



# SEMAPHORE

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## Blow, wind blow-What a Commodore's Cup!





Race results

The 44th annual Commodore's Cup was a great success with more than 50 boats participating and 200 sailors attending. Our annual regatta brought competitors from Kansas, Missouri,

Texas, Colorado, Nebraska and Oklahoma and included one international sailor from Germany, too. The weather cooperated providing conditions to get in all six races, including a thriller for race four as a powerful rain line moved through the area.

Everyone enjoyed delicious food, entertainment and great items in both the silent and live auctions, with proceeds benefitting our sailing program.

A big thank you to Commodore's Cup Co-chairs John and Kathleen Coode, race committee and all the volunteers who made it such a great weekend!



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## Commodore's Corner

Larry Bigus

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The best sail-only club in the Midwest continues to thrive! While many regattas are shrinking, ours continues to grow — this year we had more than 50 boats racing, a full campsite, and over 200 people enjoying Saturday's festivities. Thank you to Commodore's Cup Co-chairs John and Kathleen Coode and all of their volunteers!

Many members contributed to planning and running the event, and countless others stepped in without being asked.

The new docks are nearly full and should be fully occupied very soon. Although some slips look empty, many have been paid for by members whose boats aren't in the water. The nominating committee is busy, and next year's board is already shaping up to be excellent.

The new breakwater is scheduled for installation in late September or early October. We will need volunteers to help secure each of the nine sections as they are launched into the harbor. The workboat is getting a new motor and will be back in service soon. This engine is designed for the low RPM, high-torque work we need. Please be careful when fueling any club motor: some outboards are two-stroke, while the new one is four-stroke, and using the wrong fuel could damage the engine.

Finally, please mark your calendar for **Work Day and the Annual Meeting on October 25**. This is always a great chance to contribute, connect with other members, and enjoy a good lunch together.

## CLEAR THE PARKING LOT!

The lower parking lot must be clear of all cars and boats when the new breakwater is being delivered and installed. Please do not pull your boat and park it in the lower parking lot until the new breakwater installation is complete. We will send out an announcement when we know the exact delivery date; we anticipate it will be sometime in late September or early October. Additionally, the lower lot will be blocked off during delivery and installation. Thanks for your cooperation.



## Member Updates

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**Doug Butcher**  
Vice  
Commodore  
Membership  
Chair

I don't know about the rest of you, but my favorite time of year at PYC is just beginning. Fall foliage colors, cool evenings sleeping on the boat, more consistent wind, and migrating birds all create a magical atmosphere at the lake. The word must be spreading because, over the past few weeks, we've seen a lot of activity in the membership department. Please join me in welcoming the new members listed below:

- Brian and Susan Pitts have already enjoyed several club events and will be bringing their boat to the club in mid-September, location to be determined.
- Ed and Amy McConwell are actively looking to purchase a boat in the 27-30 foot range. Ed and Amy were previous members of the club around 2010-2018.
- George Dousmanis has bought a boat from a current member and will be moored in Boardwalk 38.
- Evan and Emily Flett, along with their children Caris, Owen, and Cooper, can be found on their Pearson 36 "Pleasure Island" in Rodeo 38.

We will also welcome two additional new members in mid-September, with several other applications in process.

## ***Sailing Sisters a Success!***





With the best part of the season still ahead, we are already in a strong membership position this year. Currently, we have 178 memberships, 97% occupancy in the harbor (126 of 130 slips), and 48 paid dry storage spaces.

Fall often sees many boats changing hands, so if you buy, sell, or rename a boat, please remember to send that information to me at [members@perryyachtclub.com](mailto:members@perryyachtclub.com) so I can update the club database. If you sell a boat, don't forget it's your responsibility to inform the state and county about the sale.

Thank you to everyone who worked hard to ensure the Commodore's Cup went smoothly. It's truly our members who make the club special. I look forward to seeing everyone at the club soon!

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## Harbor Updates



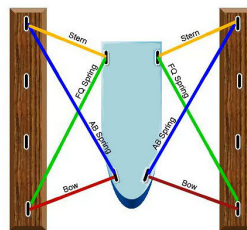
**David  
Stieller**  
Harbor master

I can't believe it is September already. It was wonderful to see all the activity around the club at the Commodores Cup. Sadly, it also reminds us that summer is coming to an end. However, we still have many exciting events planned, and there will be plenty of activity around the club over the next couple of months.

Our breakwater manufacturer has been busy. Seven out of nine modules have been produced and are curing before

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## Buildings & Grounds



**Doug  
Simons**  
B & G Chair

The weather is changing and so are things at the club. We've been doing lots of cleanup and moving boats around, working on the back lot, so if you show up and your boat's not in the same position, just look around it should be close.

We're trying to level out some of the boat parking areas and clean up some of the older boats to make room for the new ones. We will also be looking for

transport. After a busy holiday weekend at Lake of the Ozarks, they are now working on scheduling installation at PYC later this month or in early October. We have formed a committee to help with the delivery and installation. Everyone is excited to see this major project come together. I encourage everyone to come out and watch the installation process.

Once the manufacturer's schedule is finalized, I will provide an update. The East ramp and lower lot will be briefly unavailable during the day as the modules and anchors are delivered. Please try to be flexible and keep this in mind if you plan to pull your boat during the installation period. Let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing everyone very soon!

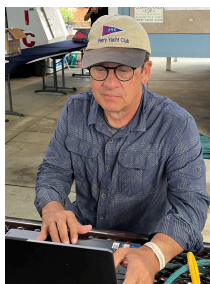
volunteers to help out with some tree trimming and possibly some road maintenance and of course, replacing some wooden walkways and stairs. As always we are still needing some hand tools for our tool shed. Drill bits, screwdrivers and pliers are always welcome, if you have tools laying around you no longer use or are just in the way, free to bring them out.

Thanks!



Some members are interested in purchasing dock boxes. If you want to get in on this order, the cost of shipping will be reduced for all. Please contact Terrill Cook ASAP.

## Slips & Storage



**John Coode**  
Dockmaster

We are experiencing a great problem to have. Our slips have filled to the point where we only have a couple of 30 foot or greater slips to offer.

To relieve the crunch, I will be approaching members who have a less



than 30' boat in a greater than 30' slip and moving them to a smaller one. We will do it in order of length of membership and only in cases of need. If you want to volunteer to move now rather than waiting, I can give you the first pick of open slips. Hopefully we will make it through the winter before we have to move anyone who I haven't already contacted.



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## 2025 Board Members

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

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