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General Membership Meeting

Our own Toby Elliott will present "Tips on How to Get the Most Out of Your Trip to the Caribbean" at this month's SYSCO General Membership meeting. Even though we have had several days of sunshine this month, it is still winter and Toby will be bringing stories and pictures of his many cruises and vacations to such exotic places as Anguilla, St Lucia and Martinique, among just a few glorious places where the sun always shines and "Ted's is just to the left of it!"

Come to the meeting Monday, February 21, 7 p.m. at Mars Meadow restaurant (Hayden Meadows) and live vicariously through Toby's adventures on legendary sailing ground. Come early at 6 p.m. for dinner and socializing.

P.S. The SYSCO Board meets the first Monday of each month. **Time:** 6:30 p.m. **Location:** Barley Mill Pub, 1629 SE Hawthorne. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Commodore's Comments

PHIL CAMPAGNA

The PYC/SYSCO Opening Day Regatta is less than seven weeks away! Before that, the Sailor's Dinner, Frostbite Regatta, SYSCO Race Clinic, Dave Perry Seminar, OCSA Race Management Clinic, North U educational series, and our sisters are way ahead of all of us having already started the OWSA Basic Sailing Class on Feb 1st. Seems like the boat show was just last week.

There's no better time than now to start planning your sailing campaign. Call up the marina to make sure your slip is available. It's never too early to ring up the crew and synchronize schedules. How about racing some out of town regattas this year? The J24s have a unique opportunity to compete in their nationals three hours away in Seattle. Make 2005 the year to "do" offshore, Six Pac or Whidbey Island Race Week. All of these opportunities and so little time off work.

As you may know, I was recalled back to my job at Boeing. Sounds all great and

everything, but little did I know that a total of five sick days must last me all year! Not like my previous job where the boss is a racing sailor who understands "sailing time off." With only five days to play, I'm forced to prioritize this year's sailing season. No Whidbey, Six Pac or Offshore for me. Damn! This one must focus on J24 Nationals and not miss the opportunity to start with 40-50 other one-designs.

So you've been warned. No excuses for not being ready for 2005 sailboat racing, PDX style.

Auction Announcement

Rocky Pointe Marina gave SYSCO a "*Free Haul Out and Bottom Wash*" to auction to the highest bidder at our next general meeting February 21st with proceeds going to the general fund.

— *Come be a part.*

Thoughts from the Rear

BILL SANBORN

I subscribe to "SCUTTLEBUTT" and receive an email most days. I pan through it reading what catches my eye and scroll to the bottom to read the Curmudgeon's Observation. For the last couple of months we have followed the Vendee-Globe, Ellen MacArthur's quest for the around the world record, read about the problems with lightweight boats sailing across the Bass Straits, and the Oryx Quest. These folks are taking what we do on a Tuesday/ Thursday evening to a much higher level. While we would motor out and glance up at the flag at the Yacht Club, tell the crew to go out and check wind direction, then decide to use the #2, these folks have studied the weather patterns weeks ahead and are tracking weather movements and wind strengths,

and planning routes several days ahead for optimum VMG. While during the typical race for us the wind might change 5 knots over the course, they can typically see wind gust change of 20 to 30 knots within a few minutes on the open ocean and will need to make constant major sail changes to keep the boat in trim.

I have been in conditions that they describe, and when you are facing 30 to 50 foot green waves with hurricane force winds blowing the top 3 or 4 feet off the waves, and for every mile you go ahead, you have gone up and down 4 to 5 times that distance. About the fourth day it stops being fun and gets real old. That brings me to the importance of what we learn when we race at our level. Racing causes us to go out onto the race course at a scheduled time and sail a course using all points of sail. We have no say in

what the wind and wave conditions will be during the race time. We learn what sail selection is best for conditions, how to trim the sails, where to position crewmembers at various points of sail to ballast the boat, we learn how the boat responds and that the boat is probably tougher than we are.

I admire the commitment these folks are making to do these major ocean races, and knowing that each of them learned and practiced their sailing skills as club racers. I am happy to be able to join them on their journey by reading the logs and, having sailed, I understand what they are describing and the conditions around and aboard the boat.

Check the Race Schedule for training: SYSCO Race and OCSA Race Management clinics are coming up fast. And mark your planner for July 23-31 for the SYSCO Delta Cruise and/or OCSA Six Pac.

Dave Perry Seminar

Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 - 2008 ♦ March 25 & 26, 2005

The latest version of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) took effect Jan. 1, 2005, and few sailors know those rules better than Dave Perry. OCSA and its member yacht clubs are pleased to announce a seminar featuring the rules expert. Dave's credentials are impressive:

- Member of the US Sailing Appeals Committee since 1986.
- US Sailing Senior Certified Judge.
- Author of Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing
- Member, Sailing World Hall of Fame.

Friday evening, 7 to 9 p.m., Dave will conduct a "Mock Protest Hearing," covering all aspects of a protest, including the rules that pertain to filing a protest; the rights of the competitors; and the obligations of the protest committee in conducting the hearing. Those arriving early can catch the "Ask the Expert" open question session from 5-6 p.m.

Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm (social afterwards) will be a full-day seminar on the RRS, including:

- Changes to the 2005 – 2008 RRS
- Discussion of the RRS in general
- Tactics and rules

Location: 12050 N Jantzen Dr, Portland, Hayden Island, across from Safeway and just south of Zupans Market

Cost: \$20 for both days, INCLUDING FOOD (\$25 after 3/18)

Food: Sack lunch Saturday & snacks both days

To register, send your check to:

Schooner Creek Boat Works, 3255 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, Oregon 97217, Attn: Dave Perry Seminar. Seminar details are on the OCSA sponsored website at: www.sailpdx.com. Look for a link on the main page.

Questions? Email Nancy Rander at NancyR@schoonercreek.com.

Board Mtg. Minutes

MONDAY, FEB. 3, 2005

PRESENT: Bill Sanborn, Terry Annis, Alan Boguslawski, Steve Moshofsky, Thomas MacMenemy, Kay & Bob Waldron, Phil Campagna and Pat O'Bryant.

COMMODORE: Phil announced he was hired back at BOEING, swing shift and might not be able to run the February general meeting – Alan said he would step in for Phil. Phil updated us on the banquet – Victoria Leslie will be in charge. Location yet to be decided. Two options, Courtyard Marriott or Pizza Mia. Phil – email from Nancy Rander re: anniversary OCSA with guest Dave Perry of “Dave Perry on Rules.” Motion as

to SYSCO donating \$100.00 – a motion & second, but was defeated 4 to 2.

VC/RC: Terry has the list of race captains. He is looking for space to set up race clinic.

SECRETARY: Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

TREASURER: Money coming in slowly. Steve mentioned some attendee's still haven't paid from last banquet. The Secretary will follow up.

MEMBERSHIP: Announcement of new members, Dee Turner, Nancy Kirk, Raymond Cliffe, Ray Renk, Bob Stout, and Wayne Hoake. Renewal reminders were mailed February 2, 2005. Returns coming in slowly with 23 outstanding.

Bob Waldron - The speaker for the Feb. 21st general meeting will be our own Toby Elliot. Bob would like to step down from program director for general meetings. He asked for a member of SYSCO to help with the Six Pac Race.

CRUISING: Meeting @ Browns this Sunday for an ice cream social.

PONCHO: Thomas fixed the wiring, dings in corner and re-varnished. Also, stated marks need more webbing to secure them so they go into the water straight. Replace anchor rode or just shorten, undecided.

Meeting adjourned upon motion and second at 7:30 p.m.

*RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
PATRICK O'BRYANT, SECRETARY*

Vice Commodore/ Race Captain

TERRY ANNIS

March is almost here and football is history for another season. It's time to turn off the television and make use of these longer days. This year we have opportunities that really need to be mentioned.

First is the Dave Perry Seminar, (complete details on previous page). Many times I have wished I would have known the “*rules better*” and could have the confidence to gain a position. I could say “Remember me? I finished second in the National Races last year,” but oh well, as they say no one really remembers second place.

Secondly, the SYSCO Race clinic will be on Thurs., Mar. 31, at Elmer's in Vancouver. The address is 7105 N.E. 40th Ave. just two blocks northeast of the intersection of Highway 500 and Andresen Rd., phone 360 260-1008. Plan on having dinner at Elmers

and we will get started about 6:30. The clinic will show us the flags and what they mean in the start sequence. Some of the new race circuits that you might see this year to produce more competition in a safer area will be in the program. There will be some discussion of the rules and how to sail safely on the river with the commercial traffic. There is no charge for this clinic and if you are a new racer or, like me, have forgotten some of the particulars, I would consider this an important date. The next day, Friday at 6:00 pm, for those

who want to practice some of what you've heard and learned, there will be a race committee boat in the vicinity of buoy 14. The plan is to practice some starts and see how the course board and flags are presented.

The principal race officers for the SYSCO week night series are listed below. These people are very important volunteers who make our racing possible. Don't run into their boats; don't give them a hard time. Maybe buy them a beverage and say “*Thank You*” when they aren't really busy.

FLEET J24	Capt. John Weil	April 12 – June 7
FLEET F	Capt. Bob Rouse	April 19 – June 14
CRUISE FLEET	Capt. Scott Stevenson	April 26 – June 21
CATALINA 25 FLEET	Capt. Ray Clift	May 3 – June 28
CAL 20 FLEET	Capt. John Hatch	May 24 – July 5
FLEET B	Capt. Frank Bocarde	April 14 – June 9
FLEET A	Capt. Tony Humpage	April 21- June 16
FLEET C-172	Capt. Rock Kent	April 28 – June 23
FLEET E	Capt. Thomas MacMenemy	May 5 – June 30
FLEET C	Capt. Bill Sanborn	May 26 – July 7



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FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, February 21, 2005
Dinner 6 pm • Meeting 7 pm

The Afterguard

BOB WALDRON

Mid February and the weather seems determined to tease us with what is yet to come. Although we may see some very low river flows this summer due to the low snow pack now, I doubt that will dampen the enthusiasm of any of you for the Spring and Summer events on the Race Calendar. In preparation for the season, please take a look at the upcoming events noted in the Race Book. First, for those who do not have the Race Book, there will be “release party” at PYC in February. These parties were in answer to those years OCSA had missed getting the books out in time for the Boat

Show and has carried on as a bit of tradition. Pizza and pop will be available for your consumption.

In March things really begin to heat up with the SYSCO Race Clinic, OCSA Race Management Clinic and a special event: a seminar with Dave Perry. Watch for more promotional information about these and other events in your mail, the newsletter and email.

If you missed last month’s general meeting, it was unfortunate as Rich Jones told a great story about a delivery down the West Coast to San Francisco. Don’t miss this month’s meeting as our own Toby Elliott will share his adventures in paradise aboard charters and on land.

See you on the River!

2005 SYSCO Cruise Schedule

March 19-20 — tentative

April 16-17 — East Dock, Gov’t Isl.

May 28-30 — Memorial Day
Cruise to Martin Lake

June — to be announced

July 4 — Fireworks from Hayden Bay

July 23-31 — Delta Cruise

August 20-21 — Channel Cruise

October 22-23 — Fall Colors Cruise
to Coon Island

November 12 (7 p.m.) — Dan &
Louis’ Oyster Bar (land cruise)

Specifics for each event will
be published in the newsletter, in
advance of each cruise.