



Sysco News

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April 4 & 5 Race Clinic

With changes to the starting sequence and the use of flags to denote starts, SYSCO's annual race tune-up and clinic is especially important this year for skippers, crew and committee. Experienced racers will dedicate the Thursday evening chalkboard session (6:30 p.m.) to the new rules, protests and local racing conditions. Friday (6 p.m.) is an on-the-water session featuring practice starts and short races. SYSCO membership is not required. For more information, contact Larry Johnson, Race Captain, at 503-661-7199.

The fleet captains for 2002 are:

John Apelt -----Fleet A
Mike Finch -----Fleet B
Rod Dawson -----Fleet B1
Bill Barton -----Fleet C
Phil Campagna-----Fleet D
Stan Heil -----Fleet E
Bob Rouse -----Fleet F
Joe Kaliszewski -----Fleet G
Dennis George -----Fleet H1
Mike McGrath -----Fleet H2



New race starting sequence made easy

Are you confused yet? Take a step towards certainty by attending the next SYSCO general membership meeting. Larry Johnson, SYSCO's 2002 Race Captain, promises to answer all your questions about the new race starting sequence that will be used on the river in all sanctioned race events this spring and summer. He will give a condensed classroom preview of SYSCO's race management clinic that will be offered April 4 and 5 to all Columbia River sailboat racers, crew and committee.

This program is a must for racers and anyone who will work a committee boat this year. Be there March 18, 7:30 p.m. at Mars Meadow restaurant at Hayden Meadows. Meetings are always on the third Monday of each month. Come early for dinner and socializing.

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

BILL SANBORN

We are now within thirty days of our first exposure to the new starting sequence, at least our first exposure on the water in a counting event. Now add to that the new fleet assignments and the fact that the Committee will not accept your registration on the water. Guess we need to attend the OCSA Race Management and/or SYSCO Race Clinic, review the new 2002 SYSCO Fleet List, read through the Invitation and Race Notice and OCSA Sailing Instructions, then fill out a Race Entry Form and MAIL it with the correct fee to the Race Captain. Don't forget to shine up the boat. There will be confusion because several skippers will have no clue and the Committee will not be able to help them, but I hope you are informed and ready. The folks on the Committee are just learning the new system and will need to get their sea legs also.

What should you be looking for? #1 What is the course? #2 What is the start number for your fleet? #3 What is the design of that Numeral Pennant? #4 With that information, catch the time when your pennant is displayed and follow through with a start in 5 minutes. Suggest you at least look at your Rule Book, Part 3 #26, for the proper flag and sound sequence.



Cruising

Join other SYSCO members at the west Government Island dock in March to celebrate the coming of spring...St. Patrick's Day...to get away from City life...or just to cruise and be with friends. See you at the dock or along the way upriver March 23.

Don't forget, the SYSCO ladies are planning this year's Ladies Cruise, May 18 & 19. Arrangements have already been made to use the new McCuddy's Landing docks next to Brown's Landing in the Multnomah Channel. To find out more, attend the skippers and crew meeting March 21, 7:00 PM at Rose City Yacht Club. Questions, additional information, or volunteers? Call Vicki Sanborn or Pat Brown.

Delta Cruise is the week of July 27th.

Commodore's Comments

ALAN SCHAMP

The Race Management clinics for the SYSCO Fleet Captains were very well attended and the events were well organized. Thanks to all of the Fleet Captains for attending. Larry Johnson, Gary Whitney and Sue Burns did a great job of organizing the clinics, laying out the agenda and doing the presentations. This was a great first step in implementing the new starting system. The clinics also provided valuable information on running a race committee and should provide a higher level of consistency in the way our committees operate.

Our first sailing event is the SYSCO Race Clinic on April 4th and 5th. If you know of any new sailors who are thinking of getting into racing, please let them know about it. The participation by experienced skippers and crew is important to this event. If you already know the ropes pretty well, think about offering to ride with one of the new skippers to pass along your experience. You could also sail your boat and allow some new peo-

ple to crew with you. This is a great opportunity to bring new people into the sport and to bring new members into the club.

The last couple of general membership meetings have been particularly well attended. I think that it's great that we have the opportunity to get together and talk about sailing and socialize in the off-season. If you haven't been to a SYSCO meeting for a while, think about coming down to Mars Meadows on March 18. It's a good way to start revving up for the sailing season by having dinner and socializing with people who want to talk about sailing as much as you do.

Since El Nino is building in the tropics, we may be in for a relatively dry summer with consistent sea breezes in the evenings. This could prove to be a better than average sailing year in the Northwest. I hope to take advantage of some of the good weather by spending some extra time cruising this summer.

See you at Mars Meadows.

Board Mtg. Minutes

MARCH 4, 2002

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

PRESENT: Bob Waldron, Gary Whitney, Alan Boguslawski, REBT, Billy Sanborn, Vicki Sanborn, Bill Barton, and guests Kay Waldron and Marvin Gaye.

REAR COMMODORE:

Bob Waldron presided.

TREASURER:

Alan Boguslawski reports that the bank balance is \$6,056.86.

SECRETARY:

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Final renewal notices were mailed to 14 members on February 25. I reported the fol-

lowing membership statistics: Total members in 2001— 85. Total members in 2002 — 69 (including two new members). I handed out a current membership printout to those in attendance.

NEWSLETTER:

Our articles, pictures, and blurbs are due no later than Saturday evening, March 9.

PROTESTS:

Bill Barton reported no protests.

CRUISING:

Vicki reported that there will be a cruise to West Dock Government Island on March 23. Vicki asked SYSCO to donate \$200 toward the 2002 Ladies' Cruise. SYSCO is hosting the cruise this year. Upon motion and second the Board voted in favor of

the donation. Any unused portion of that sum will be returned to SYSCO. The Ladies' Cruise will be held May 18 and 19 at McCuddy's Landing (formerly Brown's Landing).

PROGRAM:

Bob reported that Larry will present a condensed, classroom version of the SYSCO race clinic, emphasizing the important changes in race procedures.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Barton is working on the Sailor's Dinner this year. We talked about different ideas for the dinner.

TONIGHT'S MEETING was adjourned at 7:00 p.m., without objection.

*RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
REBT, SECRETARY*

Race Captain Update

LARRY JOHNSON

We had two successful Race Committee clinics for the Fleet Captains. We covered the new starting procedures, race committee positions, course selection, and record keeping. Thanks to Alan Schamp, Gary Whitney and Sue Burns in putting on the clinic.

With the new starting procedures and the additional flags for the starts, at least 5 people will be needed to do race committee. All racers need to keep in mind the number of people it takes to run the race. So, when you get called to help with race committee, say yes.

Also, don't forget that on the water registration will not be accepted.

Also, don't forget the SYSCO Race Clinic April 4th and 5th. This is a great clinic culminating on Friday with an opportunity to practice your starts and become familiar with the new starting sequence.

Race Committee Assignments for the evening series:

TUESDAY RACES

Fleet D	April 16th and June 11th
Fleet F	April 23rd and June 18th
Fleet G	April 30th and June 25th
Fleet H1	May 14th and July 9th
Fleet H2	May 21st and July 16th

THURSDAY RACES

Fleet A	April 18th and June 13th
Fleet B	April 25th and June 20th
Fleet B1	May 2nd and June 27th
Fleet C	May 16th and July 11th
Fleet E	May 23rd and July 18th

I will be looking for volunteers for the Spring Regatta, One Design and the two Beer Can races SYSCO is responsible for.



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Membership Meeting

Monday, March 18th

Dinner — 6:30 p.m.

Meeting — 7:30 p.m.

The Afterguard

BOB WALDRON, REAR COMMODORE

Fifteen days to the Spring Equinox and it snows! Must have been that asteroid you could see in the vicinity of Jupiter last week. Orion is setting lower and lower in the late winter sky and that portends the arrival of summer constellations. Wahoo!

Speaking of summer, I met with Jeff Gendron, Gary Whitney, and Jackie McLaughlin to begin planning for Sail Education Week. The preliminary agenda looks good and is different enough from last year to make it interesting for veterans and newcomers. As the publicity dude, my job is the easiest, so expect some good stuff from Gary and Jeff. Sessions will be in the

usual venues and we expect to keep the cost to participants low.

Plan on attending the remaining general membership meetings as I have what I hope are some interesting programs planned. Although they will be primarily race-oriented, they should provide both entertainment and information. I'll see if I can do a better job of picking people who will show up! Don't hold that last one against me.

I had better return to the agenda of getting out the door for a weekend trip to the beach. The Wilson River summit could be a challenge and the weather looks just bad enough to settle in with a glass of my favorite brown liquid and a book.

SEE YOU ON THE RIVER!

Upcoming events

- March 18** — SYSCO General Membership Meeting
- March 23 & 24** — SYSCO Cruise to Gov't Island
- March 27 & 28** — OCSA Race Management Clinic
- April 4 & 5** — SYSCO Race Clinic
- April 6** — Frostbite Regatta
- April 12** — PYC Sailors Dinner
- April 13 & 14** — CYC/RCYC Opening Day Regatta
- April 16** — SYSCO Spring Series begins
- April 27 & 28** — SYSCO Spring Regatta
- May 9-12** — CYC Oregon Offshore
- May 18-19** — 2002 Ladies Cruise
- June 3-6** — Sail Education Week
- July 27** — Delta Cruise