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Commodore's Comments

ALAN BOGUSLAWSKI

One of my favorite holidays is coming up. You guessed it...the winter solstice is December 21. While it's not an official holiday, it is a holiday in my book that I like to celebrate – not because it's considered the first day of winter or because it contains the shortest period of daylight for the year – but because it signals the beginning of lengthening daylight. Sure, the change is imperceptible, especially at first. But, there's a definite trend. And I'm a trendy sort of guy.

I listen to the NOAA weather radio broadcast every morning while I'm shaving to see what kind of weather I'm going to be biking to work in and on summer race days, to get an idea of what kind of race conditions to expect after work. Yeah, I've even gotten used to the moronic synthetic broadcast voice the Weather Service uses. I can't help but wonder, though, why they still can't program him to pronounce Cascade Locks or The Dalles properly. Or to put pauses in the correct places.

Anyway, the daily NOAA/Weather Service broadcast includes the time of sunrise and sunset. Once we pass December 21, that sunrise statistic will gradually become earlier and earlier; while the time of sunset will become progressively later and later. And I can begin anticipating those long summer days of going out sailing after work and even after dinner.

You don't need an article about the Weather Service broadcast or about my shaving habits. So let me say a little about SYSCO.

This is my final Commodore's Comments, as I will be turning over

No General Membership Meeting in December

The next SYSCO General Membership meeting is **Monday, January 17th, 2005, 7 p.m.** at Mars Meadow restaurant (Hayden Meadows). Come at **6:00 p.m.** for dinner and socializing.

P.S. The next SYSCO Board meeting is **January 3.** The 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.

the tiller of the club to Phil Campagna (although I will still serve the club as Rear Commodore and will continue to contribute to the newsletter, as well). I have every confidence in Phil, since he has proved his devotion to SYSCO by serving two consecutive seasons as Race Captain.

I also want to welcome Terry Annis to the SYSCO Board and offer him encouragement. I hope every club member will do their best to support Terry in his endeavors as race captain this coming season.

A club officer I have most enjoyed serving with for several years is leaving the board. Robyn Thomas has very adeptly served the club in the unsung backstage roles of secretary and membership chair (chair, hell, she was the whole committee). Robyn deserves our gratitude for all the work she has done. Let her know.

Welcome to Pat O'Bryant, and thanks for volunteering to serve in the secretary's role.

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Thoughts from the Rear

BILL SANBORN

A tip of the old sailing hat to Alan, Phil, Robyn and Steve for leading us through 2004. They also had lots of help from members who volunteered so that each of us as Racers and Cruisers were able to participate and enjoy the activities. Once again the plea goes out for your help and commitment of a few minutes toward your responsibility as a member to help keep SYSCO successful in 2005.

I was surprised a few days ago when I found my copy in the mail of USSailing's "The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005- 2008." After a quick glance, I noted several refinements, but no changes from Port and Starboard right-of-way and keeping clear rules. I would suggest as a winter project that you read Parts 1 and 2, and have an understanding of Part 3 (these are things that will happen during the race that you will need to deal with

immediately). Also read through Parts 4, 5, 6, 7 and Appendix A (a total of 39 pages). Appendix J, K, L and M might also be of interest as they involve Race Management and Protest Committees. And a requirement for all crewmembers to know is Race Signals, which are explained inside the back cover.

The Oregon Boater Education Cards are again in the news. Any boater 45 years of age or less and boating in Oregon during 2005 must have a Card issued by the Oregon State Marine Board in order to legally operate a vessel with an engine size greater than 10 HorsePower. The effort to take and pass the exam, IMHO, far out weights the hassle of being cited, paying the fine and then still needing to take and pass the exam. Anyone operating Pancho III will need to hold a Card. The fine now is \$94.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of a former SYSCO member and Catalina 22 racer Ed Palfreyman. Ed was active in Fleet 20 and competed in the early 80's in SYSCO races. He had also been a long time member of RCYC.

After a great summer of sailing and fun on the water, and as we hole-up for the winter, we can rejoice in this time with Family and Friends during the Holidays at any of several celebrations as part of the season.

See you at the boat show or on the water.

"When you race be a model for sailors who are new to the sport. Follow the basic principles stated in Sportsmanship and the Rules, and use these rules to keep sailing safe and fun for all.

SAIL OFTEN AND SAIL FAIRLY."

**JANET BAXTER,
PRESIDENT USSAILING.**

Letters to the Editor,

These letters were in response to Bill Sanborn's November "Thoughts" column where he asked the membership to weigh in on tied races and trophies.

Hi Bill,

My crew sailed one of the boats that tied in races this past season – one time for second place in SYSCO's Spring Evening Series and one for first place in the CYC Summer Series. In both cases, our finish was relegated to a lower finish. We were given the second place trophy in the CYC races and went home empty handed from SYSCO's annual awards banquet.

Now that I understand the ruling on these races, I have little

problem with the results. I went back to look at the finishes, only to find that the other tie boat beat us more than we beat them. It makes sense they would get the higher trophy.

I wonder, however, if a boat that ties for second and is expecting a trophy at the awards banquet should go home empty handed, as was the case with the SYSCO race.

Still, this is a very small event in our year of sailing. All of us on the crew are there to enjoy the sailing and the competition, which was excellent this year, not to pick up trophies. In all, ours was a great year. Thanks to SYSCO volunteers who make these races possible.

*Mike O'Bryant
French Kiss*



Bill,

I vote that in the event of a tie we present two trophies. Based on my experience in E fleet sharing a trophy is not something I'd be ashamed of. The fleet is very competitive and sharing a trophy is recognition of a hard fought contest.

**My two cents!
Thomas MacMenemy
Slow Ride**

Board Meeting Minutes

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2004
(6:30 p.m.)

PRESENT: Bill Sanborn, Terry Annis, Alan Boguslawski, Larry Johnson, O'Bryant² (Mike and Pat), Steve Moshofsky, Thomas MacMenemy, REBT, and Steveland Morris.

COMMODORE: Alan welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the 2004 Board. The transfer of offices and burgees will occur at the next Board meeting on January 3. Alan told us that he has sent an email to the 2004 Fleet Captains, asking that the fleets elect a Fleet Captain for 2005. Alan indicated that he has the race flags and will keep them until the beginning of the 2005 race season. (You can catch his interpretation of the exotic South Pacific "flag dance" every Friday and Saturday night at Ester Short Park in Vancouver.) BTW, we must replace the individual recall flag. Alan will retire to the Rear Commodore's bench (same park).

VICE COMMODORE/RACE CAPTAIN: Phil has reviewed and revised the SYSCO information and race notices for the 2005 OCSA Racebook. There was some discussion about current race fee structure, which is confusing. Upon motion and second, the Board voted to simplify the fee structure and will implement it. Phil indicated that language regarding the recording of times for certain fleets will be removed. Phil will move up to the Commodore's chair. Terry Annis will move into the VC/RC seat (we're all behind you, Terry!).

TREASURER: Balance in the Club checking account is \$2,541.97. Steve will continue as Treasurer in 2005. Phil and Steve will

collaborate on a proposed budget for the next Board meeting.

SECRETARY: Minutes of the last meeting were approved. A proposed set of bylaws will be sent to each Member with the renewal notice. A vote on the amendments will occur at the next General Membership Meeting on January 17. I will not continue as Secretary and Pat O'Bryant will take the quill.

BOAT SHOW: Larry reports that prep is okey-dokey, and handed free admission tickets to the Board members who have already signed up for booth duty during the show.

BANQUET: October 9, 2005 is the next date for our annual awards banquet. This committee post is open.

MEMBERSHIP: I will be mailing the 2005 renewal notices to the membership no later than December 15. The Board talked about the technology experience and the duties involved with this committee, and talked about the volunteers who have indicated interest in the chair. I will hand off the membership duties at the end of the year to the volunteer appointed by the Commodore.

PROGRAM: There is no general membership meeting in December. The program chair is open.

NEWSLETTER: News Eds have set the deadline for submission of articles, photos, etc, for Sunday, December 12. Sandy and Mike will continue as News Eds for 2005.

PONCHO (MARK BOAT): Thomas will continue as Poncho's guardian for 2005. Poncho is currently on the hard at the MacMenemy boatyard. Thomas will discuss the needed maintenance and related expenses for 2005 at the January Board meeting.

CRUISING: The land cruise to the Oyster Bar was terrific! Fresh seafood, wonderful atmosphere, creative parking. It was good to visit with everyone in a dry, temperate climate! (Side note by REBT: - no one needed a tow to this destination.) No cruise - land or sea - is planned for December. This committee needs a new leader. The responsibilities of a cruise director do not include control of the weather....

OLD BUSINESS: A few of the committee positions remain open and the Commodore, with the Board's assistance, will work to get these positions filled.

Upon motion and second, this final Board meeting of 2004 was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
REBT, SECRETARY



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Thanks also to Steve Moshofsky for his fiscal role in maintaining the club's fiduciary responsibilities. We are grateful that Steve will remain in that role for another year.

Finally, a tip of the hat and fondest gratefulness to Mike O'Bryant for editing the typos and grammatical bugs from my articles, and unfailingly producing (with the

able assistance of his wife Sandy) this terrific newsletter. Thanks, even more, for volunteering to continue publishing.

Don't forget, members, your club needs you to participate in more than the races. SYSCO's Portland Boat Show booth needs members to populate it throughout the 10-day run of the show. See Larry Johnson's plea in this edition of SYSCO News.

Happy New Year mates!



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The Afterguard

BOB WALDRON

Although I am not the “official” representative of SYSCO to the Oregon Corinthian Sailing Association (OCSA), my involvement as next year’s OCSA Commodore will no doubt color The Afterguard for the next few months. My apologies are offered ahead of time. Terry Annis has stepped up as SYSCO’s Race Captain/Vice Commodore and one of his duties is to act as the SYSCO representative to OCSA. With that in mind I will defer reports of that organization’s activities to him. My comments will remain, as they usually are, uh, abstract.

For the last few months much of the space in the newsletter and the electronic impulses you accessed to read the “News” has been devoted to the business of the Club in its effort to recruit the 2005 officers; and I have not been circumspect in my remarks. We should now be able to move on to the organizing of the activities for next year, and fulfilling the promises made to the new leadership our commitment of support. (I was speaking for everyone wasn’t I?) There will be many opportunities for the demonstration of that commitment.

In the mean time, the boats must be checked, the tree decorated, the lights lit and time to celebrate the season. The Holiday is short and soon the business of the club and life must be resumed. For many of us that does not stop just because Christmas is near. Still it does not hurt to fantasize a little bit about warmer weather, full sails and wet feet.

See you on the River.

Portland Boat Show Needs You!

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. I’m looking for folks from the club to staff the booth during that time. If you can staff the booth and promote our club to the sailing community, please let me know, (503) 735-2624. A free pass into the show is included. The pass does not include parking.

We have several time slots still to fill for the event:

Sunday 1/9/05, 11am – 2pm
Monday 1/10/05, 3pm – 6pm
Wednesday 1/12/05, 3pm – 6pm
Thursday 1/13/05, 3pm – 6pm
Friday 1/14/05, 3pm – 6pm & 6pm – 9pm
Sat 1/15/05, 5pm – 9pm
Sunday 1/16/05, 2pm – 5pm

Please plan to sign up for your time in the booth and help promote our club to the sailing community.

LARRY JOHNSON