



Sysco News

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No General Membership meeting this month

As is SYSCO's tradition, to ensure more time for sailing, there are no General Membership meetings during the summer. See you at the Sept. 15 meeting. Have a nice summer.

P.S. If meetings during the summer are important to you, join us monthly at the SYSCO Board meeting the first-Monday of each month. **Time:** 6:30 p.m. **Location:** *Barley Mill Pub*, 1629 S.E. Hawthorne.

All members are welcome.

Delta Cruise 2003

BOB AND PAT BROWN

What a great week to be on the River. I was able to get "Wings" back together and was only a day late for the Delta Cruise. The boat worked well except for a few too many candlelight dinners and a jump-start here and there. There were a lot of distractions this week with so many events on the River, but we all had a good time. On the Delta Cruise were: **Gib and Teresa**, son **Anthony and Friend** in "*Palmer Joe*"; **Bill and Robyn**, dog **Kesha** in "*Delta*"; **Bob and Gail** in "*No Sail*"; **Thomas** in "*Slow Ride*"; **Bill and Vickie**, granddaughters **Samone and Jaya** in "*Upstart*"; **Bob and Pat** in "*Wings of the Dawn*"; **Scott and Kathy** in "*La Dolca Vita*"; **John and Jan** in "*Blue Jack*" and **Frank and Lynne** in "*Ciao*" were able to join us the first night.

I know other SYSCO members were on the River this week and we would like to have you join us next year for a great week of cruising on the Delta Cruise.

August Ice Cream Cruise

BOB AND PAT BROWN

Now for our next cruise, Aug. 23, about 300 feet south of N 45 42.879' W 122 52.113', otherwise known as 300 feet south of Bob and Pat's house at Casselmannson Multnomah Channel. Call Bob and Pat at (503) 543-5475 if you need help. Look for "Wings of the Dawn" flying the original SYSCO Cruising burgee and raft up Port or Starboard. Bring your dingy and water toys. Bob and Gail have volunteered their BBQ and the deck at their floating home for a BBQ on Saturday night. Bring your meat, side dish and drinks. Ice Cream will be provided. If conditions are right we will have some dingy races.

If you can't make this Cruise, there will be some SYSCO members at Coon Island over the Labor Day weekend. Be there, at one of these places, or be square.

Upcoming events:

- Watch for Beer Can races every Friday night
- CYC Summer Evening Series — begins August 5 & 7
- SYSCO 1978 Beer Can Race — August 8
- SYSCO 25th Anniversary Regatta — August 9 & 10
- SYSCO St. Helens Race and Cruise — September 6 & 7
- OWSA Sail for the Cure — September 20



From left to right is *Slow Ride*, *Delta*, *Palmer Joe*, *Le Dolce Vita*, *Upstart*, *No Sail*, and *Wings of the Dawn*. 100% of P fleet and almost 50% of E fleet participated in the Delta Cruise this year. Photo taken at Warren Slough.

Attention Readers — The bulk of SYSCO members are receiving the August 2003 newsletter via a notice by e-mail. The notice directs everyone to the full color SYSCO newsletter in PDF format at <http://www.sailpdx.com/sysco>. Members without e-mail will continue to receive their newsletter by snailmail.

Thoughts From The Rear

BILL SANBORN

Just returned from the Delta Cruise and find a note from our editor with a short deadline. Probably a good thing because most of the upcoming week will be spent getting ready for the Friday Beer Can and the 25th Anniversary Regatta, as well as becoming reacquainted with my job.

Over the last couple of weeks lots of sailing has gone on and have heard of boats that did well and had a good time at Whidbey Isl., SIXPAC and racing in the Gorge. We even raised a couple of sails on the Delta Cruise.

A limited number of T-shirts for the 25th Anniversary will be available at the Saturday night party for those who have not yet ordered. If there is enough interest we can place another order, with delivery in a couple of weeks.

See you on the Start line and at the Party.

SYSCO 25TH ANNIVERSARY REGATTA

T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

Size: Small Medium Large X-Large

Quantity: _____

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

Note: Single order for 6 or more shirts use \$10.00 each.

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Return order form with check payable to SYSCO for total.

To: Bill Sanborn, 443 N.E. Roth St., Portland, OR 98211-1078

Commodore's Comments

LARRY JOHNSON

This year SYSCO is celebrating its 25th year as a racing and cruising club for small yacht owners. Founded in 1978, SYSCO will formally celebrate its anniversary this weekend beginning with the "1978" Beer Can Race, Friday, August 8. Race starts at 1830 hours (6:30 p.m.). Beer Can races are a casual way to sharpen your boating and racing skills — in this case it will be in 1978 style. What does that mean? Watch for a run up to Buoy 18...or some other throwback to the old days.

Then join in SYSCO's 25th Anniversary Regatta for one-design, level and cruising fleets. The first series of races (yes, we're planning on good wind throughout the weekend) begins Sat., Aug. 9, at 2:00 p.m. and will reconvene for the final set of races on Sunday, also at 1400 hours. See your OCSA 2003 Race Book for more details.

Plan to party at Columbia Crossroads (Tomahawk Bay Marina) on Saturday after the race. We'll provide the food and drinks. Just bring yourself and your crew.

Help us celebrate our Quarter-Century mark.