



SEMAPHORE

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Everyone's a winner at First Round Perry Race



Calling all sailors! Join us for the July 4-6 Firecracker Regatta

This is an open regatta for anyone with a sailboat who would like to race. Keelboats, centerboarders, and multihulls are all welcome.

At this annual event, there will be the regular six 'around the buoys' races, along with a separate long-distance race each day for the "cruiser class."

NOTE: No meals provided (except Saturday night burgers); PYC has a full kitchen and charcoal BBQs available.



Schedule of Events

Friday night, July 4

5-7 p.m.- Registration &

camping setup

8 p.m.-? Acoustic Jam at
Leoni's Landing (bring your
instrument)

Saturday, July 5

9 a.m. - Registration

10 a.m. - Skippers' meeting.

11 a.m. - Racing (3-5 races)

6 p.m. - PYC Burgers N Dogs +
Side Dish Potluck

8 p.m. - YouTube Karaoke with
DJ DOGMEAT

Sunday, July 6

9 a.m. - Skippers' meeting if
needed.

10 a.m. - Racing (2-3 races)

Trophies/Awards to follow.

Regatta fee - \$40/boat that
includes:

- Camping Friday & Saturday
night on PYC's hill*

- Trophies

- Beer (PYC members can
enjoy beer without regatta fee)

PYC facilities available include:

-Mast stepping pole

-Deep water launch ramp with courtesy dock

-Overnight docking for racers

-Showers/restrooms

-Kitchen facility

-Charcoal BBQS (bring own charcoal)

-Picnic tables/shelter

*Camping is on a first come first serve basis.

Please note that as per Corp of Engineers Policy,
NO FIREWORKS are allowed to be discharged on
the property.

QUESTIONS: Please reach out to Regatta

Chairperson / P.R.O. Kenny Gall

(k_gall@yahoo.com).

[Info & Register here](#)



Commodore's Corner

Larry Bigus

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who make
PYC the best sail-only yacht club in the country.

Many people, both on and off the board, dedicate a
significant amount of their time to serving PYC.

Volunteers manage the books, pay the bills, process
membership applications, assign slips and dry sail
spots, plan social events, publish the newsletter,
maintain the database, teach youth sailing, keep the
harbor clean, repair the breakwater, and maintain the
three club motorboats as well as the club sailboats.

They also run two regattas, manage the website,
clean up the beach, keep the clubhouse tidy, build
new stairways, install improved ventilation in the
bathrooms, maintain the cameras, attend numerous
meetings, participate in the two club workdays, and
much more. It is impossible to list all the tasks
accomplished by club members. Without volunteers,

the dues at PYC would be significantly higher—more in line with the elevated costs of keeping a boat at the other two marinas on the lake, even though those marinas offer fewer amenities.

Additionally, club members assist one another by launching boats, helping to fix boats, tying up boats whose dock lines have broken, and more. I am not naming individuals because I will miss someone who has done a lot for PYC and the list is way too long. The volunteers often get criticisms rather than a thank you. Please be kind to all of the hard working volunteers and when you see someone doing something for PYC please thank them.

Member Updates



Doug Butcher
Vice
Commodore
Membership
Chair

Summer is just around the corner, and everything except the bathrooms is starting to heat up at the club. We currently have 172 memberships, including two new members who joined in May, and the harbor is beginning to fill up. Our goal this year is to have a fully occupied harbor, so if you know anyone who might be interested in PYC (especially someone with boats under 30 feet), please let me know, and I will reach out to them.

Our newest members are Martin and Sandy Murphy. The Murphys have a boat moored at Rock Creek, but after taking lessons from Paul, they decided they liked what they saw and joined our club to participate in the fun. Bob and Linda Pickard are new to sailing and have purchased their first boat, Margo Rita (not to be confused with the boat on top of the hill), which they plan to dry-sail.

Please be on the lookout for our new members, introduce yourself to them, and welcome them to PYC.



This is a reminder that the club's primary method of communication is email. We've had several instances this year where members did not receive newsletters, renewal notices, etc., because the email on file was incorrect. If you notice that you have stopped receiving club communications, please reach out to me so I can ensure we have your correct email address on record. Also, if you happen to change your email (due to being hacked or any other reason), please let me know so I can update our records.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the club as we get into full swing this season.

Kathleen Coode & Baretta Schmeissner

Social Chairs



Attention Sailors! Saturday, June 14 is reserved for our second party of the summer - the PYC Mexican Fiesta! It coincides with the Keelboat Throwdown Race.

Please let me know if you would like to host this party (kcoode@gmail.com)! Your social chairs can help you with any details if you would like to be the “hostess with the mostess” for the party. Thanks to all the great help we have received thus far this season. Many hands make light work!

Here’s the PYC social calendar for the rest of the season is as follows:

July 5: Firecracker Regatta & Club Cookout

July 19: Mid-Season Round Perry & PYC Party #3

July 26: Keelboat Throwdown - evening race, no party is planned

August 1: Keelboat Throwdown & PYC Party #4

August 23: Sailing Sisters

August 29-31 Commodore’s Cup

September 13: Keelboat Throwdown

September 27: Keelboat Throwdown & PYC Party #5

October 4: Fall Round Perry and PYC Party #6

October 25: Fall Workday

November 15: Year-end Party@ Fiorella’s Event Space

Tips from Gary!

Whether based on actual PYC rules or just common courtesy, here are a few friendly harbor reminders from our friend, Gary Templeton, Property Manager.



1. Properly secure your boat in your slip using 2 bow, 2 stern, and 4 spring lines that are a size rated for your boat or larger. Secure the lines with a proper cleat hitch. Not using a cleat hitch creates problems when others are trying to repair broken dock lines in a storm to save a boat. A cleat hitch is as easy to untie as it is to tie. Snug dock lines

so the boat cannot touch the dock. Adjust the lines so the bow pulpit does not extend over the dock.

2. Secure your roller furler. Roll the sail tight with a few extra wraps with the sheets and cleat them tight. A few members lose their headsails every year when high winds blow them loose.

3. Return dock carts to the end of the sidewalk as soon as you get your supplies transferred to your boat so others can use them. Never leave dock carts unattended on the docks. Wind gusts can blow them into the water.

4. Take trash to the dumpster. Do not put it in the dog station can or the firepit.

5. Secure your halyards so they don't slap against the mast in the wind - shock cords work great. Members have a hard time sleeping on their boats when there are a lot of halyards slapping.

6. From 11 p.m. to 8 a.m. is quiet time in the harbor and the campground.

7. Dock modifications, including dock boxes, must be approved by the harbormaster or the property manager.

8. Corps of Engineers regulations on dock boxes state, "The storage locker shall contain only dry recreational goods. No flammable liquids or chemicals shall be stored in the locker at any time. All lock boxes are subject to an inspection."

9. Operating a cooking grill on your boat in the harbor or on the docks is prohibited by the Corps of Engineers. It's a fire hazard.

10. The Corps of Engineers prohibits the use of unattended extension cords on the docks. All-weather twist lock shore power cords are allowed.

Sailing lessons at PYC with Paramour Sailing School

The 2025 Paramour Sailing School classes are underway, and signups for classes and private sailing sessions are coming in steadily. Here are a few highlights of the classes we offer. Paramour is PYC's American Sailing Certified Affiliate.



This year, we are featuring a new class – American Sailing's Keelboat 2 (ASA 102). With ASA 101 as a prerequisite, this class takes a next-level approach to sailing for efficiency and speed. Whether you want to cruise more efficiently or expand your racing skills, this class is for you. This 2-day class includes a certification test and American Sailing Certification.

For those who have been sailing a small keelboat and are curious about the next step in cruising, consider our Intro to Cruising Class. This class is designed to help you

understand the complexities of a modern cruising sailboat. You'll spend a full day on board our Hunter 326. While exploring Lake Perry, you'll be introduced to cruise preparation, trip planning, cruising systems, anchoring, and navigation.

If you are considering cruising the coasts, tropical islands, or even the oceans, you'll first need American Sailing's Keelboat 1. ASA 101 is a 2-day course for advanced beginners who want to sail safely anywhere in the world. Build on your basic skills and gain the confidence to take control of your own course. ASA standards for knowledge and skills are assessed to earn this important certification.

Next month, we'll feature entry-level classes: Intro to Sailing One Day Class for Beginners and the 4-day Zero to Hero Sail Camp for Adults. In future issues, we'll discuss private coaching sessions to help you handle your new (to you) sailboat and/or build your skills.

For more information, including the schedule of classes, costs, and more complete class descriptions, check out Paramour Sailing School or contact Paul at (913) 235-4104 or Paul@ParamourSailing.com.
