



Sysco News

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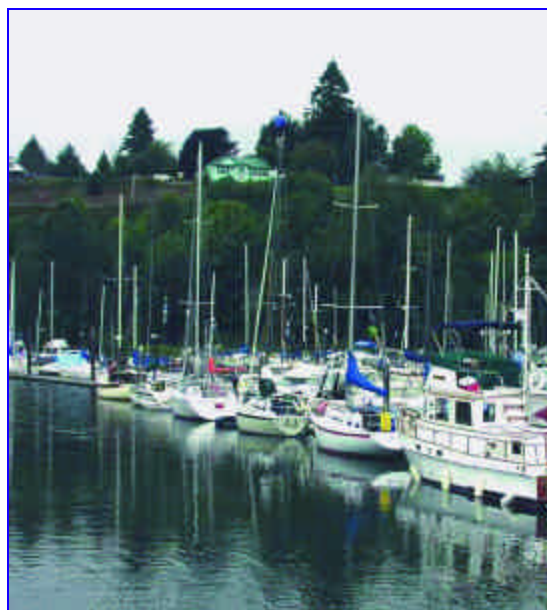
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“Ocean Planet” feature of Membership Meeting

Mark September 17 on your calendars for SYSCO's first general membership meeting since June. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. at Mars Meadow restaurant at Hayden Meadows. Meetings are always on the third Monday of each month.

Steve Rander of Schooner Creek Boatworks will talk about Ocean Planet, the Open 60 design he created along with fast-boat designer Tom Wylie. Ocean Planet is scheduled to make a rare U.S. showing in the Vendee Globe single-handed race. Come early for dinner and socializing, then stay to see and hear more about this exciting boat.



*All pictures in this issue are of SYSCO's Delta Cruise, July 28-Aug. 3.
Photos courtesy of Robyn Thomas and Gary Whitney.*

SYSCO Awards Banquet

Also mark your calendars for October 13, 2001 for this year's SYSCO Banquet at the Eastmoreland Grill. Join us at 5:30 p.m. for cocktails and for dinner at 6:00 p.m. Awards follow. \$20.00 per person. If you haven't received an invitation and RSVP, clip the coupon from the insert of this newsletter and send it and your check to Phil Campagna today.

For more information, call Phil Campagna at 503-735-0982 or Sue Johnson at 503-661-7199. Come join us to celebrate another great year of sailing and competition!

P.S. The SYSCO Board meets the first-Monday of each month. Time: 6:30 p.m. Location: Barley Mill Pub, 1629 S.E. Hawthorne. All members are welcome.

Thoughts from the Rear (Or what the keel can find)

BILL SANBORN

The newsletter guy opted not to go on the Delta Cruise or the Six Pac, but still wanted a full report on the low water situation. We can report back that from St. Helens on down river the low water has little effect as compared to the tides. During that week the lows were minus tides during the day with the higher tides at night. With a 6-foot tide range, if its wet at low tide, you are OK at high tide. Some times it is neat to go through an area at low tide in the dinghy and locate the dry spots. We found a 2-foot plus high sandbar in one area that we had always felt was the best route and have now named it Mt. Blue Jack. Wednesday evening as we sat on the boats safely in Warren Slough we listened to conversations with boats that were spending the evening keel-anchored on Desdemona Sands. Several of us also paid our respects to Waldron's Log located in the cut going into Martin Pond. And then there are always those who for some reason go where they should know better or go at the wrong time and pay a price in time waiting for the tide to come to their aid.

ABC Cruise???? Begin checking as the new crop of spuds come in for the best ones, hair spray, reading material, plan your menu items (lay in some extra cans of SPAM) and be thinking about how to wash all those good eats down.

There have been some discussions about the make-up of the "SYSCO Level Fleets." Maybe we need a Blue Ribbon panel to review this and make the necessary adjustments. I think the review is in order, but we don't need it to

become a discussion about whose rating is favored and whose is unfair. To put it bluntly, some "fast" boats are not sailed as well as they could be and some "slow" boats are sailed very well. The makeup of the fleets as they are today goes back at least 15 years and there are lots of changes in ownership of boats and membership over that time. This has affected some one-design fleets and moved some boats into level fleets that are possibly not level.

This was a great year for Beer Can Racing. We did not do all, but had a great time on the evenings we got out. Some folks were really into the themes, others were just out for the sail and always the Committees were well tended to by those wanting a good finish. Saw one lady in a red bikini dive off the boat with a rose in her teeth swim over and climb up the swim ladder of the committee boat and deliver the rose to the Principle Race Officer — tooth to tooth. That is how you win a first place in beer can racing. We did win one cold and wet evening with hot fresh baked cinnamon rolls bake on the way out.

We are sorry to miss St Helens for the first time since 1983. Save us a set of glasses to keep our collection going. We still have a couple bottles of Château SYSCO unopened (probably a good thing, according to Lynn B).

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Now you can get the SYSCO Newsletter by e-mail. The savings in time, printing and postage add up. Send your e-mail address to Mike O'Bryant at obryants@earthlink.net. He'll take care of the rest.

Thanks to Bill Barton, you can now find SYSCO News on the internet at <http://www.leftblank.com/sailpdx/sysco.html>.

Calendar of Events

Sept. 15 & 16 – SYSCO St. Helens Race

Oct. 13 – SYSCO Awards Banquet at Eastmoreland Grill.

Summer Cruising

VICKI SANBORN


Overnight cruises have been limited this year due to the busy race schedule, but they certainly have not lacked in quality. SYSCO Delta Cruise was probably one of the best in several years in terms of total relaxation, and those who did the Six Pac can also be accused of cruising. We left Saturday morning and before we got to the I-5 Bridge were so wet we thought about going back and driving South for the week to check out the forest fires. But, as luck would have it and as we progressed through the week, the weather improved. Most cruisers spent two days at Martin Island and two days at the dock at Cathlamet. This gave us lots of time to explore with the kayaks and sail the dinghy. Several of us did make our annual pilgrimage to Warren Slough.

The Labor Day weekend had been advertised as a cruise to Martin Island, but a review of the CRYA Cruise schedule found that no Club was going to Coon Island. So, at the last minute and after several phone calls, we changed the destination. We apologize to anyone who went to Martin Island and looked for us. We do thank you for showing the SYSCO burgee at that location.


Rumor has it that the SYSCO Women will host the 2002 Ladies Cruise. And, in the not too distant future, we'll be looking for volunteers for cruise crew. A second rumor is that an ABC cruise is being planned.




2001 SYSCO Banquet



Saturday, October 13, 2001
Eastmoreland Grill
2425 SE Bybee Boulevard



Come join us for cocktails, dinner and awards.
Cocktails 5:30pm • Dinner 6:00pm



\$20 per person




For more information, contact Phillip Campagna at 503-735-0982.
RSVP by October 6.



Send form below and check made payable to SYSCO to:



Phillip Campagna
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Yes, I will be attending.

Name.....



Telephone.....

E-mail.....



Number attending..... x \$20 =enclosed



SYSCO Board Meeting Minutes, August and September

WED., SEPTEMBER 5, 2001

Commodore Bob Waldron called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Commodore: Bob talked about his progress in putting together a list of nominees for the 2002 Board positions.

Rear Commodore: Gary Whitney talked about the need to share in the purchase of a supply of beer can race participation stickers. The Board agreed that it would share in this expense.

Gary will find out about what is needed in preparation for the boat show booth.

Secretary: No new memberships. Treasurer: Larry Johnson reported that the bank balance is approximately \$1,003.

Program: Larry has tentatively arranged for Steve Rander to talk about Ocean Planet at our next general membership meeting on September 17.

Newsletter: Mike O'Bryant set the deadline for submission of materials for Friday evening this week in order to get the newsletter in the mail before the St. Helens race.

Cruising: Vicky reported that the Labor Day Cruise to Coon Island was well attended. The next planned cruising weekend is Sept. 29-30, location to be announced.

Awards Banquet: Additional flyers need to be sent to the Spring and Summer series skippers, and to the other clubs.

There was discussion about some additional sources for donated door prizes, and the progress of obtaining donations from vendors and sponsors.

We recalled that Columbia Crossings very generously donated to the Banquet last year, and that perhaps we can look forward to a similar gesture this year.

Nominees were discussed for the Rotten Tiller Award, Sailor of the Year, Commodore's Trophy and U.S. Sailing Association Sportsmanship Award.

Old Business: There was quite a bit of discussion about presenting a thorough, early season Race Management Session ("evening") for SYSCO Fleet Captains only. We see the need to reacquaint experienced skippers and educate the newer skippers with the confident handling of a Race Committee assignment.

New Business: We talked about the need to update the bylaws. We will work on the updates in the Fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

MON., AUGUST 6, 2001

Commodore Bob Waldron called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Commodore: Two additional yellow marks are ready for a total of five race marks.

The next Board meeting will be Wed., September 5 at 6:30 p.m. because of the Labor Day weekend.

Vice Commodore/Race Captain: There was discussion about ordering trophies for the One Design event and preparations for the celebration following the last race on Sunday.

Again, the problems that arise as a result of late entries came up for discussion. Next year, we will revise the race notices to accommodate the changes.

We also talked about how important it is for each Fleet Captain to be a member of SYSCO. We will consider this problem and discuss its resolution this Fall.

Secretary: The Board approved the new member application of Mark Miller, owner of the Islander 28, "Ping II."

Membership tally to date: current total is 87 (nine are Associate Members). Total in 2000 was 88. Fifteen new memberships were received this year.

Treasurer: Larry Johnson reports a balance in the approximate sum of \$7,887.

Program: There will be no general membership meeting in August.

Newsletter: News Ed Mike introduced co-editor, Sandy O'Bryant, to the Board. Mike and Sandy suggested, and the Board approved, a combined Aug./Sept. newsletter, with a deadline for submission of articles and photographs of Sept. 7.

Cruising: Vicky Sanborn reported that the weather, destinations and each day ON the water during Delta Cruise were wonderful, and that the cruising group is looking ahead to the Labor Day weekend.

Awards Banquet: Discussion about distributing a banquet reservation flyer to the membership, the other clubs, and to the non-club affiliated racers and crews, and the progress of obtaining donated items as door prizes.

The banquet will be held at the Eastmoreland Grill.

Old Business: We would like to continue with a booth at the Portland Boat Show in January, 2002. This year, a booth was available to the club at no charge, along with free boat show passes for all that volunteered for shifts during the show.

New Business: On behalf of the Oregon Women's Sailing Association (OWSA) and it's Sail for the Cure efforts, Sue Johnson asked for SYSCO's help in obtaining donated items which will be placed in baskets and sold at a silent auction on September 22. Anyone interested in participating should give Sue a call.

Bob Waldron talked about nominations for the Board positions, which are opening at the end of the year. He will review the list of volunteers which was prepared from the information received on each member's 2001 application. Bob will talk with us about this at the next Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

*RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
R. E. B. THOMAS,
SEC./MEMBERSHIP*

Race Captain

ALAN SCHAMP

Now that the SYSKO racing season is almost over, I'd like to thank the sailors that participated as race committee over the course of the season. I'd especially like to thank the fleet captains for organizing the committees and for acting as fleet representatives.

Only the SYSKO St. Helens race remains for this season and then the process of planning for the 2002 season begins. Part of that planning process will be to look at the SYSKO fleet structure for next season. Several members have suggested that the structure should be revised because the numbers of boats in some classes have changed since it was originally developed. I plan on looking at using the membership list and counts of the boats actively racing to develop a proposal. We'll discuss that proposal at the November General Membership Meeting. If you have specific suggestions that you'd like me to consider in developing the proposal, please call or send an e-mail to rauzer@home.com.

With the November meeting quickly approaching, please consider stepping up to the plate and taking a position on the SYSKO board, either as a Fleet Captain or any of the other highly paid SYSKO positions opening for the coming year. We can use your help in making next season even better.



OWSA's Sail for the Cure

SUE JOHNSON

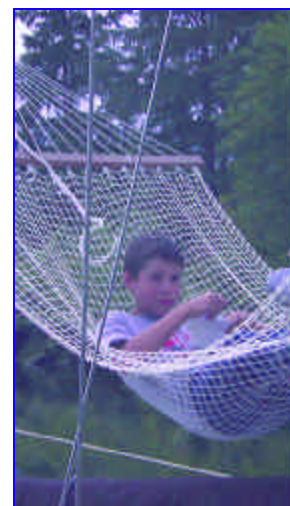
The 2nd Annual Sail for the Cure hosted by the Oregon Women's Sailing Association is set for September 22, 2001. The event will benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

The Sail for the Cure is designed to be a fun event that emphasizes boat handling skills and cooperation rather than competition. OWSA would like to invite everyone to join us in the fight and participate in this great event. Last year 144 participants

on 28 boats raised more than \$4,000 to help fight breast cancer.

Registration forms can be obtained from Sue Johnson at lspb@worldnet.att.net or 503-661-7199. Sue also asks members of the club to donate one item to create a basket that will be sold at the Silent Auction. This year's theme for the basket is "What a Sailor Needs." Just contact Sue and she will be happy to pick it up.

Let's work together to stop breast cancer!!



SYSKO Fleet Captains

A/B	Randy Bauer
C1 (J-30)	Rod Dawson
D	Bill Barton
D2 (J-24)	Douglas Schenk
E	Toby Elliott

F
G - G4
G5 (Santana 20)
H
J1 (Catalina 22)
J3 (Cal 20)

Alan Boguslawski
Bob Rouse
Scott Sabin
Bob Brown
Dennis Thomas
Mike Pitarresi



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PLACE
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St. Helens Race

**Saturday-Sunday
September 15-16th**

The Afterguard

BOB WALDRON, COMMODORE

NASA announced plans last year to launch six robotic missions to Mars. We know what happened to two of them: the Martians shot one down and the other could not make the conversions from meters to nautical miles. Must have been a French engineer. I figure they have it easy solving these problems compared to my job of finding a Vice-Commodore!

The conclusion of the racing season brings us to the next step (only because it is traditional to wait until the eleventh hour), which is the search for next year's race captain and other board positions. I had hoped to have discussed by now this issue with individuals who had expressed interest in Race Management, but certain distractions got in the way. Another position that will be open is the Treasurer's position along with various committee chairmanships. I have had a recurring

fantasy that a mechanism could be in place by now to alleviate the anxiety over nominations and.... Well, it has worked this way in the past, hasn't it? So perhaps I fret over nothing and some one will step up just in time.

By now you have received your invitation to the Awards Banquet. Be sure you get reservations in for yourself and your crew well in advance. We expect another big turnout this year.

Here are a few issues we'll be discussing this fall and winter.

The club will, of course, be sponsoring a booth at the Portland Boat Show and we'll need members to man the booth. This is an excellent way to promote sailing to interested individuals.

Some suggestions have been made for modifying the by-laws, race management/committees and upcoming rules changes from US Sailing. In addition we may wish to converse on the subject of PHRF.

At the risk of creating more con-

troversy than I intend (that's why this comment is buried deep in this article), we may wish to review our club "mission statement." We raised race entry fees last year for, among other reasons, in anticipation this would increase membership. That tactic did not work. In fact, we saw less participation from some of the larger fleets in the Spring and Summer Series and only fifteen boats in the One Design. Perhaps Six-Pac had an impact on the participation in the latter event, but there were only eighteen boats last year, a non Six-Pac year. With fewer fleets and members to run races, should we continue to sponsor as many events? Am I fussing about nothing?

On a different note: I paid the most ever for a moorage on the Delta Cruise this year and found the bottom more times. At the same time, I discovered some new places to visit. I hope fall lasts awhile so I can make up for missed River Time this summer!

SEE YOU ON THE RIVER!