

First SW Regional Championship

Windycrest Sailing Club, Tulsa, OK
October 5-6, 1991

Windycrest SC (Fleet 32) hopes this will be an annual regatta attracting more and more sailors. The following report about this regatta and about Windycrest were submitted just too late for the October issue. Editor.

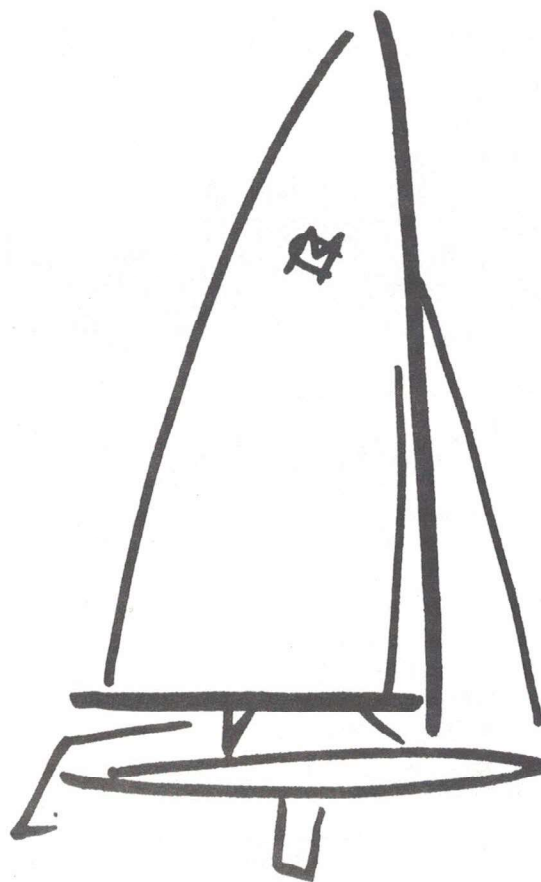
Strong winds and unseasonably cold temperatures during the week preceding the event resulted in a smaller than anticipated turn out. But sunny skies and warm breezes greeted the sailors on Saturday morning. They prepared for the racing in happy anticipation of good sailing conditions. Unfortunately, it didn't turn out that way. It was warm and pleasant enough, but the wind varied from northwest to northeast, back and forth, in no discernible pattern. Velocity ranged from zero in the "holes" to 8-10 mph in the general air flow. Dust devils crossed the lake just as they do on open fields, playing havoc with any boat unfortunate enough to encounter them.

The MC scows participated as a fleet in Windycrest's funky little fun regatta, KISS (Keystone Interclass Single-Handed Sailoff) which is limited to three races on Saturday. Drew Mize, the recent Texas State championship winner, was the winner of the KISS MC Scow Trophy. But after four races, John Kerr, 1988 Windycrest 1988 club champ, who's been on a sailing sabbatical, was the leader, with Harvey Baker, last year's champion, close behind. Baker's win in the fifth race gave him the championship.

Keystone Lake (where the regatta is sailed) is a Corp of Engineers impoundment created by building a dam across the Arkansas River where it had cut a path through the hills. These hills always alter the direction and velocity of the wind but rarely so severely as during these races. So the crazy winds were the result of weather conditions, not shore effects.

Windycrest owns property adjacent to Corp property on Barker Cove. Shoreline for docks and water for moorings is leased from the Corp. No permanent structures may be built on Corp property so the club makes do with a roofed structure whose only facilities are power and water. Meals are served by use of portable equipment. Serving meals for weekends (through the sailing season only) and special occasions is part of the fun club activity, as well as being a practical function, for the nearest restaurant is about fifteen miles away. For the MC Scow regional championships, Fleet 32's Fleet Captains Jack and Jean Hickman served a terrific meal following Saturday's races, as well as breakfast and lunch on Sunday. The finishing order for each race was as follows:

Sailor	Affil.	Boat No.	Races				
			1	2	3	4	5
1 Harvey Baker	WSC	1268	2	2	11	2	1
2 Kerr	WSC		4	9	2	1	4
3 Drew Mize	AYC		1	6	4	8	2
4 McGinnis	WSC	648	7	11	1	5	3
5 Gregg Barnett	RCSC	1321	8	3	7	3	7
6 Jack Marsee	WSC	1069	5	8	6	6	5
7 Kehr	WSC	625	3	12	10	4	6
8 Stinson	WSC	530	6	10	3	9	8
9 Birmingham			11	1	5	11	DNS
10 Jay Mize	AYC	1226	9	5	8	10	DNS
11 Anderson	WSC	593	13	13	12	7	9
12 Joan King	WSC	529	10	7	9	13	DNS
13 Nelson	WSC		12	4	13	DNS	DNS
14 Jean Hickman	WSC	609	14	14	14	12	DNS
15 Zeigler	WSC	620	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS
16 Laura Barnes	WSC	599	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS



I am saddened to announce the death of one of Michigan's favorite MC sailors, Al Dunning. Al was always a keen competitor and always willing to assist the new sailor. He and his wife, Martha, were the 1991 recipients of the Grand Rapids Yacht Club Lois Bradley Trophy for their contribution to sailing and good fellowship at the GRYC. Al often served as an assistant to WMYA Race Committee Chairman Chuck Harrett.