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Commodore's Cup a winning event



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Commodore's Corner/Doug Butcher



Commodore's Cup was a great success despite the unusually hot weather and a wind forecast that never quite materialized. Between the around-the-buoys fleets competing for the overall Commodore's Cup and the Cruiser fleet, nearly 40 boats participated in the races.

As they say, "You can't sail the forecast," and that certainly held true this year. Ironically, some of the best wind of the entire weekend arrived Sunday evening after almost everyone had gone home. Go figure.

Even without much cooperation from the wind, it was a terrific weekend of sailing, great food, entertainment, and camaraderie. Congratulations to **Fred Langford** of Lake Jacomo Yacht Club, who sailed his Sweet 16 1-1-1 to win the overall championship this year.



It takes a village

As we noted at the trophy ceremony, more than 50 members pitched in throughout the weekend, so it simply isn't practical to recognize everyone individually. Still, a few special thanks are in order:

- **Kelly and David Doherty**, our overall event chairs and MCs.

Ruth Oben, for coordinating the silent and live auctions, and everyone who donated items and/or bid on items. The auctions

- raised over \$7,000 to support youth programs and sail education at the club.

- **Steve Murphy**, for engraving trophies and serving as auctioneer.

Kenny Gall, for providing Friday and Saturday evening entertainment.

- **Jill Huffmeier**, for distributing T-shirts and working “merch.”

Doug Simons and crew, who collected and disposed of the driftwood that had accumulated in the harbor.

Our Race Committee — John Flannery, Madi Martin, Steve

- Tyler, and Joe Glasgow — without whom there would not have been a regatta.

All of our registration volunteers, kitchen and grill crews, setup

- and cleanup crews, and everyone else who helped throughout the weekend.

And, of course, **everyone who raced**. Without racers, it isn’t much of a regatta!

Finally, thank you to everyone who simply saw something that needed to be done and jumped in without being asked. That spirit of volunteerism is what makes events like Commodore’s Cup possible and makes our Club such a special place.

In other news...

Our **Long-Range Planning Committee** is now in full swing, working to identify the Club’s future needs, priorities, and opportunities. If you have ideas for projects, improvements, or other initiatives you would like considered as part of the Club’s long-range plan, please send them to me.

The unusually high electrical demand during Commodore’s Cup weekend also revealed some challenges with our campground

electrical system. We'll be looking closely at what happened, what improvements may be needed, and how those needs fit into our longer-range plans for the Club.

Although it may feel like the season is beginning to wind down, some of the best sailing of the year is still ahead of us. Fall is a magical time at Lake Perry, with cooler temperatures, migrating birds, fall colors, and — hopefully — some of our best sailing winds.

Make plans now to join us for our **Beach Party / Catamaran Experience on September 26** (details below). And save the dates for **Fall Round Perry on Oct. 10** and our **Fall Workday & Member Meeting on Oct. 24**.

There is still plenty of sailing — and plenty of fun — ahead before we close out the 2026 season. I hope to see you at the Club and on the water soon!

Harbourmaster/Brandon Hamilton

Join the Hobies for a fun day on the water

Mark your calendars for a new day of sailing, fun and fellowship at Hobie Beach on **Saturday, September 26!**

The **Hobie Beach Cat Sail & Social** is an opportunity for Perry Yacht Club members to experience catamaran sailing, spend an afternoon enjoying the beach and the lake, and finish the day together around a bonfire.

If you've ever watched one of the catamarans flying across Perry Lake and wondered what it would be like to sail one, this is your chance!



The day at a glance

12:00 PM	Cats line up on Hobie Beach; shore-based intro on a demo boat
12:15–3 PM	20- to 30-minute ride-alongs with volunteer skippers (RSVP)
1 & 2 PM	Additional introductory sessions
3:00 PM	Let the cats sail! Open sailing for skippers and crews
Evening	Social dinner

Come experience catamaran sailing

Beginning at noon, we'll have several catamarans lined up along Hobie Beach. We'll start with a short shore-based introduction using a demonstration boat to explain some of the basics of catamaran sailing, including the parts of the boat, basic sailing concepts, crew movement and what to expect once you get out on the water.

Introductory sessions are planned for 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM, so you don't have to be there exactly at noon to participate. From approximately 12:15 to 3:00 PM, volunteer catamaran skippers will take registered PYC members out on Perry Lake for 20- to 30-minute introductory ride-alongs.

No catamaran sailing experience is necessary — that's the point of the event! Come down, learn a little about these boats and experience firsthand what sailing a cat is all about.

Ride-along opportunities are limited, so please RSVP. A word of advice for riders: dress appropriately for sailing and don't wear or bring anything onto the boat that you're afraid to lose!

Then let the cats sail!

At 3:00 PM, the organized introductory rides will conclude and our catamaran skippers and crews will have the afternoon to get out on the lake and sail for fun. Whether you're sailing, watching from Hobie Beach or just spending time with fellow club members, everyone is welcome.

We'll have water and refreshments available during the day, followed by a Social Dinner that evening.

Finish the day around the fire

After sailing and dinner, we'll regroup at Hobie Beach around 7:00 PM for a bonfire and BYOB social. Bring your favorite beverage,

pull up a chair and enjoy an evening around the fire with fellow PYC members.

Sailing is weather dependent

As every sailor knows, Mother Nature ultimately gets a vote. All sailing activities will be dependent on wind and weather conditions. Safety comes first, and each skipper will have the final say as to whether conditions are appropriate for their boat and passengers.

If conditions don't allow us to sail, the dinner and evening social will still take place. If rain prevents us from gathering at Hobie Beach, dinner will move up to the Pavilion. We'll keep everyone updated as we get closer to September 26.

We need boats, skippers & volunteers!

Catamaran owners and skippers

We'd love to line Hobie Beach with cats of all kinds. If you're willing to bring your boat and take a few fellow members sailing, please let us know.

Volunteers

You don't need to be a sailor to help. We'll need a few members to assist with beach setup, pop-up tents, riders, food, cleanup and getting the evening bonfire ready.

Want a ride?

Please RSVP for one of the limited 20- to 30-minute introductory ride-alongs so we can begin building the sailing schedule.

And if you don't want to sail or volunteer, that's perfectly fine too. Come down to Hobie Beach, watch the cats sail, enjoy the company and join us for dinner and the bonfire.

The goal of the day is simple: share catamaran sailing with our fellow members, enjoy the Hobie Beach area we've worked so hard to improve, spend some time sailing together and enjoy another great day at Perry Yacht Club.

RSVP to Brandon by email at brandonhamilton71@yahoo.com or text [816-806-8517](tel:816-806-8517).

We hope to see Hobie Beach full of boats and PYC members on Sept. 26!

Social Updates/Kathleen Coode & Baretta Schmeissner, Social Chairs



Thanks to everyone for participating in a very full month of social events during August.

Aug. 1 – Full Moon Sail. Thank you to Baretta Schmeissner and Chris Ross for organizing and hosting this event. Our members enjoyed this party and shared many beautiful photos. Thanks to all who attended.

Aug. 26 – Sailing Sisters. Hosted by Kelly Doherty and Tina Breedlove, with a number of volunteer skippers from our club. This is always a fun day to meet new friends and sail with a different

group. Thank you to all who made it possible. This day is always a favorite for the ladies.

Aug. 26 – “Cheeseburger in Perrydise.” PYC members enjoyed the Still Jammin’ Band. We were lucky to have a beautiful evening by the lake to enjoy some nostalgia and great music. Thank you to Terril Cook for bringing your band on the road, to Dan Breedlove and other kind sailors for braving the heat and grilling our burgers, and to all members for bringing delicious side dishes and desserts.

Upcoming Social Events Calendar

SEP
26 **Hobie Beach Party**
Ride along with a Hobie sailor · dinner · bonfire

OCT
10 **Fall Round Perry + PYC Dock Crawl**
Rescheduled dock crawl · Gilligan’s Island theme · bring something to share

OCT
24 **Fall Workday & Member Meeting**
Members clean up and prepare for winter weather

NOV
14 **Year-End Party**
All members invited · Fiorella’s event center, Overland Park · details to come

For more information, go to ClubSoft.

Vice Commodore-Membership/John Coode

~180 active memberships this season

Membership keeps going strong this season, and we are at nearly 180 active memberships for the year. Welcome to the August new members: **Chip and Debbie Harris, Cody Sherlock, Victoria Cherrie and Jeffrey Smith.** If you come across these new members, say hello and introduce yourselves!

Membership directory

Want to know who's a PYC member? Check out our PYC Membership Directory by logging into ClubSoft! Please review your listing and make sure all the information is accurate and up to date. This is a fantastic tool for connecting with fellow members!

Sailing Education/Barry White

