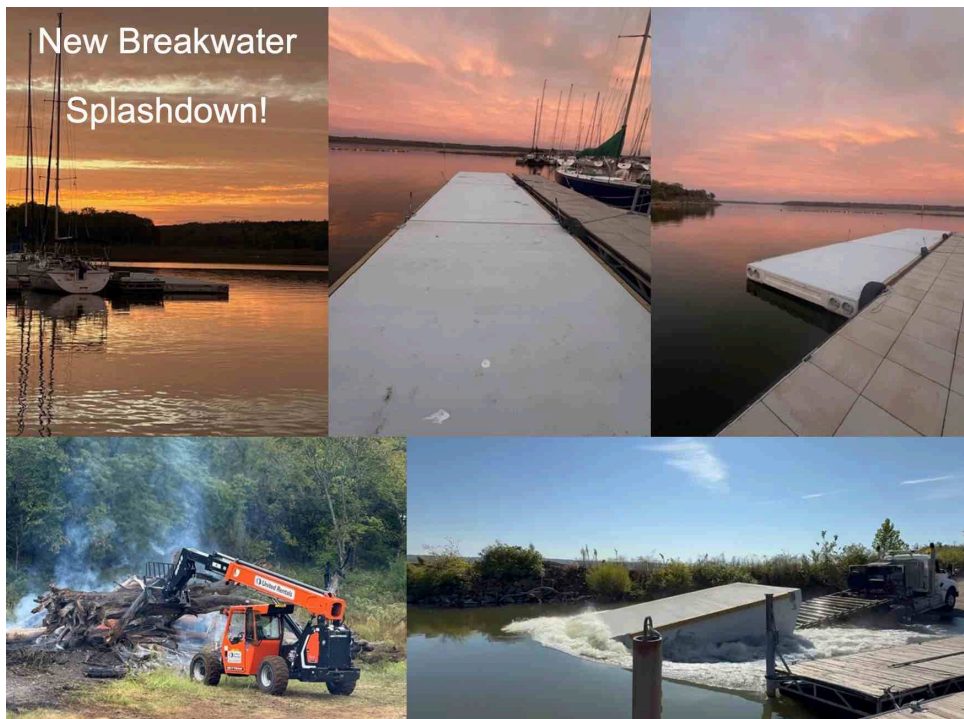




SEMAPHORE

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Commodore's Corner

Larry Bigus



The Harbor Is Full. As the best sail-only yacht club in the Midwest, we have oversold slips on the new docks. We are now accommodating new members' boats on Sunset Dock and by using slips where members have stored their boats for the winter.

Annual Meeting and Dues Increase: Please see the notice below for the annual meeting and a board proposal for a small annual dues increase.

Wave Attenuator. The new wave attenuator is being installed. Thank you all for your patience and understanding during this process. We will move the current wave eater out of the way and then decide on its permanent location to best protect Boardwalk and Party.

Abandoned Boats. Members often ask about "all" the abandoned boats in the work lot. Only two remain. Although other boats look abandoned, their owners have paid for dry storage and membership. Our club has generated significant revenue this year from addressing abandoned boats in the lot. Currently, we own three boats

which will be sold: one was transferred to the club and will be sold, and two Buckheit boats were donated.

Commodores Cup. The Commodore's Cup was bigger than in many years. The sailing was excellent, the food was great, and the parties were a blast. The storm that passed through made the event more exciting and gave us stories to share.

Social Updates

Kathleen Coode & Baretta Schmeissner

Social Chairs



Ahoy Sailors! Fall is here, but never fear, we still have several fun events on the books at Perry Yacht Club. Please mark your calendar for **October 25**. This will be the annual **PYC Club Closing/ Work Day and Fall Membership Meeting**.

Our year-end party is **November 15** at Fiorella's Event Center in Overland Park. The theme this year is "Barn Voyage." Tickets are \$55.00 per person for dinner, two drinks, and entertainment. More to come.

Our very kind new members, Mike and Joyce Carr, made us delicious pulled pork for our Country Western night on August 16. We had some excellent performers during the evening entertainment, and some good-looking cowboys and cowgirls. Who knew we had such rugged members?

Thanks to Kelly Doherty and Tina Breedlove for hosting the Sailing Sisters on August 23. This annual event is a favorite among the ladies of PYC. We all had the chance to mix it up and sail on a boat with a new group, making some new connections. It doesn't hurt to enjoy a delicious lunch after the sailing. Thank you also to our excellent captains, the brave men (and a few brave women) of the club who skipper the ships for the ladies.

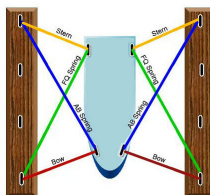
The Doherty's again hosted in September for a great trivia night and "Summer of Love" party. The trivia and costumes were a fun change of pace, as well as the Scooby snacks and VW photo booth. Thanks for thinking of all the details, Kelly and Dave. Well done!

Harbor Updates



David Stieller
Harbor master

Buildings & Grounds



Doug Simons
B & G Chair

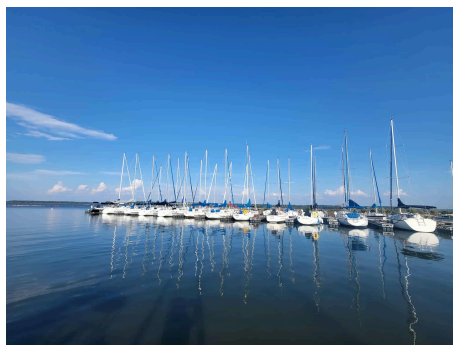
A lot has happened over the last month. The new wave attenuator has been delivered. The launching of the massive individual modules is a sight to behold. Thanks to all the volunteers that have generously dedicated their time to assist in the unloading and securing of the modules. Our brave members have

Hobie Beach cleanup was a huge success, but we could still use some volunteers to help pick up the smaller sticks. We also have a few workday projects, volunteers needed. A couple dead trees need to come down and a lower lot stair

battled torrential rains to ensure the project stays on schedule. The east ramp will be closed during the installation period.

We urgently need volunteers to provide lunch for the installation crew. The club will reimburse you for the expense. Please contact me if you can pick up lunch and drinks and help serve the 6-person crew **October 6,7,8 or 9**. We have a few local restaurant options to choose from and we are open to any suggestions.

project that we hope to get a good start on, if anyone has construction or deck building experience. We also have plans to dig some drainage for the clubhouse. We would welcome your help.



Slips & Storage



John Coode
Dockmaster

We have a fully leased harbor! Several new members have joined in September and will be continuing their memberships to 2026.

A few members whose boats are on the hard this fall graciously allowed us to use their slips on a temporary basis.

We did not need to move but a few members to a new slip to accommodate larger boats, but expect to need to do so in the future.

Next spring we will look at membership drops and renewals to determine what will need to be done to assure that everyone is accommodated.

A word from Gary Templeton and a Notice From Secretary Neal Barkley

The annual fall meeting will be Saturday October 25, immediately after work day and lunch. Coffee and a continental breakfast will be available at 8 a.m., then a brief orientation at 9 a.m., and then we will "whistle while we work". Lunch will be served around 1 p.m. Workdays are a great way to meet other members and build a sense of camaraderie.



Wear clothes appropriate to the weather and bring work gloves. The project list has not been finalized, but will probably include the usual chores such as:

- Pull and store Hobie Waves and Sunfish

- Store racing gear
- Shut down the water on the docks
- Clean the grills and store them in the breezeway
- Move ice from the tool shed freezer to the clubhouse freezer
- Cut brush and deadfall and haul it to the burn pile. (Bring a chainsaw if you have one and want to work on this
- Pick up trash
- Prep the kitchen for winter.

Board proposal for small annual dues increase

The PYC board is proposing that dues automatically increase three percent every year, rounded down to the nearest dollar, starting with the 2026 membership year. The members will **vote on this proposal at the October 25 membership meeting.**

Dues means and includes basic membership dues, summer and winter slip fees and summer and winter dry storage fees. This automatic increase can be changed in the future based upon a recommendation of the board to the membership, and a vote of the membership.

PYC knows how to party!





A word from Commodore's Cup Co-Chair Kathleen Coode

"He who agrees to chair Commodore's Cup must rely on his Council of Wise Sailors".

Wow. That is all we can say for the wisdom, counsel, and hard work of our PYC community in hosting the 2025 Commodore's Cup.

When Commodore Larry Bigus asked John and I to chair this event, John and I might have found it a bit daunting at first glance: But – with the excellent written plans in Steve Murphy's excel spreadsheets, Larry's advance planning, and great help from our fellow sailors, this event came together smoothly.

Every person that we asked to help said yes. Most of the roles were laborious and not glamorous. But getting to know each other through our shared work and our collective good intentions for our yacht club is truly satisfying.

It is difficult to name all the volunteers without forgetting someone, but I am still going to try!

Trophy Refresh-Chris Ross

Racing Coordinator-Kenny Gall

Sponsor Banner-Craig Gustafson

Race Committee-John Flannery, PRO, Joe Glasgow, Maddie Martin , Ruth Bigus, Steve Tyler

Power wash patio & cleanup grounds: Doug Simons, Doug Butcher

Campground Setup: Doug Simons, Richard Eberhart

Pavilion Setup: Craig Gustafson

Keg Setup: Pat Carr

Snacks/Chips/Cups: Penny Morgan, Brenda Morgan

Registration: Dave & Shelly Neubert, Beth & Dave Nelson

Campground Host: Kirby White

Grill Crew (Burgers/Brats): Dave Streiler, Chris Powell, Todd Cotter, Dave Bascom

Kitchen/Sides Setup: Emily Hayes, Jen Kyeltyka

Entertainment Setup: Josh Howard, Kyle Turnbull

Breakfast Prep & Coffee: Patty Hayden, Debbie Ritz, Karen Williams

Ice Run: Rick Lancaster

Restock Beverages Station: Heather Dempsey, Rick Lancaster

PB&J Bar & Snack Restock: Michelle Atchity, Sandy Murphy, Mary Ann Cotter

Auction Setup & Staging: Ruth Oben

Auction Monitors /Checkout: Ruth Oben, Cindy Ross

Saturday Dinner Buffet Line & Desserts: Wade Freeman, Meghan Freeman, Ed Hockenburg, Amy White

Entertainment Support: Kyle Turnbull

Sunday Pancake Breakfast Crew: Dan & Tina Breedlove, Patty Butcher & Lori Barnett

Sunday Leftover Lunch Prep: Kathleen & Emily Hayes

General Cleanup: Blair Sutton, Chris Ross, Richard Oben, Mike Allenbrand

General Everything: Cheri & Bob Sharkey

Also, many members and non-members generously sponsored the Commodore's Cup 2025. Thank you, sponsors!

Paramour Sailing School, Desserts by Debby, Gustafson Law LLC, Andresen Properties / Signature Logo Embroidery, Jammin Performance Sailing, 5 Star Masonry - Barry White, Hillcreek Market, Pelican Reef Canvas - Sharkey, Lago Vista, Sail and Kayak, and Farmers Bank.

Finally, Commodore's Cup 2025 raised \$8,525.64 in registration/sponsorship/merchandise, and the Auction raised \$4,875.00, for a total of \$13,400.64. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, and thank you to Larry Bigus for serving as our 2024-2025 Commodore.

2025 Board Members

Please feel free to reach out to us with your ideas and concerns.

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