



Sysco News

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General Membership Meeting

SYSCO's General Membership meeting is Monday, June 16, 7:00 p.m. at Mars Meadow restaurant (Hayden Meadows). Come at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and socializing. With a focus on cruising skills, the USCG Auxiliary will talk about radio etiquette and related topics and may have a quiz on cruising issues (specifically the Delta Cruise).

As is SYSCO's tradition, this will be the last General Membership meeting until Sept. 15. Have a nice summer.

P.S. The SYSCO Board meeting is the first-Monday of each month. **Time:** 6:30 p.m.

Location: Barley Mill Pub, 1629 S.E. Hawthorne. All members are welcome.

Attention Readers

Apparently sailors are electronically plugged in. Most SYSCO members have access to the Internet and e-mail. As a way to save the club money and to get the newsletter out as quickly as possible, the bulk of SYSCO members will receive a notice by e-mail that the full color July 2003 SYSCO newsletter in PDF format is ready to read (members will need a recent copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader) at

<http://www.sailpdx.com/sysco>.

Members without e-mail will continue to receive their newsletter by snailmail.



*Boats pictured from left to right: **Gromet** (Blaine Dickason and Cindy) – invisible at phototime; **Delta** (Bill and Robyn Thomas); **Slow Ride** (Thomas MacMenemy); no sail (Bob and Gail Schafer); **Wings of the Dawn** (Bob and Pat Brown); **Upstart** (Bill and Vicki Sanborn); and, **Bailiwick** (Alan Boguslawski and Rhonda).*

Thoughts From the Rear

BILL SANBORN

Hindsight is 20/20. But I can see the rest of the 2003 sailing season and from here it looks really fine. By the time you get this the Friday Beer Cans will have started, SYSCO Summer Series is going, SixPac is coming, Delta Cruise is to be enjoyed, Summer Sailstice events, Misc. Cruises, and the season ending SYSCO St Helen's Race.

But the Granddaddy of all these events will be the one time only SYSCO 25th Anniversary Regatta. We want everyone to

understand that while this has been the One-Design Race in the past, this year we are having classes for One-Design, Level fleets, and will also have a Cruising class with a fun course for those who "don't race." The Friday night Beer Can will kick off the weekend with a fun Race with a 1978-style course. Saturday will begin the 25th Anniversary Regatta and end the day with a party on the lawn at Tomahawk Bay. Sunday we will sail the balance of the races. Trophies will be at the Fall Banquet.

To commemorate the event, we have designed a logo for T- Shirts that can be ordered now. Find the order form in the Newsletter and

respond so we can get your order filled early. Last month I talked about a Burgee, but after a lot of research with suppliers and review by the Board, the decision was made to put that money (a lot by our standard) into other Club activities.

Memorial Day Cruise was a beautiful sail to Martin Island, with two days of sailing the Dingy in the lake. We had a very good turn out. Celtic Myst had the most secure anchorage, and we were able to assist them in jury-rigging an anchor windless. They pulled up a week's worth of firewood.

SEE YOU ON THE WATER!

North Sails/SYSCO Short Course racing night (June 3)

STORY BY KERRY POE

What a night! The northwest wind was blowing 15+ knots, making for some great small jib conditions. We experimented with the course, trying the newer style windward-leeward course seen at other venues. The first leg is a beat to windward where, after rounding the weather mark, boats reach a short distance to an offset mark before heading downwind. In bigger fleets, the offset mark helps ease congestion at the weather mark by not allowing boats to jibe around the weather mark and find themselves pointed directly at the boats still approaching the mark. Instead of using a standard leeward mark, we had a leeward gate that boats pass through and leave to starboard or port. The gate also helps ease congestion and the parades that can happen at a leeward mark.

Some of the competitors were caught off guard by the start boat being on the right side of the line. This is the common way to set the line at other venues. In Portland, having the start boat on the port

end of the line has simply become a tradition. I believe this is because most races were started using channel marker 14.

Trophies went to: Mark McCuddy for best start in the last race, but returning unnecessarily to restart; Doug Schenk for being the first J-24 in all 3 races; Jay McRostie for best round-ups (he was short

handed) and best nose wear (his wife must think he gets into a lot of fights).

I am interested in feedback about the courses and format. Please contact me at kerry@sales.northsails.com. We will run one last short course night on Tuesday, July 1 with similar starts and courses.

Commodore's Comments

LARRY JOHNSON

This year SYSCO is celebrating its 25th year as a racing and cruising club for small yacht owners, as well as for people who love to sail boats, but have shown the economic integrity not to buy one. That's a long time and most of us have either forgotten the club's history or weren't here to experience the joys and pains of that history. Here are some highlights:

The concept, informally dubbed

the "Columbia Sailing Club," sprang from the brains of three Ranger 20 Sailors (a scary concept) in 1977.

The club was incorporated as the Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon in 1978, with Jim Kirk, Loren Beach and Frank Bocarde signing the articles of incorporation.

The 1978 SYSCO race schedule consisted of two evening series, a spring and a summer regatta and the St. Helen's race/cruise. The 1984 Spring Evening Series had 81 boats. 1985 was 82 boats and 1987 had 87 boats.

MORE LATER.

Cruise Report – SYSCO Memorial Day Cruise

BOB AND PAT BROWN

We had a great time at our SYSCO Memorial Day cruise. There were over 60 boats in Martin Pond, with seven SYSCO boats: Bailiwick , Upstart, Wings of the Dawn, No Sail, Slow Ride, Delta, and Gromit rafted on the East side of the Pond. We wish there was a representative from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that could observe how much the boating community enjoys one of the finer places to gunkhole on the Columbia River.

Bill and Robin Thomas “sailed” their newest addition, Delta, a Grand Banks 36, adding it to the growing “P” fleet. Bill said the first thing he noticed was how well it points to weather. Bailiwick and Upstart had a great sail, almost all the way to Martin Pond, but Delta still came in first. It was a fun weekend of relaxing, eating and enjoying each other’s company.

Our boat, Wings of the Dawn, is having some major surgery and will not be ready to cruise until the Delta Cruise that starts in Martin Pond on July 26th. This cruise introduced us to all the nice people in SYSCO many years ago, and if you have some friends that you would like to invite along, do so. This cruise will be the highlight of the year for cruising on the Columbia. Be there or be square.

Meet at the Upper Government Island Dock for the next SYSCO cruise on June 28th. Although Wings of the Dawn won’t be there, others will and we hope you will be there, too.

JUNE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE.2, 2003

Tonight’s regular meeting of the Board was brought to order by Commodore Larry Johnson at 6:40 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mike O’Bryant, Alan Boguslawski, Steve Moshofsky, Robyn Thomas, Bill Sanborn, Vicki Sanborn, Gary Whitney, Larry Johnson

TREASURER:

Allan reports that there is \$7,138 in the bank.

MEMBERSHIP:

Robyn reports two new memberships.

Welcome to:

Rob & Bonnie Hinz, Catalina 22, **Craig & Diane Savage**, Zap 26

CRUISING:

Those that made it to Martin Island found good weather (other than a little drizzle) and no bugs. No significant events to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

The newsletter by e-mail project is progressing. The next

newsletter after this one will be posted on the sailpdx.com website with email notification to those that have email addresses on file. Printing and postage savings to the club are expected to run about \$100 per month. Those without active email accounts on file will still receive printed snail-mail versions.

25th anniversary t-shirts – Bill Sanborn has narrowed down the vendors and priced t-shirts and burgees. Burgees are generally between \$20 & \$30 each. It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted that burgees be eliminated from the plan due to the cost.

T-shirts will be available for order (see below).

25th anniversary picnic – the Saturday night barbeque for the regatta will be at Columbia Crossings. The club will provide one keg of beer, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad and chips. The awards for the regatta will be given out at the annual awards dinner.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

STEPHEN MOSHOFSKY, SECRETARY

SYSCO 25TH ANNIVERSARY REGATTA T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

Size: Small Medium Large X Large

Quantity: _____ _____ _____ _____

Total Shirts ordered = _____ x \$12.00 = \$ _____

NOTE: Single order of 6 or more shirts x \$10.00 each. \$ _____

Larger sizes available at an extra \$1.50 per shirt \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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*Mon., June 16th – 7:30 p.m.
Dinner Begins at 6:00 p.m.*

The Afterguard

BOB WALDRON

According to the thermometer, summer is here and a few of us look forward to warm evening weekends spent on the river. The annual Delta Cruise, the perennial favorite of several SYSCO sailors, is highly anticipated. With luck these kinds of activities will be observed well into the fall. As these events usually attract a few new faces — welcomed with open arms — I will hear an occasional question asked of “Just Learning” about proper etiquette. Of course, maybe a question was never asked and she just volunteered an answer. Still, the information is usually received with some gratification.

With that our program this month will cover topics related to answering these questions. We have a race clinic, why not a clinic on cruising? For example, all of us know how to use the radio ... right? We took the Auxiliary or Power Squadron's classes in basic boat handling, or read a book about it or just picked up from listening to the traffic, or maybe the prior owner told us how to use it. Is your knowledge accurate? Who directs the call to a working channel and when? Broadcast on high or low power and when do you change? Need a swing, what channel?

How about those raft ups? You are a hospitable boat, so how do you signal arriving guests (visually) they are welcome to raft? While

in Victoria last year, arriving on Canada Day, the harbormaster tucked us into the Wharf Street dock, between two other boats, so then the problem was how do we get to the dock? A simple question to the other skipper will cancel any subsequent embarrassing mistakes.

How do you say Elochoman? What a reprimand I received for that one a few years ago. By the way, do you know where it is? Are you sure you are calling the right place?

We'll talk about these and a few other fun subjects at our last meeting before our summer break. Oh yes, one more thing, who calls these meetings (cruises) and what are we supposed to do after we get there?

SEE YOU ON THE RIVER!