



There is the Right Way.
There is the Wrong Way.

And then there is the
WINDYCREST WAY!



September 2021



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5	6 Labor Day LDR #5 BOG Meeting	7	8	9	10	11 Sail for ALS/Steve
12 CB and Keel Race 3 + 4	13	14	15	16	17	18 National-Cheeseburger Day
19 Talk like a Pirate Day	20	21	22	23	24	26
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From Commodore David Hyman



During my time as Windycrest's Vice Commodore and then as its Commodore, I have walked Windycrest's grounds countless times — in particular its docks and dry sail lots. Each time I do, I lament the many forgotten and forlorn boats, their member-owners seeming to have lost all interest in sailing. And probably having lost interest in Windycrest Sailing Club itself.

No doubt, to these members Windycrest is no different from a commercial marina, some place to which they pay money so that they won't have to think about their boat for another year. For them, Windycrest isn't a club where they can share the enjoyment of sailing and the other members' company. For them it is just a service to which they have unloaded their boat.

I think it is a pity that those members have forgotten the pleasure of the Windycrest community. And it is sad that they have forgotten the fun of sailing.

If indeed all that is true, do we care that Windycrest has lost those "inactive" members' presence? Do we want to change their notion that Windycrest is a marina, but instead a delightful and fun community — a community engaged in the fun of sailing and social activity as the founders of the club envisioned. For my part, I say "Yes we do care." And I reckon many of you do too. But what, if anything, can we do about it? I have some ideas, and I suspect that some of you might also.

Therefore, in my final couple of months as Commodore, I will convene a volunteer task force of members to figure out how to begin bringing those "inactive" members back. We will look at what Windycrest does well, what we need begin doing, what we need to change, what we need to stop doing. And then, how to convince those "inactive" members to reconnect with Windycrest. Any idea will be welcome, and once we have some good ideas, we can work on implementing them. Your ideas might be new or different social events, cruising events, or racing events, new training programs, facility improvements, whatever you can think of.

I am asking all of you for your help in this vital effort. Please don't hang back. Send me an email telling me that you would like to be on this idea committee, or, if you don't feel like joining a committee, instead send me your ideas. Here is my email address: commodore@windycrest.com

Because if we don't revive those members' participation and, as important, keep others from slipping away, Windycrest could become a marina instead of a club.

Thanks for thinking about this. And please step forward to help in this.

David



Windycrest Haiku Poetry



September is here, and things keep on going. I love the fall and look forward to some sweatshirt weather.

Covid - No Covid. Food - No Food. We always have the water and the wind.

See you at the Lake.

Mark

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Windycrest Sailing Club



9th Sail for ALS



Saturday September 11,



2021

This year's regatta will honor the memory of our fallen sailor and friend Steve Snider. For the 9th year in a row the Windycrest's charity regatta will benefit APSO, which is an organization helping Oklahoman's cope with a devastating disease. Our money stays right here in Green Country, so please put your money where you heart is by giving, sailing, and volunteering for this regatta. It's all for all those Oklahoman's who fight ALS every day.

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR LUNCH and SAILING
by WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH**

Register on-line at: www.windycrest.com

Schedule - September 11th, 2021

8:00 to 11:30 – Registration/Check In
10:00 - First Start, 12:00 Last Start PYS hand-icapped
2:00 - End of Race, everyone Finished or Finished in Place
2:30 - Snacks, Keg de-briefs, and trophies to follow. Please wear mask and practice social distancing.

Entry Fee: Your donation will be your entry fee. Please give what you can or what you can afford. Remember, it's for a great cause. If you can not give at least sail.

Please present your donation the day of the race, or via credit card on the APSO website.

<https://www.alspatientservices.com>

Sponsors and Sponsorships

Our friends and organizations outside of Windycrest are cordially invited to participate in the regatta and accompanying festivities.

We can arrange the following for our Sail for Steve sponsors:

Ride on boats sailing in the regatta.

Provide lunch for you and your crew if you sail.

Suggested Sponsorship Levels:

___\$25 ___\$50 ___\$100 ___\$300

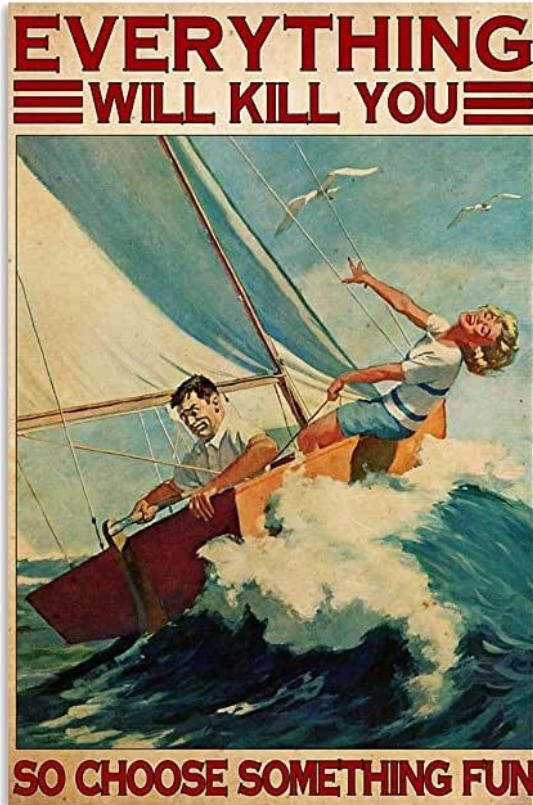
___\$500 ___\$1,000 ___\$2,500

APSO's Mission: To assist with those non-medical services that would otherwise fall through the cracks. This could include, minor home repairs, modifications for accessibility, housework, yard work, errands, care giving assistance, ALS education, emotional and or spiritual support. Virtually any services that volunteers or skilled labor may be able to provide. We collaborate with local churches, civic organizations and corporate sponsors to organize and mobilize these resources.



If you are interest in a bareboat sail (a rented boat, possibly a cruising catamaran) from the Canary Islands to Mallorca with a group of sailors from Windycrest in March of next year, call Gary Worley 918-261-4074.





Hey MC Gang. Well, there hasn't been a whole lot for MC sailing going on. First off there is no series going on. The fact that it has been hot isn't so great and when you combine that with some pretty light air days, not a lot has been happening. The MC fleet has started a Slack account, which is the next level up from our popular text thread. (We needed to grow.) Any member can join it. Contact Stephen Gent for an invitation.

We do have an August long distance race coming up, number 4 of 5 in the series. And the 5th LD race to follow on Labor Day. This has been a good series for the Club. We have had lots of keelboats involved. It is pretty laid back, but you can get racy if you like. You do each race on pretty much your own terms, which is part of the fun and challenge. If you haven't tried it yet, give it a shot. The best part is rehashing the race with everyone at the end of the day.

We are in the planning stages of our MC Southwest Regatta that Windycrest will host on October 2 & 3. You can learn all about it and register for the regatta at this link:
https://www.mcscow.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=612443&item_id=1516900

Due to the rise in Covid 19 in Oklahoma, we are planning to run the event similarly to the way it was last year. Masks, no food service, no planned parties, and social distancing as the norm. We want to have the event but at the same time it is imperative that we protect members, guests, and RC to the utmost of our ability. If necessary, the event is subject to cancellation.

Stay Vid Free!
Danny Ziegler, MC 2693



San Juan 7.7



FROM AROUND THE WORLD AND YOUR OWN BACKYARD.



Not all news is sailing news. Some is just fun information.

Kids Rescue a Pair of Club 420 Dinghies

By Brett Langolf

The prep crew recently rescued and restored two Club 420 sailing dinghies using a combination of their own tenacity and West System® Epoxy. They achieved this through our youth sailing organization, More Kids On Sailboats (MKOS). At MKOS, we strive to let the kids lead, make mistakes, and learn how to do better the next time.

The Club 420 project allowed them to do just that.



The Club 420 is a seaworthy and stable boat design that's popular in youth sail training. It features a durable, reinforced hull, is simple to sail, and popular in North American youth sailing competitions. The "420" indicates the boat's length in centimeters.

Club 420 after our delivery from Milwau-

Prep Crew to the Rescue

Last September, we made a social media post requesting the donation of a Club 420 dinghy. This led to a road trip to Milwaukee Community Sailing Center (MCSC) to rescue two Club 420s whose next tack was towards the dumpster. We brought along three kids from the program's prep crew. The mutual feeling of excitement for the boats' future from our crew and MCSC was palpable. If boats have feelings, this pair of Club 420s were as excited for their next adventure as we were.

The Club 420 Cleanup Begins

The MKOS prep crew dove in with power washers, scrub brushes, and knives. Yes, knives—to cut out the bird nests, hornet nests and mouse burrows. At this point in the process, the adults were not sure what was salvageable. But true to our mission, we let the kids lead the charge. They took indelible felt markers to the hull to identify weak spots, cosmetic flaws, fiberglass gouges and, of course, the opportunity to make their mark via autographs.



Bring on the Power Tools

Properly equipped with safety gear and instructions, the prep crew literally dug in, grinding out soft spots with angle grinders. They were initially worried about grinding too deep or too far or "cutting the boat in half." In response, a mantra was quickly born, "There's nothing that we can't fix with West System." With the fear of failure eliminated, the kids were able to confidently sand and grind beveled sections to prepare for fiberglass and epoxy repair.



This entry was posted in [Boat Repair](#), [Fiberglass Boat Repair](#) and tagged [Brett Langolf](#), [Club 420](#), [Epoxyworks 53](#), [Fall 2021](#), [kids and epoxy](#), [MKOS](#), [sailing dinghies](#) on [August 24, 2021](#) by [Grace Ombrly](#).

Exoxy Works



Kids Rescue continued



Science on the Hard

We know sailing is filled with science and math on the water including wind angles, tactics, weather, hull design, and sail design. But the MKOS program prep crew experienced firsthand how science and math are intrinsic to boat restoration “on the hard.”

Luckily warm March sunshine brought temperatures above 50°F, allowing us to make repairs with epoxy. We added equal pump strokes of West System 105 Resin and 205 Fast Hardener, stirred it with our mixing sticks, then added 406 High-Density Filler. The crew measured fiberglass, cut it, and laid it down as described in “Repairing Gelcoat Stress Cracks” by Terry Monville in Epoxyworks 52. They smoothed the epoxy over the fiberglass with 808 Plastic Spreaders.

We were quick to answer our young prep crew’s many questions: Is it working (editors note: It should not!)? Why does it smell like that? And, Woah, should it be smoking? The shock and awe of liquid epoxy turning solid was magical.

Reaching the Finish Line

We plugged in the power tools again, making heavy use of disposable gloves and sleeves as we faired in our fiberglass and epoxy repairs. Sanding with 120-grit then switching to 220-grit was repeated often. Finally, we got the surface smooth enough to be fast on the water. The finishing touches included filling some tiny pits with West System 105/205 loaded into syringes.



Club 420 Dinghies, ready for the Water

The final step was prepping the hulls with primer and painting with Interlux Brightside® polyurethane topside paint. We then flipped the boats over to finish the decks. The boats are now on the water and on the racecourse, filled with girls and boys moving to the next MKOS programs: Practice and Perform.



About MKOS

We believe that allowing kids to exercise critical thinking skills, make mistakes, and

solve problems will develop the grit and skills they need for success in life. More Kids

On Sailboats (MKOS) is a 501 (c)(3) dedicated to instilling these skills in today’s youth.

These opportunities come both on and off the water through four core programs:

1. Prep: Boat restoration & repair
2. Practice: Learning to sail & introduction to new boats
3. Perform: Racing team
4. Provide: Philanthropic connection

To see these boats, learn about the crew or provide support, follow us on Facebook, Instagram or morekidsonsailboats.org.



Sizzler was definitely the word for Saturday. Nice day for a warm, challenging cruise around the marks in Yom Tov, until we had to scramble to find a camera.



Low Key coming up fast.



Where Did they come from?



Just pass on by.....

Mark and Nancy Lobo

Catalina 22 #1286, Yom Tov
Fleet 11 - Windycrest Sailing Club - Slip
D21



Nautical Language: Expressions from Our Seafaring Roots

written by *SailZing Editor*

- ✦ **Aloof:** A nautical order to keep the ship's head to the wind, thus to stay clear of a lee shore or some other quarter. The front part of the sail which meets the wind is called the luff. A sailing vessel that could point higher to windward and hold its speed better than another was said to stand apart or to sail a-luff that later became aloof. Today the word is used to describe a person who is distant or stands apart from the others.
- ✦ **Clean Bill of Health:** A widely used term which originates from the "Bill of Health", a document issued to a ship showing that the port it sailed from suffered from no epidemic or infection at the time of departure.
- ✦ **Cut and Run:** Hurry off abruptly; to escape by a sudden maneuver. This phrase comes from the act of cutting the anchor line in an effort to make a quick getaway. Alternately, the saying comes from the cutting of the rope yarns used to fasten the sails so the sails could fall quickly when the need to get under way was urgent.
- ✦ **Fathom it:** In the days of sailing vessels, soundings were made by lowering a lead weight on hemp line. As the line was retrieved, it was measured with outstretched arms. Today the expression "can't fathom it" means that we don't understand or can't work it out or, closer to the origination, we can't find the depth of the meaning in something.
- ✦ **Filibuster:** From the Dutch for 'vrybouter' (freebooter) translated into French as 'flibustier'. It is now used as a political term meaning to delay or obstruct the passage of legislation by non-stop speech making. The term originated from the Buccaneers known in England as filibusters who would stop sailing vessels.
- ✦ **Mind your P's and Q's:** Sailors would get credit at the taverns in port until they were paid. The barman would keep a record of their drinks on a chalkboard behind the bar. A mark was made under "P" for pint or "Q" for quart. On payday, the sailors were liable for each mark next to his name, so he was forced to "mind his P's and Q's." Today the term means to remain well behaved.
- ✦ **Over a barrel:** Sailors being punished were sometimes tied over a cannon barrel when being whipped. Today the expression is used when someone is in a bad situation and that there is often no other possible course of action.
- ✦ **Pipe Down:** This originally nautical term was used as an officer's whistle sound denoting the completion of an above-deck work shift and thereby giving permission to go below. This expression is now used to mean "be quiet" or keep quiet".
- ✦ **Pooped:** This word is used to denote the swamping of an aft deck when sailing downwind in high following seas. Today the word is used synonymously with worn-out or fatigued, perhaps as the crew member may have been on a "pooped" deck.
- ✦ **Rummage sale:** This term is used synonymously with yard sale or garage sale. The term comes from the French word 'arrimage' meaning "the loading of a cargo ship." The damaged cargo or rummage was occasionally sold.
- ✦ **Showing your true colors:** This is an expression which originated from the old warship custom of having flags from many places available onboard to deceive a potential enemy. Showing your true colors meant to use the ship's correct flag. The expression now means much the same— to reveal one's true intentions.
- ✦ **Skyscraper:** This word is most commonly used to describe a tall building. The word originates from the term for a small, triangular shaped sail that was set above the other sails on the old square-rigged vessels. They were so tall they seemed to scrape the sky.
- ✦ **Taken Aback:** This is a term used to describe the position of a sailing vessel with the bow or front facing directly into the wind so that neither side of the sails fill. Today the expression is used to describe a sense of being surprised or shocked by an unforeseen event.
- ✦ **Whole nine yards:** This expression means everything or all encompassing. The expression comes from the old square-rigged sailing vessels that had three masts with three yards of sails on each. The whole nine yards meant all sails were up.



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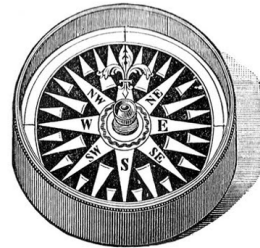
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CND reply: This is a lighthouse. Your call.



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