



Sysco News

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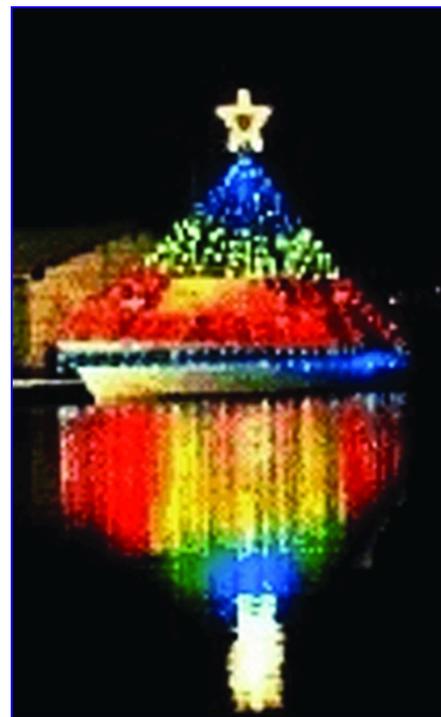
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General Membership Meeting November, 2002

Alan Schamp conducted his last General Membership meeting as Commodore of SYSCO. Retiring officers include Bob Waldron, Rear Commodore, and Robyn Thomas, Secretary. New officers were elected for 2003: Larry Johnson, Commodore; Phil Campagna, Vice Commodore; Steve Moshofsky, Secretary; Alan Boguslawski, Treasurer; and Alan Schamp, Rear Commodore.

The membership also passed revisions to the By-Laws. Final drafts are available from Bob Waldron until they are published in the 2003 Membership Roster.

As 2003 is the twenty-fifth anniversary of SYSCO it was decided to amend the name of the One Design to the SYSCO 25th Anniversary Regatta. Activities associated with the Regatta and the Anniversary were discussed and will be announced in the near future. Also look for information in the OCSA Race Book which will be available soon.



Follow the schedule for the Portland Christmas ships on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers at www.Christmasships.org

Shop 'til you drop — West Marine Night

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 18th for SYSCO's West Marine Night. Instead of a general membership meeting, SYSCO, along with West Marine, one of the area's favorite sailing stores, traditionally host a shopping night at West Marine's Delta Park store. The usual discounts apply and Martin, West Marine's store manager, says he will have some of his helpful courteous staff there to answer questions. West Marine's regular closing time during the winter is 6:00 p.m. So, be there shortly after six to take advantage of this great shopping opportunity to buy gifts for your favorite boater.

Regular general membership meetings will resume Monday, January 20, 2003.

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.

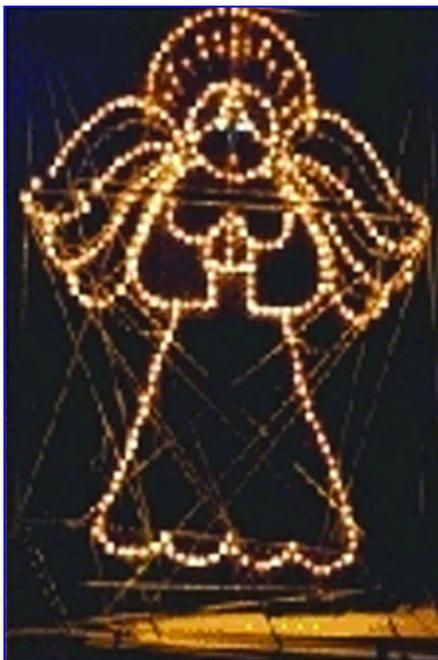
Commodore's Comments

ALAN SCHAMP

With this being my last newsletter article as Commodore, I'd like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve the club, first as Race Captain and then Commodore over the past two years. For me it has been a growth experience and a great opportunity to better know SYSCO members. This club will be moving onward and upward with Larry Johnson and then Phil Campagna taking over the helm, but I look forward to contributing in specific areas in the coming year. I think that the Club's 25th Anniversary will be a great year to find ways for me to contribute as Rear Commodore.

We still have a few committee positions to fill for next year. These include membership, cruising and PIYA representative. Please contact Larry Johnson or myself if you are interested.

Happy Holidays!



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Thoughts from the Rear

BILL SANBORN

After two dozen seasons, 2002 was in my view the best in the history of SYSCO. I can't recall a year with better weather — the winds were good for most evening races, and during both weekend regattas — good Committee work, and St Helen's (what is more important, the sailing or the party?). Delta Cruise was as good as it gets. The Ladies pulled off a great Woman's Cruise. We had a fine ABC and probably the wettest single Friday Beer Can on record. We changed the fleet alignment and improved competition. We changed the starting flag sequence to what many now feel is a superior system. And, most important, we paid all the bills and are still flush without needing to raise dues. One of the best parts of SYSCO membership is the free stuff. Want a couple of free passes to the Portland Boat Show? Call Bob Waldron. Want ringside seats for an Evening Race and you get to choose the course? Call Phil Campagna. Want to learn fiberglass repair with hands-on training? Call Thomas MacMenemy. Want to go to a Party in August and cook up some burgers? Call Alan Schamp. These could have strings attached (like thanks for a job well done), but heck-fire if you plan to give only 10 minutes a week only 10 minutes a week to SYSCO, then lets get an early start.

For the record, the outgoing and incoming officers are working

through OCSA to finish the 2003 schedule. They are working on the 2003 Race Notices for publication in the Race Book. And, the display for the Portland Boat Show is being readied for the show. A committee is being formed to plan the 25th Anniversary Regatta weekend. Pancho III is on a new trailer, the engine has been tended to, but the hull has a few spots that need attention, and we probably need to make some modifications to the FREE dock space that Columbia Crossings lets us use.

On the "TO DO LIST:" Bring the \$25 gift certificate you received for renewal to US Sailing to West Marine for shopping night. Send in your application with completion certificate or test results to the State Marine Board to receive your Boater Education Card. Visit your boat and check dock lines for chafe, and make sure fenders are in place. Check cockpit drains to be sure they are not plugged with leaves and drain freely. Wrap a line around the head foil and put some tension on the headfoil to prevent it from flapping in the wind to reduce wear. I also wrap a line around the boom to keep the sail cover from blowing loose. Open a port or crack a hatch to allow airflow thru the boat to prevent mildew. Fill the fuel tank to reduce condensation in the tank (water in the fuel). Reserve vacation time for Delta Cruise/ Six Pac. Send in your 2003 renewal for SYSCO.

Wishing all a joyous Holiday, as we look forward to SYSCO's 25th year.

BASIC RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

Saturday, February 22, 2003

8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Corinthian Yacht Club

Portland, OR

The Basic Race Management seminar is sponsored by the US Sailing Race Management Committee and US Sailing Area H. It is designed for people with some race committee experience, and newcomers, who wish to learn how to conduct fun and well-run races; and/or who wish to become certified under US Sailing's race officer certification program as a US Sailing Club Race Officer.

Topics: Race committee objectives, competition formats, sailing instructions, race committee jobs, race committee equipment, race day preparations, setting the course, starts, during the race, finishing, post-race responsibilities, and scoring.

Instructors: The principle instructor for this seminar will be Leslie Keller. Leslie is a US Sailing Regional Race Officer and the Area H/e Race Officer. Leslie will be assisted by several local US Sailing Club Race Officers.

Bring: You will need your own copy of the *Racing Rules of Sailing* ("RRS") if you wish to be certified at a Club Race Officer. You will be given a copy of "Join the Race Committee Team". People who register will be asked to complete set of race management study questions prior to attending the seminar.

Fee: The \$40 fee includes the following: continental breakfast, refreshments for an afternoon break, lunch, all seminar materials, your own copy of Join the Race Committee Team, instruction, and administration of the test

For more information contact: Jacki McLaughlin 503-285-3583 or e-mail: jacki@ctpparts.com.

To Register, send your check for \$40.00 to: CYC of Portland 603 NE Sacramento Portland, OR 97212. Location of seminar will be mailed to you along with your set of study questions.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY FEBRUARY 10, 2003

November Board Meeting Minutes

MONDAY, NOV. 4, 2002

Tonight's regular meeting of the Board was brought to order by Vice Commodore Larry Johnson.

PRESENT:

Larry Johnson, Alan Boguslawski, Robyn Thomas, Mike O'Bryant, Bill Barton, Rod Dawson, Bill Sanborn, Thomas MacMenemy and Jimmy Smith.

VICE COMMODORE/RACE CAPTAIN:

OCSA Race Booklet: Larry spent quite a bit of time on a proposed draft of SYSCO's pages and we talked quite awhile about the drafted language, including revisions which would include clear-language instructions with respect to registration deadlines, fleet assignments, scoring 3 or 4-boat fleets, a sprit-boat fleet, and putting all of that together into a Committee Boat hand-out on race day. We are also concerned about the verbiage we use in the Race Booklet with respect to accommodating the skippers who request a sub-fleet, the skippers who request PHRF scoring, and clarifying the specific instructions to be followed with respect to a protest.

One Design — It was unanimously agreed that trophies for the One Design be awarded at the Annual Banquet, instead of at a gathering on the Sunday of the two-day series. Also, for the One Design and Spring Regatta, it may become important to display the pertinent finish flags, which will keep the finished boats "in the vicinity." We will talk again about this.

Sail Education Week — Sessions will not be held in 2003. There has been a marked decrease

in interest the last couple of years.

SYSCO Race Clinic — We will increase the depth of our 2003 clinic, including increasing the clinic to three days — classroom/on-the-water/classroom. We determined to stay with the two-day format. We will talk again about this, including the possibility of a no-host gathering at The Sextant on Friday evening to talk about problems/questions encountered during the on-the-water session. (We would like to encourage Bill Huseby to again present the very helpful sessions in 2003, which he hosted earlier this year.)

Opening Day — Bill Barton, Race Captain for PYC, confirmed that SYSCO and PYC are responsible for the Opening Day activities. The Board agreed that SYSCO will manage the race registrations and the race events, and PYC will manage the post-race gathering and trophies. It is understood that ALL entrants will pay an entry fee.

Other — We felt compelled to talk about a couple of local race boats which have been sold, and how this might affect the 2003 SYSCO fleet alignment. We'll turn the pillow over on this topic, for now. As touched on, above, the

first day of a series, race-day hand-out will become required reading with respect to fleet assignments and scoring.

TREASURER:

Alan B reports that the available bank balance is approximately \$5,956. He reported that the Annual Awards Banquet numbers fell right in line with the budgeted amount, and that sales of door prize tickets were good.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE:

Bill Sanborn confirmed that 2003 will be SYSCO's 25th year. At Bill's suggestion, we will probably make the SYSCO One Design a showcase event for our anniversary — "SYSCO 25th Anniversary One Design Regatta."

OLD, DECREPIT (YET IMPORTANT) BUSINESS:

Thomas MacMenemy reported on Poncho II and its trailer. Poncho will spend some time at Sport Craft Marina for some badly-needed mechanical work. Thomas indicated that he will repair the holes in the hull.

Tonight's enthusiastic meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
REBT, SECRETARY

YOUR 2003 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE NOW.

Please complete and return the membership renewal notice you receive in the mail as soon as possible. Renewal forms will not be accepted on the water.

December Board Meeting Minutes

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2002

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Alan Schamp.

PRESENT:

Alan Schamp, Larry Johnson, Bill Sanborn, Bob and Kay Waldron, Alan Boguslawski, Robyn Thomas and Mike O'Bryant.

COMMODORE:

Alan S talked about some of the offices and committees for 2003: Larry Johnson as Commodore; Phil Campagna as Vice Commodore/Race Captain; Steve Moshofsky as Secretary; Bob Waldron as Program Chair and 2003 Portland Boat Show Chair; Alan Boguslawski as Treasurer; REBT as Membership Chair. The Board will pursue appointment of a Cruising Chair.

VICE COMMODORE/RACE CAPTAIN:

Larry outlined the proposed plan for the 2003 SYSCO Race Clinic. There was additional discussion about the placement of boats in competitive and appropriate fleets for the 2003 season. Final placement of any boat will be based upon performance, not just its PHRF rating. Larry also confirmed a December 8 deadline for final changes to the OSCA Race Booklet.

TREASURER:

Alan B. reports a balance of \$3631 in the checking account. Alan presented a current budget report and reviewed each entry with us. A copy of Alan's current report is attached to the original Minutes.

PROGRAM:

Within the next few days, Bob hoped to be able to confirm a specific date for "West Marine Night." We talked about some topics and speakers which should interest our members, and which pull them out of the woodwork and into a general meeting!

BOAT SHOW (JANUARY 4-12):

Bob Waldron and his Committee have reserved a large booth space, and the terrific plans for the 2003 booth will make it a pleasure to do "Boat Show" duty! [PLEASE plan to say "Yes!" to Bob or Kay Waldron when they call you about scheduling a shift.]

*RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
REBT, SECRETARY*



From the Race Captain

LARRY JOHNSON

I've enjoyed my stint as SYSCO Race Captain, but it's time for me to move on to the position of Commodore for 2003. My replacement for next year is long-time SYSCO member and racer Phil Campagna. Phil has been racing on the river for many years. He owns and races Bite Me, a gray J/24 with a distinctive Flying Tiger-like graphic of a mouth full of dangerous-looking teeth on the bow. As menacing as the graphic is, Phil is also one of the nicest guys out there racing. He is one of the top 24's to beat on the river and, like all the J-24's, Phil knows how to mix it up at the start. Prior to being convinced to be race captain, Phil has been responsible for coordinating SYSCO's annual awards banquet for the past several years.

Portland Boat Show on tap

Portland's annual Boat Show is on tap for January 4th through the 12th and SYSCO needs your help staffing its booth. These things tend not to happen on their own and a few hours of your time are all that's needed that week to help out your club. Three-hour shifts are standard, from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the weekends and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. during the week. We'll provide two free passes into the show for participants. Give me a call to volunteer your time (it's really kind of fun and you get free admission to the show). If I do not hear from you – Bob Waldron — you will be hearing from me. For your preferences (please indicate first and second choice) email me at waldror@eaglehomemortgage.com or Rwaldron50@hotmail.com, or leave a message at home, 503-359-5514. You are guaranteed to have a good time.



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**Wednesday, December 18th
6:00 p.m.**

The Afterguard

BOB WALDRON

Captain Tweak is forever telling me he does not enjoy books about tragedy at sea. He would rather read books about successful voyages. I tend to agree. "Coming Back Alive," however, is one of those reads, that in the wake of September 11th allows the reader inside another group of heroes (I fear for the word being overused). Spike Walker takes us inside the air operations of Coast Guard Station Sitka, Alaska, inside search and rescue operations from the vantage point of the air crews aboard the H-60 Jayhawks, and to a degree inside the minds of the rescuers and the rescued.

There are two books within one. The first sets an historical backdrop leading us into the second book. It retells stories of rescue in Southeast Alaska and how

these rescues become part of Coast Guard lore, just as the combat histories of Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force unit histories become part of their lore. Walker does a good job of showing the reader through the eyes of the pilots and aircrews the beauty of Southeast Alaska as well as its dangers for those who venture out onto the sea. Flying there is considered the plum job; the top rung of flying. It is also the best pay, and you will understand why after reading the book.

The second book is about a particular rescue of a commercial fishing boat crew caught in a storm while working the Fairweather Grounds. It is an amazing story of the efforts of the Coast Guard aircrews sent out on that dangerous night and the shear will to live by the endangered fishermen. After reading the book I was still dismayed to develop an ever-deeper

understanding that the fine young men and women of the Coast Guard are required to rescue those whose poor decisions led them to a disastrous end. And Walker does an excellent job of helping us to understand why those poor decisions are made and often it is more than just money, but not very often.

If there is any disappointment to the book it is that Spike Walker only tantalizes us with the notion that there is a grudging respect between the commercial fisherman and the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard must enforce fisheries law on a community that they perceive is doing a very dangerous job and perform rescues of those whom they must police.

A good Christmas gift for the reader: "Coming Back Alive" by Spike Walker, published by St. Martins Press will not disappoint.

SEE YOU ON THE RIVER.