainsail, jib, 150% genoa, and spinnaker)

plus a North Sails 150% genoa and a second spinnaker ("Tomato")

Also includes trailer. Located in the upper dry-sail keel-boat lot.

Contact Skip Chandler at (918) 237-0060

