



Do you love to sail?

Of course, you do. That is why you own a sailboat. Percy Priest Yacht Club (PPYC) has started a new fleet that you may be interested in. We are calling it the Bee fleet. Why is it called the Bee fleet? Well, more about that later.

Who is the Bee Fleet for?

1. **For sailors who love to sail.** First and foremost, the Bee fleet is for sailboat owners who love to sail. If you are looking for ways to enjoy your boat more, then this could be the answer.
2. **For sailors who enjoy sailing with friends.** Sailors are a friendly bunch. Bee fleet gets sailors out sailing together. Don't worry if you don't think you have crew. PPYC has a lot of members that don't have boats. Many have participated in our training programs and would love to join you on the water.
3. **For sailors who look for ways to improve their sailing skills.** The sailing events planned for the Bee fleet will sharpen your sailing skills. You may be an accomplished sailor. But every sailor knows that each time on the water is another chance to learn.
4. **For sailors who aren't comfortable with highly competitive sailboat races.** You will be right at home in the Bee fleet. This fleet will have coached starts, special courses and plenty of help on and off the water if you need it. If you want, we can get a ride-along coach to join you at times.

What the Bee fleet is not:

- **It is not just for new skippers.** Although, new skippers are very welcome and especially encouraged to join. Our hope is that seasoned skippers with a less competitive mindset will also join and contribute to the success of their fellow sailors and the fleet.
- **It is not just a stepping stone to a more competitive fleet.** The Bee fleet will be “just right” for many sailors. Even very good sailors who are comfortable in their cruising boat. We will, however encourage competitive captains and skippers with performance boats to move to one of our other fleets once they get the hang of sailboat racing. And all members of the fleet are more than welcome to move to a more competitive fleet if they choose to do so.

Do you like what you are reading, but are not a PPYC member? Don't worry, come out and sail with us on our Wednesday Night Races. See <http://www.ppyc.org> for details. Come meet us on the deck or see us on the docks. Give it a try. If it is a fit, then join in. If not, then we will still smile and wave when we see you on the lake. Like I said, sailors are a friendly bunch.

Now, what does the Bee fleet name mean...well it might be easier to explain in person.

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