

**Shawnee Yacht Club
2025 Five-Year Master Plan**

Improvements

1. Improve Launch Ramp Dock. (Completed 2025)

There are 3 issues we are trying to address with the current launch ramp dock:

- The dock location is too far from the launch ramp, making it cumbersome to move a boat from trailer to dock, especially the heavier keelboats.
- The water depth at the dock is too shallow for some of the larger boats with a deeper draft.
- The dock is very short, making it congested for group sailing activities when multiple boats are being launched and retrieved at the same time.

Proposed changes:

- Move the dock closer to the launch ramp and into deeper water. This would require a new concrete base.
- Add 4 more sections to the dock.
- Possibly remove the railing on the ramp side of the gangway to make it easier to access boats on trailers.

These changes would help make the sailboat launch facilities much more functional for a wider range of boats. SYC is willing to help with construction and funding and hope to have the improvements ready for use in the spring?

Timeframe: Spring 2025 Responsibility: P+R/SYC P+R Cost: TBD SYC Cost: TBD

2. Extend the boat ramp inside the SYC yard.

The asphalt portion of the ramp has deteriorated significantly and makes it difficult to pull larger boats up the ramp without digging in and destroying it further. Extend the concrete portion of the ramp further west to prevent this.

Timeframe: 2026 Responsibility: SYC P+R Cost: TBD SYC Cost: 0

3. Install a new SYC sign just north of the area access road gate and at the boat yard entrance patterned after the new P+R facility signs.

This will help to once again designate the original SYC area as a sailing venue, will help promote sailing and will help create a welcoming environment for sailing enthusiasts, families, and friends. The sign would perhaps be patterned after the new P+R facility signs.

Timeframe: 2026 Responsibility: P+R/SYC P+R Cost: TBD SYC Cost: TBD

4. Continue the practice of keeping the vehicle gate at the top of the area access road closed when SYC activities are active.

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This will curb the current common use of the area for illicit and threatening activity, and reduce thefts, vandalism, and excessive litter. It will also help to keep it as a welcoming, safe, inviting venue for sailing enthusiasts, families, and friends in transit through the area during SYC activities. They would be left open otherwise as the demarcation point of the SYC would be at the boat yard gate.

Timeframe: Immediately Responsibility: P+R/SYC P+R Cost: \$0 SYC Cost: \$0

5. Extend the south fence.

Starting at the SW corner of the existing fence, extend it south to the drainage ditch, following the ditch in a southeasterly and easterly direction to the lake. This is a nice grassy area that has nice views up the lake and would be ideal for a future outdoor gathering area and storage shed for picnicking paraphernalia and/or a future committee boat storage.

Timeframe: 2026 Responsibility: SYC P+R Cost: \$0 SYC Cost: TBD

6. Remove the small boat ramp.

Over the last 20+ years the shoreline protecting it and much of the ground under and supporting the ramp pavement has washed away. It is becoming unusable as a ramp and unsafe as an underwater crack is a hazard. It is never used for boat launching and is an attractive nuisance for partyers and illegal and illicit activities. Swimmers also use it to gain access to the dock next to the ramp inside the SYC boatyard which increases littering in the small cove.

Timeframe: 2026 Responsibility: P+R P+R Cost: TBD SYC Cost: \$0

7. Remove the SYC storage shed and replace it with a shed inside the boat yard.

This could be located on the level ground inside the boatyard fence on the west side. This structure would accommodate long sail bags and masts and would generally provide for storage of those items in the current shed. The new structure would have solar lights and possible electric power provided at a future date per item 8. The shed would be of the type that has a floor and skids to be delivered and placed with minimal work. It could be moved, if necessary, with a tractor, possibly to the south end after the fence is extended (see item 5). After all materials are moved to the new shed, P+R would tear down and remove the old boat shed. This would remove the attraction of partyers and drug users as it would give a better view of what is happening in that space. That, along with the removal of the ramp in item 6, and keeping the upper gates closed during SYC events, would greatly reduce the attraction and provide safer transit to and from the boat yard. We would like to see the removed shed and ramp area replaced with grass to further prevent vehicles from parking next to the lake.

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Timeframe: 2026 Responsibility: P+R/SYC P+R Cost: TBD SYC Cost: \$8000

8. Restore lighting, electric power, and a freshwater hydrant in the original SYC area.

Lighting and electric power were removed from the area several years ago when garden electrical service was run underground. Both lighting and electric power were formerly located on a power pole at the base of the access road. They need to be restored to improve security for property and safety for users, to make the area more usable at night and to allow electric equipment and tools to be used for maintaining equipment, facilities, and boats.

Likewise, a freshwater hydrant at the top of the access road was disconnected several years ago. Convenient access to a freshwater hydrant is needed for cleaning boats and equipment, refilling water bottles, washing off after toxic algae exposure, etc.

Bring a frost-proof freshwater hydrant next to the boat yard gate on the west side where SYC could attach a hose and run into the yard. Bring electricity to the NW corner of the boatyard and SYC would take responsibility to carry it any further. Another option is to have Every bring power from the pole to the west and set a meter on the west side of the boat yard.

Timeframe: 2026 Responsibility: P+R/SYC P+R Cost: TBD SYC Cost: TBD

9. Install a mast stepping tower/pole and boat lift.

This will assist in maintaining boats as well as removing masts, making the venue more attractive to boat owners.

Timeframe: 2027 Responsibility: SYC P+R Cost: \$0 SYC Cost: TBD

10. Build a new outdoor pavilion south of the current fence in the area described in item 8.

Lighting would initially be by solar panels with possible electricity provided later per item 4. This could also have a grill added later. This will provide SYC with expanded and more convenient cooking facilities and help make social occasions in cooler weather more enjoyable.

Timeframe: 2027 Responsibility: SYC P+R Cost: \$0 SYC Cost: TBD

11. Install security equipment.

This involves installing cameras and alarms to help discourage and monitor unauthorized access and vandalism in the area. These could be solar powered initially and mounted to the new shed (item 7)

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Timeframe: 2027

Responsibility: SYC

P+R Cost: \$0

SYC Cost: TBD

12. Install a flagpole near the boat yard gate.

Perhaps an old boat mast could be used for this. It will allow SYC to display flags and pennant strings, and will help identify the area as a sailing venue with a more nautical look

Timeframe: 2027

Responsibility: SYC

P+R Cost: \$0

SYC Cost: TBD

13. Install walk gates at both dock entrances.

This would add further security from those who would get on the docks and gain access into the boat yard. The ramp could be further secured with a rolling gate.

Timeframe: 2028

Responsibility: SYC

P+R Cost: \$0

SYC Cost: TBD

Summary Table

| Improvement | Timeframe | Responsibility | P+R Cost | SYC Cost |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------|----------|
| 1. Improve launch ramp dock. Completed | Spring 2025 | P+R/SYC | TBD | TBD |
| 2. Extend the boat ramp in the SYC yard | 2026 | P+R | TBD | 0 |
| 3. Install new SYC signs. | 2026 | P+R | TBD | 0 |
| 4. Keep the vehicle gate at the top of the area access road closed. | Continue | P+R/SYC | 0 | 0 |
| 5. Extend the south fence | 2026 | SYC | TBD | 0 |
| 6. Remove the small boat ramp | 2026 | SYC | 0 | 0 |
| 7. Remove the SYC storage shed and replace it with a shed inside the boat yard. | 2026 | SYC | 0 | \$8000 |
| 8. Restore lighting, electric power, and freshwater hydrant to the SYC area | 2026 | P+R/SYC | TBD | TBD |
| 9. Install a mast stepping tower/pole and boat lift | 2027 | SYC | 0 | TBD |
| 10. Build an outdoor pavilion. | 2027 | SYC | 0 | TBD |
| 11. Install security equipment. | 2027 | SYC | 0 | TBD |
| 12. Install a flagpole at the boat yard gate. | 2027 | SYC | 0 | TBD |
| 13. Install walk gates at both dock entrances. | 2028 | SYC | 0 | TBD |
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