



# The Starting Line

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*A SYS CO  
Merry Christmas  
to All*



## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

### The Party's Not Over, But It's Time for This Commodore to Say Goodbye & Thank You!

The "noughties" are just about to end as is my tenure as SYSCO's commodore. This has been a tough year in many ways, but a good one for the Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon. Our membership grew in '09, as did participation in SYSCO events.

Many of our members racked up adventures of a lifetime, others achieved personal bests with their sailing and still others earned recognition and high praise for their contributions to our sport, including Gary Whitney who received the "Sailor of the Year" award at the OCSA Tropical Party last month.

Besides wanting to thank the SYSCO membership for helping to make this a successful year for the club, I want to especially thank the SYSCO board for its contribution to a year of accomplishments:

**Thank you Karen, our outgoing rear commodore & treasurer. Thank you Alden, our Vice Commodore & Race Captain. Thank you Scott, our secretary. Thank you Jan, our membership chair. Thank you Anna, our social chair. Thank you Jim, our newsletter editor & copy boy. Thank you Gib, our cruising coordinator for life. Thank you Bill, our historian and guiding light. And thanks to Gary, too, who is every club's best friend for all things at SailPDX.com.**

Now it's time to look forward to the first year of a new decade. As I roll into the cushy job of rear commodore, the 2010 SYSCO board will have many familiar faces and one open seat yet to be filled. **Alden becomes SYSCO's new commodore, Julie Rouzee steps in as our new treasurer. Gary Bruner steps in as our new secretary AND Pancho III engineer. Jan returns as our membership chair. Anna returns as social chair. Jim returns as our newsletter editor & copy boy. Gib continues cruising coordinator for life. And Bill has no choice when it comes to being our historian and guiding light.**

**The one seat yet to be filled? Vice Commodore & Race Captain. Out of a total membership of almost 200 sailors, many of which are avid racers and/or cruisers, there MUST be one amongst you who is willing to step forward to fill this fun and easy to do position. Please consider volunteering as the next SYSCO Vice Commodore & Race Captain. Thank you.**

Best Wishes, Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays,  
Rich Jones  
Outgoing SYSCO Commodore for 2009  
Incoming SYSCO Rear Commodore for 2010

### 2010 Portland Boat Show, January 13-17

This year's boat show is only 5 days long. The SYSCO booth is the same as last year. At press time there were still 13 slots open on the booth duty roster. If you haven't already, please volunteer to staff our booth at the show. It's fun. It's a good way to visit with lots of old and new sailing friends. And it's a great way to get into the show FREE! Raise your hand by sending an email to [sycosail@gmail.com](mailto:sycosail@gmail.com)

### 2010 OCSA Race Book

At press time, the new race book is nearing the final draft and should be going into production soon. The goal as usual is to try and have it available for sale at the boat show. If for some reason the ink doesn't dry in time for the show, SYSCO will have a good supply of books on hand at the membership social at Rose City Yacht Club, Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Vice COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

Hello every one, I wish you all a happy Christmas and New Year. We have some exciting things going on.

1. The annual boat show is coming up and we are looking for volunteers.
2. I am leaving the Race Captain position to become commodore and am still looking for a Race Captain for 2010. Will Santa bring me one? I know that I have been naughty but still I need a Christmas Present.
3. Winter racing is still going on and the SYSCO board will be voting on taking it over for Terry Johnson who has created a very successful program.

I look forward to the coming year and leading this great organization. Racing doesn't happen all by its self. It happens with the help of all the great people who are a part of SYSCO. I know this is short and sweet but I am in snowy Michigan in a board meeting listing to all the board members blah,blah,blah. Have a great holiday season, be safe and hope to see you at the boat show and on the water.

Alden Andre

## MEMBERSHIP:

SYSCO Renewal Notices will be e-mailed to you the last week of the year. Please watch your e-mail for the notice. OR, if you are like me, clean out all the junk mail, so you will be able to find the SYSCO Renewal Notice when it comes to you the last week of 2009.

Thank You for supporting SYSCO in 2009!

Jan Burkhart

## TOP 10 REASONS to volunteer as Race Captain:

1. Sunsets – get a Front row seat for the best sunsets on the Columbia.
2. Runabout – get Free rides on a speedy runabout mark boat.
3. Photo ops – get once-in-a-lifetime photos like Spinnakers in the Setting Sun
4. Big Yachts – get up close views of large vessels you may never have the opportunity to own.
5. New Friends – Get to know all the racing boats & their skippers.
6. Control "Fix" – You call the shots for the season.
7. ??? – Bikini clad helpers? – Oh Yeah!
8. Get Fit – Your muscles may bulge with a gorgeous tan to boot.
9. Learn – Watch and learn racing strategies of the competitors.
10. Give Back – Give back to the sailing community that has given so much to you!

BONUSES: Lots of Free Beer & It's a great way to ENJOY LIFE!

(top 10 list courtesy of Jan B.)

## From the Rear:

A recap of the 31st year of SYSCO finds the Yacht Club in good shape and just completed a successful year of races, cruises and social events with great participation in all the events. I can tell you that this will continue, but right now the racing events could become a real "cluster" if no one is willing to take the responsibility to oversee as Vice Commodore/Race Captain. The long standing success of SYSCO is attributed to folks stepping up and doing volunteer duty as a Club Officer, Fleet Captains or chairing any of several positions such as Cruising, Membership, Program, Social, Newsletter, or Pancho Maintenance. I will assure you that by accepting you will not be hung out to dry. A Past Commodore once observed that "SYSCO's Race Captain will not fail, because there is more experience to help them than in any organization I have been involved with". So as you who have enjoyed the quality events put on by SYSCO, and have hopes of them continuing, we are asking you to take a turn on the helm, and you can be sure that the entire membership will be aboard to help trim the sails for you.

Sail on Sunday (ISR) has been very successful and the SYSCO Board is looking at the Series and doing a study to determine how SYSCO can help continue the Event. Keep watching here and Terry's "ISR Hypes" E-Mails for details.

Take a look at the 2010 calendar and be sure to save these dates: February 13th for the SYSCO Winter Social. The not-to-be-missed, best-floating-party-on-the-river SYSCO Delta Cruise will be the week of July 24, thru August 1st.

Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season and we'll see you on the River.

Bill Sanborn

## A Guest Editorial From Latitude 38:

### Get Out the Boat



[\(Click on the photo to enlarge it.\)](#)

Give holiday stress the boot with a turn on the Bay.

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We've always wondered why something as relaxing as the holidays should be become such a royal charlie-foxtrot. There's extra traffic and long lines at airports. Then there's having to throw-down in the store aisles to get whatever happens to be the gotta-have-it item this year. There's the ever-present reminder that "thieves Christmas shop too." There are parties to pull off, extra grocery shopping to do, cards to write and send, decorations to put up, and strings

of christmas tree lights to troubleshoot. And then there's the realization that, for a lot of people, the holidays don't entail any of these things.



You can always see if you can get your race crew together for a practice, like Leglus.

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So what do you do when it all becomes too much? Go sailing! Clear your head by heading out on the Bay or wherever your home waters are. Instead of tearing out your hair, tear out of the slip. Instead of running around in the holiday morass, let the breeze cool the fever pitch and the boat float your mindset.



Have a lot of family and friends coming for Christmas? Take 'em sailing! Just remember, as has the master of Little Wing, to bring enough life jackets for everyone.

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Are you lucky enough to have a lot of family and friends around? Maybe non-sailors? Then do them a favor and take 'em out, too — let them burn some holiday calories sweating a halcyon.



You could be sitting in traffic right now . . . .

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It doesn't matter if your boat is fast or slow, new or old. If you've got a bit of a break from work or school, spend it on the water. Feel like lounging around? Trade the couch for the settee and the crystal champagne flutes for non-breakable stemware.



Whether you've got a barge with a bed sheet on a broomstick or a hot-rod tri like Dolphin Spirit you can't go wrong with a little time on the water.

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If the holiday season is grinding on you, give it a rest. A few hours aboard is all you need to reconnect with the joy.

*- latitude / rg*

We couldn't agree more. Ed.

## Minutes:

12/7/09 Mac's Market and Deli. The meeting was 'rung' to order by Alden Andre. Also present were Rich Jones, Jan Burkhardt, Julie Rouzee, Jim Sinclair, Bill Sanborn, Edie Felix, Frank Bocarde, and Terry Johnson.

\*Rich reported that we are very close to a break even year, financially, though exact records were not available at this meeting, and there are a few receipts expected.

\*Jan reported that membership is above the budgeted figure, and the drive for next season is soon to be underway. Jan requested more "statistics" on membership, which Rich is going to provide.

\*The racing season concluded before the Awards Party. It was a very successful season, but there are serious concerns about next season since, as of yet, we have no Race Captain. It was mentioned that there is a great "brain trust" in place to assist any person stepping up. With a good group of fleet captains, the job is NOT as difficult or time consuming as many people suppose. Fleet captains are WELCOME at all board meetings, and have voting rights.....

\*Gib Colistro is the 'cruising organizer for life". While official cruising ended after an acclaimed Fall Colors Cruise, Gib is often found at Coon Island on weekends, even this late in the year.

### Old Business:

\*Pancho III is being kept at Gary Bruner's house over the winter.

\*The Race Book is nearing completion. Unfortunately, the SYSCO Race Captain position will be listed as TBD. Also searching for race captains are CYC and RCYC.

\*The Portland Boat Show is shorter this year, just Wednesday through Sunday, Jan 13-17. Rich is the point man on coordination, though as of now has gotten little information. He'll be proactive in contacting McLaughlin Shows for more details. He'll handle volunteer sign ups for duty at the show.

### New Business:

\*Terry Johnson requested that SYSCO assume oversight of the International Sailing Regatta (ISR) event that is its second winter season, racing very informally on Sunday afternoons. Many big boats are coming out and seem to like the long courses. Over 60 different boats have been out this year since racing began the last of October, with over 20 on some Sundays. Terry has concerns about his personal liability in the case of accidents. SYSCO will talk to an attorney, check with OCSA about dates, and check with its insurance carrier before voting on this issue at the next meeting. Terry has offered to continue to "run" the event, and "hype" SYSCO and the IRS event in subsequent ISR newsletter emails.

\* It was approved to spend up to \$500 to have Pancho tuned up, lubed, get a new water impeller and battery, as these items are quite overdue.

\*The next season's membership renewals will begin with an 'early bird' email reminder and request, followed later by a personal snail mail contact to those who don't respond to the first appeal.

\*A possible donation to the Columbia Gorge Racing Association (to help rebuild a storm damaged 'clubhouse') was tabled until the next meeting when more financial information will be available.

The next meeting will be on Jan. 4 at a place TBD by Commodore Andre, probably closer to the island....

Meeting adjourned.

Gary Bruner