



Sysco News

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General Membership Meeting

Make sure to attend SYSCO's first General Membership Meeting since June. The meeting is Monday, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m. at Mars Meadow restaurant (Hayden Meadows). Come early for dinner and socializing.

Rich Jones made a unique delivery trip from the Azores to Newport Rhode Island this summer aboard Ocean Planet. In company with Edie Felix and the skipper's mother, he spent more than 10 days crossing the Atlantic. Join us to hear about Rich and Edie's adventure and an update of Ocean Planet's progress on Leg Two of

the Around Alone Race.

Ocean Planet was constructed by Schooner Creek Boatworks in Portland, Oregon. The skipper, Bruce Schwab, is attempting the Around Alone without major corporate sponsorship. For more information and updates on Bruce's progress check out www.oceanplanet.org and www.aroundalone.com.

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.



ABOUT THE BOAT

Name of Yacht: Ocean Planet; **Sail number:** 5; **Owner:** The Made in America Foundation; **Designer:** Thomas Wylie Design Group; **Builder:** Schooner Creek Boat Works/Steven Rander; **Year Built:** 2001; **Rig:** Fractional Sloop; **Hull Material:** Wood/carbon/kevlar; **Hull Colour:** Light Blue; **LOA metres:** 18.28; **LWL metres:** 16.76; **Beam metres:** 3.81; **Draft metres:** 4.50; **Displacement:** 18,000 pounds

Bruce Schwab's Ocean Planet, built by Schooner Creek, is the topic of SYSCO's October General Membership meeting.



Bruce Schwab sails Ocean Planet across the finish line in Torbay. photo by Billy Black



Around Alone skippers Emma Richards, Thierry Dubois and Brad van Liew greet Bruce Schwab, captain of Ocean Planet. photo by Billy Black

Thoughts from the Rear

BILL SANBORN

As we reflect back on the 2002 season we all have to be satisfied in part with how the season went. Some of us got to race longer than others and, as a result of our glut-tony, haven't found a treasured invite to the Winners Invitational in our mailbox. I was discussing this with other "Manly SYSCO Sailor Man Lumber Jacks All" and they suggested that our boats are a "racer and cruiser," and we possess the Pirates Treasure Chest so lets look at Always Bright and Cloudless skies. (We are not to talk about ABC, so if you have any questions meet us at the Pirate Dock. If you don't make it we'll plant a potato in your honor).

The St. Helen's race was as advertised. We thought for a while a couple of boats were going via the Multnomah Channel, but somehow they got back out of the Willamette and then passed us after we had used the iron genny to get

to the next wind line. They both claimed to have sailed the entire time...OK... And those guys on the Hobie — did you notice how early in the race they stayed behind the barges on the Washington shore and when out of sight you could see the top of the mast over the barge going real fast like they ran along the beach pulling the boat? They always make a grand entrance into the dock at St. Helens as they come back from Sand Island under bare pole at near hull speed (maybe they do have a motor).

Sail For The Cure raised a lot of money. We are all happy to have enjoyed a sail with newfound friends while sharing in a common cause to fight breast cancer. The instructions to me were interesting: we needed to look for landmarks along the river to answer questions, so we were challenged to look for things outside the boat while sailing. OWSA puts a lot of effort into this event and we, as sailboat owners, need to put this on our schedule and support it each year. Besides, it's fun.

We have all enjoyed a well-run 2002 SYSCO racing program, but there were too few folks helping, who I know love the sport and want to see our program continue. The program has matured and is fairly well set, and while most are comfortable with what is offered, like sailing we need to make adjustments to stay on course and find new wind. We need everyone to pledge an average of 10 minutes per week to a SYSCO activity during 2003. That could be as Fleet Captain, Poncho helper, Race Committee, Banquet Committee, Trophy Committee, Cruise Committee, Boat Show helper, Newsletter or as an Officer of the Club.

October's Cruise is the Fall Colors Cruise (Oct. 26) to Coon Island. With the cool fall weather, the leaf color along the Multnomah Channel should be worth viewing. We will meet at the Coon Island dock. With long docks on both sides of the Island, we will select an area where we can all tie up close.

My Year as Race Captain

LARRY JOHNSON

My year as race captain is all but over. The first thing I learned is that you do not volunteer for being race captain; you get volunteered! I don't remember when it started. Before I knew it, I was it, but the experience has been good.

Along with not knowing what to do, I had to incorporate the new starting system into the race venue this year. It must be true about not liking change, as I was not sold on the new system at first and grumbled about it like many others.

Along with several other SYSCO members, we hosted Fleet Captain seminars where we discussed the new starting system. But, after going over it time and time again, I realized the new system was very straightforward and had definite advantages over the old system. Doing race committee multiple times over the season confirmed my newfound belief that the new system is better.

Was being race captain without its problems? No. But there were way more good times than bad! Doing race committee for the Spring Regatta and One Design was part of the good times! The J/24 fleet can always be counted on

for an exciting start. During the Spring Regatta, the J's were so early for their start that Bill Sanborn thought for sure he had made a mistake on the starting clock. Bill was right on with the clock; the J's were just early and we had a General Recall.

During the One Design Regatta the J's added to the excitement again. On one start, a few J's were over early. Strange Brew was heading back to the proper side of the line right next to the RC boat. 8 Ball was coming across the bow of the RC boat. By the time Strange Brew saw 8 Ball, a crash tack was

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2002 Sysco Banquet and Awards Ceremony

This year's Awards Banquet was at Hayden's Lakefront Grill, bordering the south shore of Tualatin's serene Lake of the Commons. It was a beautiful evening and a wonderful setting for our annual banquet.



Winners of the Spring Series.



Winners of the Summer Series.



Winners of the Spring Regatta.



Winners of the One Design.



Last year's winner, Gary Whitney, presents the 2002 Sailor of the Year award to Alan Boguslawski.



Larry Johnson, SYSCO Race Captain, presents the 2002 Commodore's Trophy to J-24 sailor Michael Burke.

Commodore's Comments

ALAN SCHAMP

It was a great turnout for the Awards Banquet and the event was very well organized. Thanks go to Phil Campagna for pulling it all together again this year. Special thanks go to Victoria Lessley for planning and coordinating the event with Hayden's Lakefront Grill. We had everything we needed to make this one of the better banquets we've had. The food and the facilities were excellent. I'd also like to thank Susan Johnson who worked very hard to solicit many wonderful raffle prizes for the event. During this tough economy asking businesses to donate merchandise can be a little like trying to get blood from a turnip.

While I'm in the business of thanking people, Thomas MacMenemy has picked up Pancho's maintenance during a particularly problem prone era of the mark boat's commissioning. There have been several holes punched in her sides from the large bolts protruding from the docks, the steering console windshield was completely loose, she has a broken windshield, and the trailer frame gave way. The club has extended the budget for Pancho maintenance to allow for the purchase of a new trailer, but I think that Tom is getting more work than he bargained for in this "low maintenance" position. When the work party is announced for Pancho in the spring, please try to make time for this event so that we don't leave Tom holding the bag on all of this work.

Congratulations are due to Alan Boguslawski as Sailor of the Year. He has supported the club and Columbia River racing in so many ways — this is a much-deserved award. I'd also like to congratulate Michael Burke for earning the Commodore's Trophy and for his success in one of the toughest Fleets on the river — the J/24's.

See you Oct. 21 at the General Membership meeting.

Bylaws Revisions

At the request of the SYSCO Board of Directors, Bob Waldron and Robyn Thomas submitted a first draft of by-law revisions for review. An overview of those recommended changes appear here. Copies of a draft will be available at the October General Membership meeting and a final draft will be presented for a membership vote at the Annual meeting and elections of officers in November, 2002.

All references to membership have been delineated as Regular Membership and Associate Membership, where appropriate. References to Board of Directors or Directors have been modified to read as the Board.

Article 3, Section 10 has been deleted as this item is more clearly defined elsewhere in the by-laws.

Article Six, Section 1 has been modified to more clearly define the composition of the Board. Another section was added to more clearly define the power of the Board to appoint fleet captains and the order of sections changed and renumbered.

Responsibilities of the Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore were modified to more accurately describe actual duties.

Article 8, Section 1 was modified to accurately state the responsibilities of the Race Committee. Subsection d of Section 2 is reworded.

Article 9, Section 5 was modified to accommodate the deletion of Article 10, Section 3.

Other grammatical changes were included as needed.

Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs are recognized at the Sysco Awards Banquet



From left to right: Thomas MacMenemy; Larry Johnson, Race Captain; Alan Boguslawski, Treasurer; Vicki Sanborn, Cruising Chair; Bob Waldron, Program Chair; Mike O'Bryant, Newsletter Chair; Robyn Thomas, Membership Chair; Phil Campagna, Banquet Chair.

Board Mtg. Minutes

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2002

Tonight's meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Alan Schamp.

PRESENT:

Officers/Directors/Committee Chairs — Alan Schamp, Larry Johnson, Alan Boguslawski, Rob Thomas, Bob Waldron, Mike O'Bryant, Phil Campagna, Vicki Sanborn and Uncle Bill Sanborn. Guests — Thomas MacMenemy, Kay Waldron, Victoria Lessley and Tim Lessley (Cal 40, Victoria).

COMMODORE:

Alan S. will retrieve the course board from Thomas MacMenemy so that Alan can arrange to have a new course board constructed and ready for the 2003 season.

VICE COMMODORE/ RACE CAPTAIN:

Larry will return six unsold race booklets to OSCA for a refund. Larry also spoke of his VC/RC recruitment efforts.

TREASURER:

Alan B reports an unadjusted balance of \$7,018.

SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP:

SYSCO has 84 members (87 in 2001). Three new members for 2002 submitted applications, which were distributed at the 2002 boat show. (In 2001, one new member application came directly from the boat show.)

NEWSLETTER:

Mike has set the newsletter deadline for Sunday evening.

REAR COMMODORE:

Boat Show Committee: Bob lead a discussion about the January 2003 Portland Boat Show booth. There was very poor volunteerism for the January 2002 boat show. (It was very disappointing to discover that many members who encouraged SYSCO to have a booth at the boat show were, however, equally unwilling to help in any way.) The Board will make a final decision at the next meeting.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE:

Bob and his committee have undertaken this difficult project, the result of which is a first draft of revised bylaws. A copy was handed to the members of the Board. A final revision will be presented to the membership at the November general membership meeting.

CRUISING:

Vicki confirms that SYSCO's next cruise will be to Coon Island on October 26. It is a beautiful, Fall-color trip to and from the Coon Island docks. PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US!

BANQUET:

Phil introduced Victoria Lessley. Victoria brought us up to date on the Club's annual banquet and awards dinner. Phil reported that there were about 80 reservations, and that the absolute cap would be 100. Gary Whitney will be asked to cover the event by digital camera.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thomas MacMenemy advised the Board of the condition of Poncho II's trailer, a brief outline of the work he intends to do on Poncho II, and his recommendation that the trailer be replaced instead of repaired. He summed up his trailer-shopping efforts and advised that a suitable new trailer can be purchased for \$1,019. By motion and second, the 2002 budget was revised to allow for the purchase. By motion and second, the Board approved purchase of a new trailer for Poncho II.

Tonight's meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

*RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
REBT, SECRETARY*

My Year as Race Captain...

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in order. Strange Brew had to do a second crash tack to keep his transom from hitting 8 Ball. It was exciting to watch from RC, I'm sure Strange Brew and 8 Ball had different thoughts about the event.

Being Race Captain has given me the opportunity to meet new sailors. Many I recognized from sailing, but I did not know them. Now I do. One person that sticks out is Briggs Franklin. He signs up for all of our series and brings out new sailors that show an interest in

racing. As we all know, it takes years of sailing to be a good racer and be competitive. Series after series, there is Briggs and his crew, making the best of it. You hear a lot of talk about what to do to promote racing and bring in new sailors. Briggs is doing just that. I hope to see Briggs and his crew on the water again next year.

Just like I was volunteered for race captain, so has my replacement. It didn't take long before he realized he had been volunteered. So this time next year, when he starts looking for his replacement, remember that you may be volunteered for a fun and worthwhile position in SYSCO.



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General Membership Mtg.
Oct. 21, 2002 ♦ 7:30 p.m.

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America's Open 60 "Ocean Planet"

The Afterguard

BOB WALDRON

Several topics are up for discussion here, so hopefully, I will get some feedback from you as to your desires and opinions. Please feel free to call at my work 503-495-8245 or email me at either waldron@eaglehomemortgage.com or Rwaldron50@hotmail.com.

First, along with Robyn Thomas, I have presented a first draft of by-laws revisions to the Board. A revised first draft will be available at the October 2002 General Membership meeting. I do not believe you will find anything too controversial, and this set of revisions should hold for the next 10 years.

Second, I must start planning for the boat show if we, as a club,

want to participate. Enthusiasm was high two years ago when SYSCO resurrected its participation. Last year signups for manning the booth dropped, three new members were signed up and participants had a good time. Is this enough reason to do it again? I need to know, as we need to get our reservation in soon.

Third, election of officers is on the docket in November. Although drafting of individuals to fill positions is not strictly in the purview of the Rear Commodore, I would encourage your participation, if not in putting your name up for candidacy, at least for one of the many committees. Your participation is vital to the Club.

Fourth, we will have an excellent program this month. I believe you will find Rich's slide presentation very interesting.

Fifth, soon I will join the distinguished ranks of Past Commodores. Hopefully my presence does not diminish this august group. Since Kay and I have been involved with SYSCO many changes have occurred. I have enjoyed my various duties as cruise chair, program chair, newsletter editor, race captain, commodore and regular contributor to the newsletter. Others have done far more and better and our club thrives because of their efforts. I hope there will always be something for me to do, as I know there is plenty for you to do. If you have not begun to participate at a level beyond sending in your renewal application, now is a good time to reconsider. I guarantee you will be enriched, rewarded, empowered and enthused.

SEE YOU ON THE RIVER.