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## Commodore's Corner

# Spring's around the corner; opening day not far behind

By Mij Frierson, s/v Let It Breeze

The days are getting longer, which means it is almost time to re-open the club. Some days, you can't tell it by the temperature but spring is only a few weeks away! Official opening is April 19.

Put the date on your calendar, join old friends and perhaps make a few new ones while we work together to open the club for another great year.



Commodore Mij

A gentle reminder: Your club fees were due March 1, so if for some reason you let the

matter slip, send them right away.

We're planning to add six slips to Rodeo dock, assuming that the Corps of Engineers gives us its blessing. Our goal is to have them installed about May 1. Also, we're cleaning up the restrooms, resurfacing the floors and repairing the stalls.

The annual winter meeting saw a large turnout. Thanks to all of you who attended; your participation keeps the club the great place that it is. At the meeting, several of you responded to my request and volunteered to join the Long-Range Planning Committee. Our first meeting of the year will be March 6 at the Kansas City Sailing store in Lawrence. Several board members have



More than 70 PYC members and prospective members gathered Feb. 16 in Leocompton for the annual winter membership meeting. Treasurer Rich Wells, above, updated members on the 2008 club budget.

also agreed to sit on the committee. If you're interested in helping chart the goals of the club in the years to come, please let me know and plan to attend the kickoff meeting.

We'll miss Jeff and Lisa Berke, who are moving to Montana, where Jeff is opening a new venture. They have been a valuable part of our club and great friends. Jeff has served as director of buildings and grounds, and Tony Williams has graciously accepted the board's request to fill that spot.

One final thought: Find that GPS! The annual GPS party is Saturday, March 8.

## PYC's annual GPS Party

Saturday, March 8

4:30 p.m.

See Page 4 for details



## Red Cross classes

On March 30, Barb Clark will again be offering Red Cross CPR/AED/first aid classes to PYC members. The classes will be at Kansas City Sailing in Lawrence. Adult and youth renewal CPR/AED certification classes will take place in the morning, first aid from 1 to 5 p.m. PYC will cover the fees for members. Please RSVP to Scott Kessler at [scott@kestek.com](mailto:scott@kestek.com). Class size will be limited.



## Thermostat and bubbler reminder

If you've left your boat in the water over the winter and are using a bubbler – which the club strongly recommends for the protection of your boat – you must equip it with a thermostat to shut it off when temperatures rise. The entire club bears the cost of electricity and bubblers that run unnecessarily in above-freezing weather only waste members' money. Under the policy set by the Board of Governors in 2006, if your bubbler doesn't have a thermostat the club will install one and bill you \$100 in addition to your in-water winter storage fee. The bubbler will become your property.

## ASA honors

PYC Harbor Master Bruce Liese, longtime ASA sailing instructor and former PYC commodore, was for the fourth time named one of the outstanding American Sailing Association instructors for 2007. In addition, Perry Yacht Club was named one of the approximately 20 outstanding ASA facilities of the year.



## *American Sailing Association Classes, 2008* *It's our ninth year of success. Don't miss these opportunities!*

### **ASA Coastal Navigation Class**

*Twenty-one hours of classroom time and ASA materials!*  
Three Sundays in March (11 a.m. - 6 p.m.), March 2, 9, 16

In this popular 3-session (21-hour) class you will learn to use traditional coastal navigation tools and publications. You will learn to determine your location on nautical charts using bearings and fixes. You will learn how to plan coastal voyages. And you will learn to use electronic navigation equipment. Classes are held at the Kansas City Sailing shop in North Lawrence. The cost is \$250 which includes ASA's textbook, DVD, 21 hours of class time, certification, lunch and snacks, beverages, and more.

### **Weekend ASA Basic Keelboat Classes at PYC**

May 3-4; June 14-15; July 12-13; August 16-17

We now offer our basic keelboat classes earlier in the season with smaller class sizes. You'll learn basic sailing skills, rigging, safety, sail vocabulary, knot tying, and much more. These classes still cost only \$150 for PYC members and \$250 for nonmembers.

### **One-Day Sailing Class for Beginners (Adult)**

Sundays, April 20; May 11

This class introduces beginning and inexperienced sailors to the basics of sailing. It's an ideal prerequisite to ASA Basic Keelboat Classes for those who have never sailed. The cost is \$150 for a 6-hour day of sail instruction.

### **ASA Coastal Cruising Classes**

Monthly in San Diego, California

In these popular live-aboard classes you'll learn to sail on coastal waters and become certified for chartering sailboats worldwide. The \$2,000 fee includes all materials, exams, certification and living expenses for four days in sunny California. It's a great way to combine sail education with a terrific vacation. Dates are by arrangement every month of the year.

### **Introduction to Spinnaker Sailing**

By arrangement

It's every sailor's dream: to sail into the sunset under the beauty and splendor of a spinnaker. In this one-day class, students learn the basics of spinnaker terminology and handling.

All classes are taught by

**2003, 2004, and 2005 ASA Instructor of the Year Bruce Liese.**

For more information or to sign up for Perry Yacht Club ASA classes, contact Bruce at 913-579-5039 (cell), 785-841-SAIL (7245), or [bruce@KansasCitySailing.com](mailto:bruce@KansasCitySailing.com).

## Youth Sailing program to begin May 31

The PYC Youth Sailing program is open to club members' children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, ages 8 to 18.

We'll evaluate the sailing skills of each child for class placement. Participants are grouped in three levels of proficiency using the ASA youth certification process:

Novice: No previous sailing experience

Intermediate: Able to solo sail Sunfish comfortably

Advanced: Able to crew 420s. Classes will begin May 31 and continue for the next four Saturdays. We'll begin promptly at 9 a.m. and end at noon. Cost: \$35 a student.

Two youth regattas are scheduled. The Child-Parent Regatta will take place June 21. The Bill Sanders Regatta and Family Picnic will take place July 5. .

The Youth Sailing program is a great way to involve our kids and give them hands-on experience sailing. It's also a great way to have fun and meet other young people at the club!

For our program to succeed, we need volunteers, especially as volunteers on Saturdays. Please consider participating.

To register, volunteer or for more information, call Pat Allen at (913) 648-3028 or e-mail him at [allenhouse4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:allenhouse4@sbcglobal.net).

## Club selling Sweet 16s, buying new boats

The sailing education committee of PYC has purchased an International 420 dinghy as part of a plan to replace the club's Sweet 16s for youth sailing. The PYC-owned Sweet 16s have been purchased by the Lake Quivira Yacht Club.



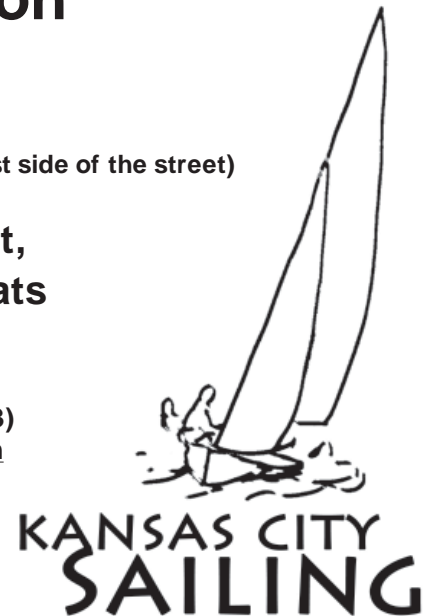
# Don't miss our GRAND OPENING in our new location March 29

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**Location until March 29:**  
315A NW Industrial Lane (1/4 mile south of the east Lawrence turnpike exit.)



*Ron Finney, Pat Allen and Chuck Johnson were among the PYC members who staffed the club booth at the Mid-America Boat Show in Kansas City in mid-February. Rich Wells built the club a beautiful wood information kiosk.*

Do you miss your PYC family?  
Is it sailing season yet?  
Will warm and sunny days ever arrive?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions,  
join your fellow members at

# PYC's annual GPS Party

Saturday, March 8

4:30 p.m.

Coordinates and hosts' phone  
numbers will be sent out via e-mail  
on Thursday, March 6.



If you don't have a GPS or can't figure yours out, don't worry. You will be able to call the hosts on the day of the party to get directions. Prizes will be given to the first to arrive. And the last person to arrive will have to give the party next year!

Hosts: The Hockenbergs, the Tilfords and Judy and Bob Wilson.

# 2008 WINTER MEETING



Despite February's chill, club members packed the Lecompton Community Center for the 2008 winter membership meeting. Top right: new members introduced themselves.



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# FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

## Here's the schedule for 2008, with new races

The Race Committee has established the schedule for the upcoming season, including more fun races, a centerboard series and a match race cup. No matter what flavor of racing you're looking for, you'll find it at the club in 2008.

### Fun races

In 2007 we added several fun races the morning of scheduled series races. Turnouts were great, so we're continuing them this year. These races are a great way for series race crews to have an opportunity to skipper their own boats, and for all members to tune up their skills for the Commodore's Cup.

This year, we're adding two mini-regattas and a moonlight race. The regattas will be Memorial Day weekend and on the Fourth of July, and each will feature three races. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers in multiple fleets.

In 2008 we're bringing back the thrill of night racing with a moonlight race in conjunction with the full-moon raft-up. For distance racers, we'll continue the tradition of the Trans-Perry and Around Perry Alone races.

Fun Races are open to all PYC members. Just sign up at the skipper's meeting before each race.

### Match racing

The thrill of America's Cup-style match racing will come to Perry Lake this summer. The Inaugural PYC Match Cup will feature two boats head to head. Many consider match races consider the

## 2008 RACE CALENDAR

Date	Day	Event	S*	F*	Skippers' Mtg.	First Start	Notes
May 10	Sat	Tune Up Races	X	X	1000	1200	Format to be determined
May 24	Sat	Series 1, Races 1 & 2 and Memorial Day Regatta	X	X	0900	1100	3 Races-Fabulous Prizes Series and Non-Series Sailors Welcome 1st Two Races Count in Series 1
May 31	Sat	Trans Perry		X	1000	1300	Reverse Start
June 14	Sat	Series 1, Races 3 & 4	X		1100	1300	
June 28	Sat	Series 1, Races 5 & 6	X		1100	1300	
July 4	Fri	Firecracker Regatta		X	0900	1100	3 Races-Fabulous Prizes All Racers Welcome
July 12	Sat	Series 1, Races 7 & 8	X		1000	1200	
July 26	Sat	Fun Race		X	0900	1100	
July 26	Sat	Series 1, Races 9 & 10	X		0900	1300	
Aug 9	Sat	Series 2, Races 1 & 2	X		1000	1200	
Aug 16	Sat	Moonlight		X	1800	2100	Reverse Start Full Moon Raft Up Fabulous Prizes
Aug 23	Sat	Series 2, Races 3 & 4	X		1000	1200	
Aug 30, 31	Sat, Sun	Commodore's Cup Regatta					
Sept 6	Sat	Series 2, Races 5 & 6	X		1000	1200	
Sept 13	Sat	Around Perry Alone		X	1000	1300	
Sept 20	Sat	Series 2, Races 7 & 8	X		1000	1200	
Oct 4	Sat	Fun Race		X	0900	1100	
Oct 4	Sat	Series 2, Races 9 & 10	X		0900	1300	

\* S - Series Race  
\* F - Fun Race

### Race meeting

All members interested in the race program are invited to attend the **Spring Race Meeting** on Wednesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. This meeting will be held at Kansas City Sailing's new location at 725 N. 2nd St. in Lawrence. If you have any questions about the meeting or the race program, please contact Matt Gatewood at [matt.gatewood@gmail.com](mailto:matt.gatewood@gmail.com).

ultimate test of skipper and crew. This year we have the rare opportunity to use two new Club 420's for this competition. One has been purchased by the club for the youth sailing program and use of the other for the Cup has been donated by Kansas City Sailing. The format for the Match Cup has not been finalized, but will feature a set of preliminary round-robin flights that will be used to seed a final bracket. Watch for details!

### Centerboard series

Racers with centerboard, daggerboard and bilgeboard boats will have their own series this year. The centerboard series will feature ten races on five days spread throughout the summer. The schedule for this series hasn't been set, so stay tuned.



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# 2008 calendar (Dates subject to change)

## MARCH

- 2, 9, 16, 30: Coastal navigation class  
 8: GPS party  
 12: Spring race meeting

## APRIL

- 19: Club opening and word day  
 20: Sailing for beginners class

## MAY

- 3: Adult Sunfish class; Cinco de Mayo party  
 3-4: ASA basic keelboat class  
 10: Tune-up races  
 11: Sailing for beginners class  
 17: Tune-A-Fish work day  
 24: Series 1, races 1 and 2; Memorial Day Regatta; Memorial Day weekend party  
 26: Memorial Day  
 31: Youth sailing class No. 1; Trans-Perry Race

## JUNE

- 7: Youth sailing class No. 2  
 14: Youth sailing class No. 3; Series 1, races 3, 4; New-member potluck  
 14-15: ASA basic keelboat class

- 21: Youth sailing class No. 4  
 28: Youth sailing class No. 5; series 1, races 5 and 6

## JULY

- 4: Firecracker Regatta; fireworks at the dam  
 5: Bill Sanders Youth Memorial Regatta  
 12: Series 1, races 7 and 8  
 12-13: ASA basic keelboat class  
 12: Boat Crawl/ice cream circle  
 19: Youth Regatta: Grabbers Drag Race  
 26: Fun race; series 1, races 9, 10; Christmas in July and boat parade

## AUGUST

- 9: Series 2, races 1, 2  
 9: S'More Party  
 16-17: ASA basic keelboat  
 16: Moonlight race; Full-Moon Raft-Up  
 23: Series 2,

- races 3, 4  
 29, 30, 31: Commodore's Cup Regatta

## SEPTEMBER

- 1: Labor Day  
 6: Series 2, races 5 and 6  
 13: Around Perry Alone Race  
 20: Series 2, races 7 and 8

## OCTOBER

- 4: Fun race; Series 2, races 9, 10  
 25: Fall membership meeting

## NOVEMBER

- 1: Club Closing  
 22: Year End Party

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