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## *Round Perry kicks off season of fun at PYC!*



The first big regatta of the season, The Round Perry, offered sailors a variety of wind conditions and a lot of fun. Twenty-two boats participated in three different fleets during the racing. A big thank you to Rear Commodore Chris Ross for running races.

### **Results**

#### **Multi-hull fleet**

1. Josh Nicholson (Tornado)

#### **JAM Fleet:**

1. Pat Carr (S2 7.9)
2. Richard Eberhardt(C25)
3. Craig Gustafson (E 38)
4. Brian Pitts (Laguna 24)
5. Paul D. (Catalina 30)
6. Eric Pharr (Catalina 30)
7. Chris Powell (I 30)

2. Blair Sutton(NACRA 5.5)

**Spinnaker Fleet:**

1. Larry Bigus (J22)
2. Rick Gepford(Hobie 33)
3. Ted Lischer (Thistle)
4. Barry White (J22)
5. Neil Barkley (SJ 21)
6. Dave Ebbrecht (J22)



## Commodore's Corner ~ Doug Butcher



With Memorial Day Weekend behind us, the season is officially in full swing, and it's hard to imagine better conditions to start the summer. The lake level is ideal, the harbor is full, and it's great to see so many members already out sailing and enjoying the Club.

I'd like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped make Memorial Day Weekend and the Round Perry Race such a success. Events like these don't happen without a tremendous amount of volunteer effort behind the scenes, along with enthusiastic participation from our members and guests. Whether you helped organize, worked on the grounds, ran race committee, cooked, cleaned, sailed, or simply came out to participate and support the Club—thank you. Volunteer spirit is what makes our Club so special.

Another major milestone this month was the launch of ClubSoft. Please take a few minutes to log in, review your information, and familiarize yourself with the system. This was a significant undertaking, and I want to especially thank Dave Blair and the entire ClubSoft committee for the many hours spent setting up, testing, troubleshooting, and preparing the platform before going live. Their hard work will enhance the member experience for years to come.

And finally, after what seemed to be an endless bottom job, the Commodore's boat is finally back in the water. I truly could not have accomplished it without a tremendous amount of help—especially from our own

"Yacht Doctor," Joe, along with many other members who pitched in along the way. Members helping members is one of the greatest benefits of our Club, and I'm sincerely appreciative of all the help and encouragement I received throughout the project.

I'm now looking forward to spending a lot less time working on the boat and a lot more time enjoying the season with all of you. If you missed our renaming ceremony, "Croodles" has been expunged forever, and "Renata" — a name meaning "reborn, new beginnings, or transformation" — has taken her place in Rodeo 5. We welcome you to stop by for a visit and a beverage the next time you're down on the docks.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the club soon!

## Tick Alert!



Watch out for these guys!

TickToc-TickToc-Ticktoc: The ticks have arrived. One club member, working on his boat in the east parking lot, found 23 ticks on himself.

The club has recently sprayed for ticks in high-traffic areas. The spray is good for around 3 to 4 weeks. The entire campground has not been sprayed.

### **Please be cautious.**

Reports indicate that this is the worst year for ticks in Kansas in more than a decade. Spraying does not guarantee that all ticks are gone.

Please make sure any repellent you use is not scented (that attracts them!) and is a preventative for ticks. It is important to check yourself carefully for ticks after being at the club.

## Welcome New Member



**Rachel Monger**

Hi everyone! I'm excited to be joining the Perry Yacht Club community. I'm from Lawrence and work as the CEO of a nonprofit association focused on aging services in Kansas. Outside of work, I love hiking and camping; I'm a big reader, enjoy tabletop gaming and Royals baseball, and have discovered a love for sailing after taking Intro to Sailing with Paul Barnett!

I'm very new to the sailing world, but I've completely fallen in love with it already. I recently purchased a Catalina 22 and am excited to learn more about sailing, boat ownership, and life on the water. What I'm looking forward to most at the club is learning from experienced sailors, building friendships, and becoming part of a community that shares a passion for being on the lake.

I'm very happy to be here and look forward to meeting everyone!

## Technology Master

### Dave Blair

Our new club management platform powered by ClubSoft is officially live. ClubSoft brings us a modern,

centralized platform designed specifically for yacht clubs and marinas.

In addition to a digital directory of members, you can view your digital membership card, register for events, access club documents, view your slip assignments, and receive club communications all in one place. We plan for this same platform to handle onboarding of new members in 2026 as well as renewals for all members in 2027. As with any new platform, there's likely to be a small little learning curve. We're excited about the long-term benefits and welcome feedback on how we can make it better for you, our members. Please reach out!



So far, only about 25% of you have logged in and explored the new platform. If you have not signed in yet, now is a great time to get familiar with the system. Look in your email for a link that was sent on May 18th or visit <https://app.clubsoft.co/account/signin?club=perry-yacht-club> and choose 'Forgot Password' using your primary account email.

Thanks to everyone who has logged in, provided feedback, and helped support this transition. A special thanks to Steve Murphy who built the framework on our previous system that allowed us to get here.

## Social Updates

Kathleen Coode &  
Baretta Schmeissner

Social Chairs



Thank you to EVERYONE who helped to make our Memorial Day party and weekend a success. It was fun seeing all the boats participating in Round Perry, watching the awards be given, and enjoying a delicious dinner as a sailing community. The food was great and the kitchen and grill help was stellar. Thank you to Dan Breedlove for heading up the grill team and to ALL who helped in the kitchen. Thank you to all who prepared food and cleaned up. So many hands made the work feel light.

Our next party is scheduled for **Saturday, June 13**. There is a keelboat throwdown race scheduled for that day. This race is open to all boats. All boats will start at the same time and race to a mark (often the dam) and back to the finish line. That evening we will have a dock crawl. If you would like to serve an appetizer or drink at your dock, please be ready by 7:30. Also pick your favorite Gilligan's Island character and represent! We have ten new members/families this season. Let's extend a warm welcome from our community.

Looking forward to July 4 weekend, Kenny Gall will be at PYC to host the Firecracker Regatta. Last year's party brought back the nostalgia of an old fashioned Fourth of July. Plan ahead for a patriotic side dish or delicious dessert for our Saturday night cookout. Enjoy the season!



## Calendar

- June 11-14:** Zero to Hero Sail Camp
- June 13:** Keelboat Throwdown and Party
- June 21, 28:** Sail Education Sunday  
(Noon)
- July 4 & 5:** Firecracker Regatta  
(Saturday Cookout)
- July 11:** J22 Regatta
- July 12, 19:** Sail Education Sunday  
(Noon)
- July 18:** Mid-Season Round Perry
- July 25:** Keelboat Throwdown
- July 30-Aug. 2:** Zero to Hero Sail Camp
- Aug. 1:** Buck Full Moon Race and Party
- Aug. 22:** Sailing Sisters
- Sept. 5-6:** Commodore's Cup

## Good News!

The Senter family welcomed a new little sailor! Nolan Daniel Senter arrived on April 25 weighing in at 7 lbs 14 oz. He joins his two big sisters, Kelly and Chloe, as the newest crew member of the Retreat.



## PERRY YACHT CLUB 2026 FIRECRACKER OPEN REGATTA LAKE PERRY, KANSAS



Hear ye, hear ye! Perry Yacht Club will celebrate the U.S.'s 250th birthday in style with the annual All-Class Firecracker Open Regatta, July 3-5. This regatta is open to keelboats, centerboarders, and multihulls-come one, come all for this patriotic celebration! There will be sailing (weather permitting) on both Saturday and Sunday; Saturday's skipper's meeting will be held at 10 a.m. with 3-4 races. Sunday racing will commence at 9 a.m. with 2-3 races, followed by the trophy presentation.

The \$40 regatta fee includes all racing, camping\* on the PYC hill, a Saturday



While we are only including Saturday night dinner, PYC's facilities are available for food preparation.

Congratulations to the U.S. Snipe District Two Fleet for winning the early registration competition; the fleet will be featured on the one-of-a-kind regatta T-shirts.

night cookout, and YouTube Karaoke,  
beer and beverages, plus trophies.

More details and registration can be  
found on the home page of the PYC  
website.

