



Sysco News

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2002 Puget Island Race

ALAN BOGUSLAWSKI

Summer solstice weekend found race boats and crews from Portland, Longview and Astoria converging on Cathlamet for the 2002 Puget Island Race. Co-sponsored by the Astoria Yacht Club and the Longview Yacht Club, this event is several years old and has sailors from the two clubs vying for the big Pusser's Rum Trophy, which travels to the winning club.

This was the first year, however, that Portland clubs were invited and that the race notice was published in the OCSA Race Book. Four Portland boats were on the start list and two were SYSCO boats.

This is a fascinating course around Puget Island: it starts on the Cathlamet channel below the Puget Island Bridge; there's an up-wind leg down-river to the main channel, then a clockwise turn around Puget Island. The down-wind leg weaves through the shoals.

The wind filled in during the downwind spinnaker run until crews were battling for control while navigating the channel near the leeward end of the island. After tacking up the main channel, boats entered the "spin cycle" at the west end of the island, where the high bluffs create wind currents and eddies (races were won and lost by playing the wind shifts), then around buoy 61 for the final downwind leg to the finish at Cathlamet.

The hosts served breakfast on Saturday and cooked up a BBQ dinner after the race at Elochoman Marina. Next year we need more Portland boats to attend this event. It's a kick!

DIVISION I – CLASS A

Mach One – Shatto (AYC)
Black Aye – Wood (LYC)
Wild Hare – Boyle (AYC)
Ripple – Viets (SYSCO)
Adios – Shaw (PYC)

DIVISION II – CLASS A

Finesse – Martin (LYC)
Bailiwick – Boguslawski (SYSCO)
Lancien – Fischer (AYC)
Encore – Bruner (CYC)

DIVISION II – CLASS B

Golden Future – Gault (LYC)
No Name San Juan – O'Malley (LYC)



SYSCO Summer Series action on Thursday night.

Delta Cruise 2002

Join us July 27 for some of the best cruising and most fun raft-ups on the river. Come for the week or just for a few days.

For more information about SYSCO's premier cruising event, see "Thoughts from the Rear," pg. 2.

Commodore's Comments

ALAN SCHAMP

With Rauzer Two up north this year and a new job that is keeping my nose to the grindstone, I feel like the 2002 season is sailing past and I'm not getting much sailing out of it. I would really like to do the SYSCO St. Helens race, but it's looking like that weekend will be my only chance to do the delivery back from Seattle. I did the St. Helens race for the first time last year as committee and had a great

time. This year, the race/cruise will be on September 14 – 15. If you haven't done this event before, give it a try. It really is a great way to get involved with the club. If there are serious prospective members that you've been in contact with, invite them to come along. This event is a great way to introduce someone to the club.

Even though it's four months out, I'm going to start talking about the November General Membership Meeting. This is a very important event for the club since the next year's officers are elected during this meeting, and it

is an excellent venue for people to voice their opinions about club issues. I hope to see strong attendance at this meeting and I'd like to give members the opportunity to have input on the agenda.

The following are topics that I currently have on the agenda for the November meeting:

- ◆ Election of 2003 officers
- ◆ By Laws
- ◆ Fleet structure

The new starting system

Please fill me in on what you think we should address by e-mailing me at rauzer@attbi.com.

Thoughts from the Rear

BILL SANBORN

"Delta Cruise" — The adventure began in 1984 when a group of us wanted to venture toward Astoria on a "family cruise" at the same time as the SixPac race, but we chose to cruise not race. We adjusted our schedule to avoid needing to share facilities with the racing fleet. Since then we've found several spots that we are drawn back to each visit down-river and have enjoyed sharing them with other boaters over the years. During the period the SixPac was not held we continued

to go each year and several families plan part of their vacation around the Delta Cruise. This is an open invitation to all members of SYSCO and guest boats who want to join us.

The most asked questions are:

1) How do we sign up? You can't...just show up.

2) Is there a registration fee? Join SYSCO.

3) When is the skippers' meeting? It's scheduled July 27th at Martin Island as soon as you get there.

4) What is the itinerary? Each boat has its own Float Plan. Many will be going to the same places, others will be mixing in and out depending on the desires of the family/crew members.

This year UPSTART's Float Plan is a little fractured because of family events and we will miss the Martin Island meeting, but you will catch up with us in Cathlamet Sunday evening. Monday afternoon tide is favorable for getting into Warren Slough and we plan a couple of days rafted-up there. We will leave Warren Slough on the

Wednesday morning tide and head toward Astoria for a visit to the redone Maritime Museum. We will leave Astoria for the up-river run on Thursday's flood tide just after noon and stop in Cathlamet. Friday evening we plan a stop at Walker Island, Saturday evening at Martin Island and Sunday on to Portland.

Several other options for places worth a visit: Ilwaco, Hammond, Warrenton, Skamokawa, Welcome Slough, Westport, Clatskanie, Bradberry Slough, Gull Island, Stella and Fisher Island sloughs, Rainer, Kalama, Goble, Sand Island Slough, St Helens, and the Multnomah Channel, with several docks and anchorages to enjoy.

We become a small community whether at a dock or in a raft up. We usually have a social time in the late afternoon and will have hors d'oeuvres and beverages, then dinner on the individual boats, or several will go out for dinner when in towns. Most bring a dingy, or kayaks for exploring the backwaters around the Islands.

Upcoming events

July 19, 26 and August 2, 9, 16
— Beer Can Races

July 13 & 14 — CYC
OHS-White Memorial Race

July 19 — CYC Couples Race

July 27 — Delta Cruise

Board Mtg. Minutes

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Officers/Directors/Committee Chairs: Alan Schamp, Larry Johnson, Robyn Thomas, Alan Boguslawski, Gary Whitney, Mike O'Bryant, Bill and Vicki Sanborn; member Bill Brennan; and guests Dave Hickman and Ry Cooter.

COMMODORE:

Alan S. will contact Phil Campagna about the status of banquet preparations. Alan also asked about a preliminary plan for the 2003 boat show booth, a committee that will be chaired by Bob Waldron. Alan also asked us to agree upon a plan for repairing/replacing the tired course board. We agreed that, at the end of the season, we will obtain quotes from local canvas shops for the replacement.

VICE COMMODORE/RACE CAPTAIN:

Larry led discussion about scoring problems and status of the Summer Series. There was even a bit of discussion about the style of glasses to be ordered for the St. Helens race. We rekindled our discussion with respect to PHRF versus fleet level racing. The Board strongly supports the position set forth by the Club bylaws — no PHRF scoring.

TREASURER:

Alan B reports that the bank balance is \$7,822. Alan led us through a review of his semi-annual report, a copy of which is attached to the original minutes.

SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP:

One new application — David Biggar, owner of a yet-to-be named J/24. I reported that SYSCO received a letter of thanks from Pat Brown and Vicki Sanborn, Co-Chairs for the 2002 Ladies' Cruise. The letter is attached to the original minutes.

NEWSLETTER:

Mike set the newsletter deadline for Sunday evening, July 7, 2002.

PROGRAM:

There will be no general membership meetings in July and August.

CRUISING:

Vicki S asked that SYSCO hold the balance of funds from the 2002 Ladies' Cruise until it is time to turn it over to the 2003 Ladies' Cruise Committee. Vicki confirmed that this year's Delta Cruise will begin Saturday, July 27 at the Martin Island pond, and that the St. Helen's race will serve as the unofficial September cruise.

OLD BUSINESS:

Alan S asked us to talk about a plan for the One Design post-race gathering on Sunday. Sexton's wins the nod, again, this year, and SYSCO will provide one beverage per skipper and each crew member. Alan S will contact Sexton's to confirm availability.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Brennan wanted to discuss the possibility that SYSCO recognize a 172 fleet. We reviewed the affected SYSCO boats and analyzed how formation of such a sub-fleet would affect our fleet alignments. At this time, SYSCO will not modify the fleet assignments. An exception to this might be in effect for One Design if there are enough "left over" boats in the base fleet. Our discussion of a sprit/sports boat sub-fleet was fraught with somewhat complicated specs and classifications; we will definitely revisit this at a later meeting.

Upon motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

*RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
REBT, SECRETARY*

Nothing to do Friday night?

There are still plenty of Fridays left to get one of those "valuable" sailboats that are given away just for showing up at the social event following each Friday's Beercan Race. If you are really good (or lucky) you get a RED, YELLOW or BLUE boat. The rest of us get PURPLE boats to show that we tried. The awards are entirely at the discretion of the committee, so first to finish does not necessarily mean you get first place. Someone else may have a

better bribe for the committee or have a better costume matching the theme of the night. Join us one of these nights:

- 7/19 — Tropical night
- 7/26 — Hat night
- 8/2 — Pirate night
- 8/9 — Reggae night
- 8/16 — Pajama night
- 8/23 — Formal night
- 8/30 — Fiesta night

Use your imagination and come up with a bribe and costume that fit the theme and you could take home a sailboat. But the most important part of Beercan Racing is having fun.



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are no general
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in July and August.**

The Afterguard

BOB WALDRON

During this short July 4th break in racing, the Captain and yours truly made a brief journey to Victoria and the Gulf Islands. The result of this trip brought on a few thoughts about redefining words. For example:

ANXIETY:

Feelings frequently experienced for two hours crossing the Columbia Bar. This speaks for itself. The idea is to ignore what is happening around you in the belief that it will be better further out.

STEEP:

A not so gradual slope of water. Steep vs. Very Steep.

Hmmm. Some wave mechanic at NOAA has a mathematical formula for this, but from the cockpit of a small boat it's all relative.

PARTY:

Canada Day in Victoria. It was a good thing I knew the words to O'Canada. Thirty thousand extra people in town for the celebrations and they were all in front of the Parliament building. Good thing we were moored at Wharf Street. The music sounded like it came from just two boats down.

NAVIGATION:

The art of sailing in unfamiliar territory without hitting unseen hazards. You can do this with old charts and sailing guides if you want although I would not recom-

mend it. Not from the riot of may-day calls on channel 16 and the Canadian and U.S. Coast Guards insistent reply of "What is your position?" Then getting a muttered response of "we're near a red buoy by that point over there." The results? We heard about the sinking of a 100 foot sail boat and a 38 foot power boat (Bayliner, I believe).

COMPULSION:

The unrequited desire to go back for a much longer period. It is not an inexpensive place to go, but it sure is pretty.

SEE YOU ON THE RIVER.