



# The Starting Line

February 2010

Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon ♦ P. O. Box 5502 ♦ Portland, OR 97228

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

Due to a need to move his business and home away from Oregon, Alden Andre has submitted his resignation as our Commodore. In addition, as you know, SYSCO is also currently without a Vice Commodore/Race Captain. As per the Bylaws of SYSCO, our Rear Commodore, Rich Jones, "shall preside in their absence."

*from Rich:*

To The Epoxy Encrusted, The Grinder Dusted & The Paint Spattered Masses, UNTIE!

Spring is just around the corner. Start the final touches on all the projects. It's almost time to GOTB (except the Sunday bunch who never put the boat away).

SYSCO is going to great lengths to get everybody pumped for a great year of sailing. First off, we have arranged for a big trimaran and a big catamaran to go at it just so you can see what kind of sailing you can do when your boat budget is unlimited. If you haven't been watching the 33<sup>rd</sup> edition of the America's Cup, then go to <http://tinyurl.com/y9p2h2h> at 01:00 PST on race day to watch these two remarkable multihulls compete off the coast of Valencia, Spain. If BMW Oracle wins back the Cup for the USA, then who knows, maybe the next AC will be in San Francisco Bay. [Note, at press time in the best of 3 series, the first two races have been postponed for lack of wind and big swells respectively. The 1<sup>st</sup> race is rescheduled for Friday, 2/12.<sup>h</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.]



EVERYONE'S INVITED!



**SYSCO**

Social & Membership Drive

BYOB AND POT-LUCK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7 - 9 PM

ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB

3737 MARINE DRIVE

*Bring a bottle & an appetizer,  
socialize, share stories,  
and invite new members.*



But if you think the AC is fun, then you're really in store for a treat! The Chateau SYSCO Social is Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at Rose City Yacht Club. This annual pot-luck get-together for the sailing community is sort of the unofficial start to our racing year. The RCYC gate starts swinging open at 18:30, with the event officially taking place from 19:00 to 21:00. Bring your favorite beverage and a dish to share with old and new friends.

This year's race book will be on sail at the SYSCO Social and SYSCO Race Clinic while supplies last. Books are also available at Schooner Creek Boat Works, North Sails of Oregon and McCuddy's on Marine Drive.

In addition to the AC, SYSCO has also arranged for everybody to have an extra hour of daylight in the evening starting March 14.



And Daylight Saving Time comes just in time for the SYSCO Race Clinic that takes place March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>.

**March 2010**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 OWSA Sailing Basics	3	4 North Sails Oregon Tactics Course	5	6
7	8	9 OWSA Sailing Basics	10 OCSA Race Management Clinic	11 North Sails Oregon Tactics Course	12	13
14 Daylight Savings	15	16 OWSA Sailing Basics	17	18 North Sails Oregon Tactics Course	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 SYSCO Race Clinic at RCYC	26 SYSCO Race Clinic On-The- Water	27 RCYC & Sextant Frostbite
28	29	30	31			

And...Coming in the March issue of The Starting Line...the 2010 Race Committee Schedule for the SYSCO Spring and Summer Series of racing. Plus, the 2010 SYSCO Supplemental Sailing Instruction. And, if all goes according to plan, the 2010 Coast Guard Permit for all boats racing on the Columbia River (courtesy of OCSA).

## MEMBERSHIP:

Jan Burkhart reminds you, in case you missed it...

### *Chateau SYSCO* *5<sup>th</sup> Annual Social & Membership Drive*

February 13<sup>th</sup> fro 7 to 9 pm  
At Rose City Yacht Club  
3737 NE Marine Drive

*Bring a bottle of wine & an appetizer, socialize, share stories, and invite new members.*

## Fleet News:

NOTE: Fleet Captains are invited to submit Fleet News to the Newsletter Editor.

The Ranger 20 Fleet #4 has changed it's name. In recognition of members of the fleet on both sides of the river, we are now the **Columbia River Ranger 20 Fleet**.

Members of the fleet are meeting regularly to update racing specifications for the fleet, which have not been modified since the 1970s. In addition to the name change, we have agreed so far to the following:



- We adopted a purpose statement: "competitive yet affordable one-design racing while keeping original character of the Ranger 20."
- Modifications not contrary to class rules are allowed.
- Lower shroud modification is required for racing, for safety.
- Adjustable back stays will be allowed, but cannot be adjusted during a race.
- Running rigging modifications will be allowed.
- Fleet measurer: we will rely on honor system and specifications developed by North Sails or Banks Sails. There will be no fleet measurer.
- Safety: Require boats to meet all Coast Guard regulations regarding lights, safety equipment, etc. Allow redress for a burned out light or dead battery, but equipment must be present.
- Motor: Require racers to carry a motor of at least 3 horsepower mounted on the transom.

We are currently working with local sail makers to agree on standardizing sail design. Grandfathered sails will be allowed; must be owned or ordered prior to 1 February 2010. Dacron main and head sails only, nylon for spinnaker.

We are making plans for several Ranger Cruises, and are open to suggestions.

We plan to have a practice race on Thursday night, 15 April.

**Gregg Bryden** | Flying Frog

Captain, Columbia River Ranger 20 Fleet

## Thoughts from the Rear:

From Bill Sanborn:

What are you seeking to get from your membership in SYSCO? And are you asking yourself "What can I do to assure that my hopes are met?" Cause if your goal is to have a Race Committee out there on Tuesday/Thursday and you register your boat and then just show up at the starting line, you might be surprised to find no Start Line.

SYSCO has a good history of doing things right and the folks who over the years have taken care of all the details and made sure that there was a Starting Line, and well, just made sure the "I's were dotted and the T's were crossed". After several years each of keeping the watch are asking for "new blood" to join and begin to be contributors. There is an opening for Vice Commodore/Race Captain to oversee the racing program, but there are other ways to have a impact and help out. Evenings when you are not racing, volunteer to help with the race committee, help with Pancho, setting marks, be a back up to the Committee PRO, volunteer your boat to race committee for fleets with only the smaller boats.

In about 60 days we will be back at racing twice a week, so I suggest that you think about "how can I help make this season a success?" Many hands make light work.

Cruising note: Mark you calendar for the annual 9-day Delta Cruise starting at Martin Island July 24th.

## SYSCO 2010 Budget:

From Julie Rouzee

The Board accepted the following budget for our 2010 year.

<b>CATEGORIES</b>	<b>2009 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2010 BUDGET</b>	<b>2010 ACTUAL YTD</b>
<b>INCOME CATEGORIES</b>			
Carry Over	8,440.79	8,501.08	8,501.08
Awards Banquet	2,685.00	3,000.00	275.00
Bank Interest	3.07	3.00	
Membership Dues	7,957.00	7,950.00	1,565.00
Race Income	1,550.00	1,550.00	
Misc Income			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>20,635.86</b>	<b>21,004.08</b>	<b>10,341.08</b>

### EXPENSE CATEGORIES

#### Administrative:

Association Fees	125.00	175.00	50.00
Bank Charges	12.25	12.25	
Banquet Expenses	3,718.06	3,800.00	
Boat Show Expenses		171.00	171.00
Donations	100.00	300.00	100.00
Meetings	126.93	200.00	
Trophies	3,856.92	3,850.00	
Insurance	995.00	995.00	
Moorage		700.00	
Social Functions	709.72	700.00	270.00
Cruising	317.40	325.00	

*budget continued:*

**Membership:**

Burgees and pennants	422.62	300.00	
Roster Print/Postage	482.02	500.00	
Postage & PO Expenses	165.75	170.00	44.00

**Racing:**

Race Books		25.00	
Race Equipment Purchases	360.00	350.00	
Pancho Maintenance	447.86	300.00	
Pancho Fuel/Misc	237.87	275.00	

**Miscellaneous:**

Misc.	57.38	100.00	
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TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>12,134.78</u>	<u>13,248.25</u>	<u>635.00</u>
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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

*from Gary Bruner:*

2/1/201 Minutes from SYSCO Board

The meeting at Delta Park Elmer's was called to order by Commodore Alden Andre at 7:00. In attendance were: Alden, Rich Jones, Edie Felix, Jan Burkhart, Julie Rouzee, Jim Sinclair, Bill Sanborn, Gary Bruner and fleet captains Steve Spon and Natalie Mary, Todd Bassham, John Hatch, Steve Weir and Greg Bryden.

OLD Business: We are still without a Vice Commodore/Race Captain. Racing will be even more dependent upon the various fleets throughout the season. Rich distributed a schedule to the fleet captains which shows which fleets are responsible for each race during the spring and summer series. Each fleet will have no more than 2 races to run. Regattas will remain the responsibility of the Race Captain and volunteers. Discussion suggested that Rich will facilitate those regattas until/unless a Race Captain is named.

+Rich related that any protests may be emailed in, but must include all the pertinent information required on the official protest form.

\*Discussion ensued about the possibility of using "gates" instead of rounding marks, but the idea was rejected, partly because of the additional marks that would be needed, and the narrow confines of our river venue.

\*Instead of a general membership meeting in February, there will be a BYOB Social to be held at RCYC on February 13. Reminders about this event will be sent via email, as well as reminders about membership renewals and the SYSCO Race clinic, scheduled for March 25-26.

Rich will double check with Gary Whitney and Dale Mack to confirm their help with presentations, as they have been most professional in the past.

**NEW Business:**

\* One change this year is that A Fleet will be divided into 2 divisions. A-1 will be the sport boats, or sprit boats with planing hulls. Fleet A-2 will be the most fleet of the displacement boats. Other fleets will remain as in previous years.

\*Pancho report: Some marks still need to be repaired before they can be used. Bill Sanborn offered his expertise to help the Pancho 'engineer' with this task. Old flares are being updated with used, but newer ones.

\*Jan reported that we have renewals from approximately 50 members so far. She will have membership information available at the social, and Rich will bring the 2010 OCSA Race Books and course charts for sale. Efforts continue to get the last half of memberships in.

\*Julie presented the board with a detailed projected budget for 2010. It was met with much approval and was unanimously accepted by a grateful board.

\*Finally, the meeting concluded with the unfortunate, surprise resignation of Commodore Alden Andre. He is moving his business out of state and is forced to relocate his place of residence. In the absence of a Vice Commodore, Rich Jones again donned the mantle of running the organization, at least for the present.

\*The meeting adjourned at 8:00. The next board meeting will be on March 1, location TBD.

Submitted by Secretary Gary Bruner