



# The Starting Line

MAY 2008

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## HERE'S TO SUMMER & AN ACCIDENTAL BREAK

in getting this issue of SYSCO News out prior to Monday, May 19th Membership Meeting. If you didn't make it to the meeting, call a friend to get the scoop about the May 24th - 26th Memorial Day cruise with some SYSCO dudes at Martin Pond. If you haven't been on a SYSCO cruise here is your chance to find out what you are missing.

 Our Sincerest Apologies  
Mike & Sandy O'Bryant

P.S. The SYSCO Board meets the first Monday of each month. Time: 6:30 pm.  
Location: O'Conner's Restaurant in Multnomah Village, 7850 SW Capital Highway.



## Memorial Day at Martin Pond

Bring your friends, bring the grandkids, bring your kayaks, canoes, dinghies, and enjoy the first big cruise of the season with all your SYSCO friends. May 24 - 26, come for all or part. New members are especially encouraged to come to join the fun and meet the rest of the SYSCO gang.

Hey, Cruisers, put these dates on your calendar

## 2008 SYSCO Cruise Schedule

Co-chairs: Bob Brown and Jim Sinclair

Date	Location	Comments
June 21 - 22	River Place *	see PDX from a different perspective
July 26 - Aug 3	Columbia River	<b>Annual SYSCO Delta Cruise</b>
Aug 30 - Sept 1	Coon Island	<b>Labor Day</b>
Sept 6 - 7	St. Helens	<b>SYSCO fun race/cruise</b>
Sept 28	Columbia River	<b>Not a cruise - just a reminder - SAIL FOR THE CURE</b>
Oct 25 - 26	Coon Island	<b>Fall Colors Cruise</b>

\*(alternative: Government Island - east dock)

## Commodore's Comments

BY KAREN ANDERSON

### Cruising Season's Upon Us!

The SYSCO Cruising Contingent is our group's fastest growing fleet and there's talk that a longer start line may be needed to accommodate these folks. At a recent race management seminar at North Sails, we learned that an adequate start line is determined by taking the overall length of the boats starting and multiplying by 1.25 to 1.5, depending on the aggressiveness of the fleet. Race captain Rich Jones tells us that there are approximately 470 feet of cruising boats in the fleet, so we could be looking at a starting line equal to two football fields! Now that would be a sight to behold. The cruisers combine experienced racers with newcomers to the sport, and they have an active congenial group which competes on the river and then schedules their next potluck for socializing. This month's meeting will feature more

on the SYSCO cruising program, which continues to grow each year.

This will be our last regular meeting until September, as we find ourselves wanting to be out on the water more. Your board will continue to meet through the summer, so if you have comments or suggestions, please contact a board member.

Plans are being finalized now for the summer picnics to be held the last week of the summer series. We'll be looking for volunteers to help flip the burgers and slice the tomatoes for these fun socials.

Our racing season is running like clockwork, thanks to the hard work and organization of RC Rich Jones. The replacement "Otto" horn has arrived and the committees have been sending off consistent starts on well-planned courses. The only complaint heard has been regarding the inconsistent or non-existent wind we've been sent, sometimes combined with a roaring current in the wrong direction!

*Fair winds!!*

## Now Here This... From Your Humble Race Captain

RICH JONES

First, I'd like to thank the fleet captains and volunteers for doing a bang up job with Race Committee duties. Except for one Thursday and one Tuesday, we've had good winds, great courses and some terrific racing on the river. With one week left in the Spring Evening Series, competition is keen for all of the fleets. Congratulations to all of the skippers and sailors who are battling hard to win, accomplish goals or achieve firsts for themselves and their boats.

With the Summer Series just around the corner, there's still time to save a bundle of cash by becoming a SYSCO member. Do it and you'll save having to pay a \$30 entry fee for the Summer Series, another \$30 entry fee for the SYSCO/Columbia Crossing Level & One Design Regatta, AND (whew) another \$30 entry fee for the SYSCO St Helens Race & Cruise. That's 90 bucks worth of racing for \$70 (the price of a SYSCO membership).

Become a SYSCO member, it'll do you, your crew and your boat a whole lot of good.

*See you on the water.*



## SYSCO April '08 Board Meeting Minutes

**Place:** O'Connor's Restaurant, Multnomah Village

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Date:** May 5, 2008

**In Attendance:** *Karen Anderson, Rod Dawson, Rich Jones, Phyllis Brennan, Al Calcagno, Jim Shaw, Bill Sanborn.*

*Meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by our Commodore, Karen Anderson.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Reporting on both new and old business at the same time.

**COMMODORE:** Karen Anderson

**Does anyone know about the following events?** Is Anna working on them and is there some kind of committee in place? How are the arrangements coming along?

1. **Coordination of the End of Summer Series Picnic...**The series being on July 8th & July 10th. Do we have plans?
2. **The SYSCO ST. Helens Race.** Did we order the glasses? The standard order of 48 glasses should be sufficient.
3. **The SYSCO Awards Banquet.** It is never too early to reserve the venue, get the committee together and make the plans. Do we know what plans Anna has made and how much help she has or needs?
4. **Do we know if the Coast Guard Permit has been issued?**

**GENERAL DISCUSSIONS** began before the committee reports. The general consensus is that we should contact Anna. If possible Anna should be at our board meetings and make some report so that the board knows which of the upcoming events are already addressed and which ones need to be addressed by some other member.

Rich Jones will contact Mark McCuddy to confirm that the **Coast Guard Permit** is in place. Also, Rich will order the **SYSCO ST. Helens glasses** as this falls under race committee..

**THANK YOUS** are in order for some of our members who have made outstanding contributions this year:

- ☞ Thank you to Rock Kent from the board and committees for his work on the Course Distances program. Everyone enjoyed working with that program and found it very interesting.

☞ Thank you to Bill Sanborn for making sure that our marks were pumped up and out on the course.

☞ And Thank you to Thomas MacMenemy for continued maintenance on Poncho.

**REAR COMMODORE:** Rod Dawson reported that he has given our whole year's meeting schedule to Elmer's Restaurant at Delta Park and has listed Karen Anderson as First Contact with Rich Jones as second contact.

**VICE COMMODORE / RACE CAPTAIN:** Rich Jones reported that the racing has been good except for on one Thursday. The Auto Horn is great. Every one loves it except for the Manual Button doesn't work. Rich has sent it back to the maker and they will send a replacement by return mail. We should have it back before the next series starts.

Rich mentioned that some RC volunteers are interested in using a tape recorder at the finishes. Discussion by board: Maybe a camera & photo finish would be a good idea. Several still feel that 2 people with paper work best and is the most reliable way to finish boats. Rich & RC will try several ideas and see how they work out.

**TREASURER:** AL Calcagno said that SYSCO has made our Goal for membership plus an additional 6 or 7 members.

**CRUISING:** Bob Brown and Jim Shaw will co-chair this year. Jim said that he has published the whole cruising schedule by email several times this week. Everyone should have a copy. Karen suggested that we should publish the whole cruising schedule list in the news letter. Also, we should put both Jim and Bob's name & phone numbers in under cruising contacts, and ask Gary Whitney to put it on the web.

**PROGRAMS:** Frank Bocard

Report made by Rich Jones on behalf of Frank. We have our choice of two programs for this month. Cruising pictures set to music and a Nobeltec presentation. Or we may have a presentation about medical emergency at sea.

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🔔 Bill Sanborn mentioned it would be a good thing to promote the cruising in advance of the cruising season and most of the board agreed that if we can pull it all together for this month, we should have the Cruising program

**NEW BUSINESS:** Rod Dawson asked if it could be a good idea to charge \$2.00 per head for non SYSCO members attending the After Race Summer Picnic. Rod's thinking this will be a good way to encourage membership. After some discussion, we decided that two things would be beneficial and acceptable. We should display a place for volunteer donations and we should have a display / sign up place pushing the Associated memberships.

🔔 Jim thought this would be an opportunity to promote associate memberships.

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### **SYSCO needs a Marketing Committee for these things.**

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🌀 Jim thought that he and Anna could work on Marketing ideas together.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Requires follow-up, Crew from boat "Cloud Nine" has offered to bring our website up to speed and brighten it up. SYSCO board would like to move forward with this. It would be a great improvement and benefit. Before we can do this we need to check out the host. Sail PDX is hosted by Bill Barton and Gary monitors it. OCSA pays fee once per year.

As there is no further new business, this meeting adjourned by

*Karen Anderson at 7:35 pm.*

*Respectfully submitted by*

*Phyllis Brennan, Secretary SYSCO*

