



SEMAPHORE

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What a work day! Thanks one and all!



Commodore's Corner



Doug
Butcher

The season is officially in full swing, and it's great to see the Club coming back to life. I've been spending quite a bit of time at the Club recently working on my boat, and it's been encouraging to see so many members already out sailing. The trees are filling in along the shoreline, several boats splashed this week, the lake level is ideal, and it finally feels like the season is here.

Renewals are now complete, and we're well ahead of where we were at this time last year. Building upon last year's successes, the Club is positioned for a very successful

season. That momentum is showing everywhere—from the full harbor to the strong turnout at our recent Spring Work Day, and several new member prospects.

I'd like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who came out and helped on work day. One of the things that makes our Club so special is the willingness of members to pitch in. Whether it's work days, committee involvement, helping a fellow sailor, or simply showing up and being engaged, our members are what make our Club so different from the other marinas on the lake.

One of the Board's major goals this year is 100 percent transparent communication, especially when it comes to Club finances. We want members to clearly understand where we stand, how decisions are being made, and how we're planning for the future.

We're starting the season with a full harbor on Rodeo, Boardwalk, and Party docks, and are now assigning slips on Sunset Dock. Dues and Fees revenue is significantly above budget, and harbor occupancy is up nearly 400 boat feet compared to this time last year.

Because of that strong financial position, the Board unanimously approved making an additional \$20,000 principal payment on our breakwater loan at the April Board Meeting. This extra payment will allow us to retire the breakwater loan six months sooner—moving the projected payoff forward to August 2029—and will reduce total interest expense by approximately \$5,600.

Rest assured your board is focused on making prudent financial decisions while also improving the member experience. We have several infrastructure upgrades in the planning stages now, but if you have other suggestions for improvement, please reach out to me or any board member.

We're off to a very strong start in our 55th year, and I'm excited for what lies ahead this season. I hope to see everyone at the Club soon—on the docks, on the water, or at one of our upcoming social events. Stay tuned for an announcement (hopefully this month) for the official "Croodles" renaming party. I hope to see everyone there. See you at the lake soon!

Member Updates



John Coode Vice Commodore

Thank you to everyone for completing the renewal and payment cycle in record time.

As of the end of the cycle, we have 169 members and a total of 131 boats in the harbor. Please note that there are still a few open slips available on Sunset Dock for new members.

Now we can focus on having a great sailing season!

Calendar

[Highlights](#)

(NOTE: Details can be found on the website; *all events at PYC unless otherwise noted)



- **May 23:** Spring Round Perry followed by party (6 p.m.)
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- **June 11-14:** Zero to Hero Sail Camp for Adults
- **June 13:** Ron's Rum Races and Party
- **June 21, 28:** Youth Sailing (Noon)
- **July 4 & 5:** Firecracker Regatta (Saturday Cookout)
- **July 11:** J22 Regatta
- **July 12, 19:** Youth Sailing (Noon)
- **July 18:** Mid-Season Raft Up and Party
- **July 25:** Ron's Rum Races
- **July 30-Aug.2:** Zero to Hero Sail Camp for Adults
- **Aug. 8:** Sturgeon Full Moon Race and Party
- **Aug. 22:** Sailing Sisters
- **Sept. 5-6:** Commodore's Cup



Thank you to all who participated in Spring Word Day on April 11. We had a large number of sailors turn out for the day, and many projects were accomplished. Thanks to the members who helped out in the kitchen, served breakfast and lunch, and cleaned the kitchen for the season.

Speaking of delicious, please keep in mind that our first party is set for Memorial Day weekend. This party will be held on Saturday, May 23, at 6 p.m.

We will have our traditional holiday cookout with hamburgers and hot dogs, so please plan to bring a delicious side dish or dessert. Home cooking is appreciated!

Please refer to your PYC website for our schedule of parties for the remainder of the season.

Harbormaster, Brandon Hamilton



As we head into the early part of the season, I wanted to provide a quick update on current lake conditions and activity around the harbor.

We are entering the time of year when conditions can change quickly, so we will continue to monitor lake levels closely.

I also want to take a moment to thank everyone who participated in Spring Work Day. The amount of work accomplished in a short period of time was impressive and speaks to what makes this club special. A special thank you to our Board members and several club members who went above and beyond—taking on leadership roles, organizing efforts, and putting in extra hours to get critical projects completed. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and are greatly appreciated by the entire membership.

There is still plenty of work ahead of us as we prepare for the season and continue improving our facilities. Current and upcoming projects include:

- Adjustments to dock gangway floats to better accommodate high water conditions
- Placement of additional wave eaters at the south end of the new breakwater
- Replacement of dock rail bumpers where needed
- Ongoing renovation of the committee boat
- Continued maintenance and improvements throughout the harbor and grounds

These projects are important to maintaining a safe and functional harbor, and they rely heavily on member involvement. I encourage everyone to stay engaged and continue volunteering throughout the season—whether it's lending a hand on a workday or jumping in to help with a specific project. Reach out to coordinate volunteer opportunities.

Thank you again for your time, effort, and commitment to Perry Yacht Club. I'm looking forward to a great season ahead and seeing you on the water!

In 2026, we are adding classes for you advancing sailors. ASA 101 Keelboatl certification, is the prerequisite for any of these three advanced classes are:

- **ASA 102- Keelboat II** may be for you if you are interested in sailing faster and more efficiently. A 2 day class with American Sailing Certification. Beyond the basics-

It is all about sail trim, boat balance and advanced menouvers.

Instructor- Barry White

- **Intro to Cruising** is for sailors curious about cruising. Intro to Cruising is a full day on board out Hunter 326. This class introduces you to sailing a larger boat in larger bodies of water.

We cover cruising planning, boat preparation, anchoring and sailing a larger vessel.

Instructor: Paul Barnett

- **ASA 103- American Sailing's Coastal Cruising** (new in 2026) is for you If you are serious about going cruising.

n this class, you'll learn to sail a larger boat with more sophistocvated equipment.



You'll learn about the electronic systems, diesel engine propulsion, coastal navigation, an introduction to currents and tidal conditions.

This is a 2 day Certification class. ASA 101 and 103 are the prerequisites for ASA 104-Bareboat Cruising- your ticket to chartering in desirable vacation waters.

Instructor- Barry White

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Happy Sailing!

Building and Grounds: Doug Simons

Volunteers Needed: Boardwalk & Stairs Project

We are still looking for volunteers with construction skills to help build the new stairs and boardwalk walkway. If you have the tools or expertise to lend a hand, please reach out to me directly.

Kitchen Project: Beachwood Flooring Needed



We're planning a kitchen upgrade and are on the hunt for flooring! If anyone has a contact with a supplier who might donate approximately 350 sq. feet, we are looking for:

- Style: Beachwood pattern (sun-worn grays, soft browns, and beiges).
- Material: Preferably waterproof laminate or Luxury Vinyl Plank (LVP).
- Requirement: Durable enough for kitchen spills and high foot traffic.

Tool Shed Donations

As always, we are collecting hand tools for the community tool shed. If you have any spare items gathering dust, feel free to donate them to the group!

Boat Removal Deadline: Memorial Day (May 25th)

All boats must be removed from the lower parking lot and east lot close to the toolshed by Monday, May 25th.

Good News!

PYC Board Member Ruth Bigus will be busy off the water this summer as a member of the cast of Variety KC's production (in partnership with Spinning Tree Theatre) of the musical "Oliver"! Performances will be at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts on July 31-Aug. 2.

This beloved production brings together professional actors and talent of all abilities. Variety KC is a charity committed to providing children with cognitive and/or physical disabilities with the adaptive medical equipment and devices, therapies, and opportunities needed for activity and inclusion. For more information about "Oliver!" visit <https://varietykc.org/events/variety-show/>.

Please ensure your area is cleared by the deadline. If not able to comply please reach out to me.

Tractor Maintenance & Launch Assistance

We're currently fixing some hydraulic issues with the tractor. If you need assistance launching a boat, reach out to me or Gary Templeton for a list of authorized tractor drivers.

Dry Lot Storage Available

We have several empty dry lot storage spaces available for smaller boats. Let me know if you need an assigned slip and I'll add you to the list.

Safety First: See Something, Say Something

We've had reports of bad receptacles and other safety concerns. If you spot a hazard, please tell me immediately so we can get it resolved.

2026 Board Members

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