



SYSCO

News

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November 15th, 7 p.m. – General Membership Meeting

Election of officers for 2005 is on tap this month for SYSCO's General Membership meeting at Mars Meadow restaurant (Hayden Meadows). Come at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and socializing.

The slate of officers for your vote are:

Phil Campagna

Commodore

Terry Ennis

Vice Commodore/Race Captain

Pat O'Bryant

Secretary

COME TO THE MEETING — MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!

Steve Moshofsky has agreed to serve another term as Treasurer, *Alan Boguslawski* moves to Rear Commodore and *Karen Anderson* has agreed to become the new Membership Chair (you'll hear from her).

Also expect a vigorous debate on the use of hull numbers during the race season.

The next SYSCO General Membership meeting is January 17.

The next Board meeting is December 6.

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 BOGUSLAWSKI

So what did you think of the election?

Did it leave you dazed and depressed, wondering what's wrong with the majority of U.S. citizens, fearful for the environment, despairing for your economic future? Or did it leave you happy and relieved that there will not be a change of regime, that there will be continuity, that George Bush has received a clear mandate to pursue his political agenda?

Whatever your reaction, the tribe has spoken. John Kerry must snuff his torch and leave the island.

Do you think that the American people can now unite behind the President? That Kerry supporters can shift from regime change

to reconciliation? Or do you believe, like Steve Duin, that reconciliation is a myth?

This was an important election. Voter turnout was impressive. Were you one of the newly registered or newly revived voters? If you registered and voted in Oregon, you and/or the majority of your fellow voters elected Democratic candidates but favored Republican positions on ballot measures. If you registered and voted in Washington, you and/or the majority of your fellow voters in Clark County have switched from liberal to conservative. What's up with these trends?

Well, the purpose of this discussion of the recent election is not to reveal my own

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Thoughts from the Rear

BILL SANBORN

This month's thoughts are to follow up on a couple of emails that I received following the Awards Banquet. To set the stage, there were some "ties" based on point scores and trophies were at stake depending on how the rules were "understood" and applied. In this case, I think the rules were followed exactly as published in Racing Rules of Sailing, OSCA Sailing Instructions and the various Club Race Notice and Sail Instructions, as we agree to them when signing up to enter any race.

"Some are way too serious and you would think we were fighting for the OL' MUG," I heard from some sailors. But, this is Club racing for many of us and I have always said, "when it stops being fun I will be hard to find." Looking back years ago, I watched the Six Pac die in part because it became too serious, while SYSCO was growing because it was "Good Ole Boy" racing, and it has been fun. We have had the luxury of growing

our membership and have a good number of boats competing, but like any venture we are on the bubble and do not want to fall off.

We do need rules for control and a level of growth to cause improvement in the sailing skills of our membership, but let's not fall into a trap by failing to recognize all who compete in our races. Because of the make up of SYSCO as a group of individual fleets, and each of those fleets has its own agenda, perhaps we need to review where we are going and make sure we are on track to meet the needs of the majority of racers. We all like the chance – owner and crew alike – to have our boat's name called out at the Awards Banquet and to pick up even a trinket, making the effort of competing – win, lose or draw – a special event.

Still, it takes money to run SYSCO's program and its races. The \$70 per year we pay in dues gets stretched pretty thin when all the budget items are added up, including Pancho III expenses,

race equipment, insurance, association memberships, banquet expenses, One-design and Cruising Parties, meeting speakers, mailings to members and trophies.

I'm not necessarily suggesting change: my intention is to share what I have heard and ask for input to the Officers of what your expectations of the Racing Program are and how to make SYSCO stronger while keeping the racing program in line with your expectations. We will all gain from your input, and if you are happy with where the Club is and will continue your support by participating in races, we need to hear that vote of confidence also.

Send a letter to me at upstart@teleport.com or to the newsletter editor at obryants@earthlink.net to give us your view. Should we play by the rules as we know them and break the inevitable tie, or should we award trophies to all tied boats? We'll publish your letters in the December 2004 SYSCO News.

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political stripe. No sir, that would be inappropriate for the club newsletter. No, the purpose of this discussion is to remind you that there is another important election coming up. While this upcoming election will not determine the future of the free world, it will determine how your club is run for the next year. At a minimum, it will cause a shift in the names and titles in the left column of this newsletter.

Yes, in accordance with Article 5, Section 1, of the SYSCO Bylaws, "The annual general meeting

shall be held in the Portland Area during November, at a time and place designed [designated] by the Board of Directors. Officers shall be elected at that meeting."

So I'm here to urge you to show up for our Annual General Membership meeting at 7 p.m. (dinner at 6 p.m.) on November 15, at Mars Meadow restaurant, 9620 N Whittaker Road in Delta Park. This is the last general meeting of the year (no December meeting and no West Marine Night this year), and will be a great opportunity to sit down over a tangy Chinese plate with a glass of wine or beer or a cup of hot tea and chat with your fellow sailors around the table about the recent

presidential election, or your winter cruising plans in the tropics.

Then after dinner I will conduct an election of officers. A slate of candidates will be presented and nominations will be accepted from the floor. If warranted, I will even provide written secret ballots – with no chads. Also, we may debate and vote on various club business topics...such as hull numbers. So come out and exercise your rights and duties of membership (full membership, that is).

And, as for the U.S. political situation...for my part, I'm wondering if Bailiwick could get us to Vanuatu.

Board Meeting Minutes

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2004

PRESENT: Alan Boguslawski, Steve Moshofsky, Phil Campagna, Terry Annis, Bill Sanborn, Mike O'Bryant, Kay and Bob Waldron, REBT, and Gypsy.

COMMODORE: Alan confirmed the slate of nominations for 2005 offices:

COMMODORE: PHIL CAMPAGNA

VC/RC: TERRY ANNIS

SECRETARY: PAT O'BRYANT

MEMBERSHIP: KAREN ANDERSON

Steve will return as Treasurer and Alan will become Rear Commodore. The various committee positions will be confirmed as the first of the year approaches.

VC/RC: The OCSA Race Book deadline for notices is December 15. The first meeting regarding the Race Book will be held later this week, on November 3. Phil will review and revise the SYSCO notices and information, as necessary. We talked about the rules this Club will continue to follow with respect to resolution of ties.

SECRETARY: Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

TREASURER: The approximate balance in the checking account is \$2,547. Steve distributed a Budget Worksheet as of 11/01/04, and we talked about the most recent financial activity, including the annual awards banquet, which fell within the budget with over 100 attendees. I attach a copy of the worksheet to the original of these minutes.

MEMBERSHIP: Renewals will be mailed to the membership no later than December 15, 2004. A late fee of \$5 was discussed. A late fee of \$5 will be added if a renewal is not received by February 15. A two-month deadline within which to renew a membership seems to be quite reasonable. The bylaws would require some revisions, and I indicated that I would draft some proposed amendments and present them to the membership at the next meeting.

NEWSLETTER: Mike has set the usual deadline, Sunday evening (November 7).

BOAT SHOW: The paperwork has been submitted to the Expo office. It was also confirmed that two SYSCO banners are available. Volunteers for the booth will be solicited by email from Larry.

CRUISING: Fall Colors cruise to Coon Island was a bit cold and wet. The next cruise is a land cruise to the Oyster Bar on November 6, at 1800.

OLD BUSINESS: We asked Phil to bring up the issue of bow numbers at the next OCSA meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
REBT, SECRETARY

Portland Boat Show

The Portland Boat Show is just around the corner and, as in past years, SYSCO will be hosting a booth Saturday, January 8th through Sunday, January 16th. This means I will be looking for folks from the club to staff the booth during that time. Weekend days will require three to four slots while the weeknights will require two slots.

Please plan to sign up for your time in the booth and help promote our club to the sailing community. I will provide more information as I receive it from the boat show organizers.

LARRY JOHNSON

Think Summer!





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Mon., Nov. 15th
SYSCO
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
Dinner 6 p.m.
Meeting 7 p.m.

The Afterguard

BOB WALDRON

Congratulations to those nominees for SYSCO officers. As I promised, speaking for all the Past Whatevers, you will find the opportunities enriching and rewarding. In addition, you will get from the membership and past officers of SYSCO a tremendous amount of support for your activities.

Now that we have a slate of officers to present to the membership this month, it is time to move onto other things. Just because we are not out racing — the season will be upon us soon, or at least sooner than you think — there still is an abundance of

activities to get us through the winter. Larry will be setting up for the Boat Show, and that reminds me of something: OCSA is in the midst of preparing the Race Book for next year and yours truly is busy lining ducks up for the 2005 Six Pac. Many SYSCO members participate in the annual Delta Cruise, which coincidentally is the same week as the Six Pac. Those of you who plan on participating in this every other year event, however, will want to pay attention to this column in the coming months as completed details are revealed. You may also hear from me soliciting help.

See you on the River.

