



The Starting Line

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Rear COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

ARE YOU READY TO RHUMBULL?

...from the quartermaster in the Commodore's office:

The sailing season is upon us, and we're off to a great start.

The RCYC Frostbite was interesting and fun. If that regatta was a sign of things to come, we are in for a terrific and challenging year of racing on the river. That's terrific for the boats racing, challenging for the race committee charged with putting on great races.

The PYC Sailors Dinner was also a smashing success, with good company, great food, and a very interesting presentation by a sailor who circumnavigated the globe and brought back a bunch of good stories to get everybody's cruising bubbles busy.

So with the racing and cruising pumps primed, the SYSCO board (with help from many of the club's stalwart members) is chomping at the bit to produce a year of sailing that will meet the wants and desires of all the sailors who participate in SYSCO's racing, cruising and social programs.

The 2010 OCSA Race Book, the SailPDX.com website and the SYSCO newsletter, *The Starting Line*, are the best ways to keep up on things. In addition, SYSCO tries very hard to keep everybody informed via our frequent email broadcasts which include announcements from other clubs about upcoming programs and events.

If you aren't getting the SYSCO newsletter and email blasts, send an email to sycosail@gmail.com and we'll get you on our list. Membership in SYSCO is always a good idea and makes some things free, but it's never an obstacle to any of the club's programs, activities or events. Of course, this includes volunteering to help with things like race committees, offering ideas for programs at the monthly membership meetings or helping to set up the gatherings at cruise destinations, or the summer series BBQ's, or the SYSCO Columbia Crossings Regatta, or the fantabulous SYSCO Awards Banquet in the fall.

...from the staff at SYSCO Race Central:

The **Spring Series starts on April 20th & 22nd** and the entries are flooding in now. Remember, on-the-water entries are not accepted. We'd like your paperwork in before next Tuesday so all the pertinent competitor info can be included in the handout that goes to all boats the first night of racing.

Oh, while you're attending to paperwork, don't forget to send your entry in for the **SYSCO Spring Regatta on Saturday, April 24th**.

And be sure to have your 2010 SYSCO membership dues paid. Racing in either or both the Spring Series and/or the Spring Regatta is free to members-in-good-standing otherwise the entry fee is \$30 per event. Seventy dollars worth of SYSCO membership gets you \$120 worth of racing each year...wow, that's pretty good deal, eh?

This year, the staff at SYSCO Race Central is winging it without a race captain. As a result, the Fleet Captains are stepping up to make sure no beats are skipped with it comes to the quality of SYSCO racing on the river. Below is the RC roster for this year. If you have a hankering to volunteer for race committee duty or you have a big luxurious yacht with lots of food and drink that can serve as the RC boat for a small-boat fleet that is waterline-impaired when it comes to accommodating a half dozen or more hardworking RC members, send an email to SYSCOsail@gmail.com and we'll provide contact information for the Fleet Captains listed on the following schedule.

SYSCO 2010 Race Committee SCHEDULE

(revised)

Fleet	Captains	Spring	Summer
Cruising-F	Steve Spon	20-Apr	8-Jun
Martin 24	George Brown	22-Apr	10-Jun
Cal 20	Jim Giger	27-Apr	15-Jun
A	Tony Humpage	29-Apr	17-Jun
Ranger 20	G. Bryden/T. Bassham	4-May	22-Jun
Catalina 22	Don Woodhouse	6-May	24-Jun
Cruising-S	Steve Spon	18-May	29-Jun
E	Toby Elliott	20-May	1-Jul
J-24	Eric Albertson	25-May	6-Jul
Merit 25	David Paligo	27-May	8-Jul

Note 1: The SYSCO race organizer or a board member will be available each night to help with the Mark Boat and/or RC duties if needed.

Note 2: Please contact Rich Jones (rich@npohelp.com or 503-706-2541) if changes need to be made to the RC schedule.

Note 3: Please contact Rich Jones if you need help finding a suitable committee boat to hold all the RC gear and keep the RC volunteers comfy.

A final note about racing on the river...each year OCSA applies to the USCG for a river permit that is copied and provided to each skipper for the season. The permit remains on the boats as part of the vessel documentation packet. The 2010 permit has been applied for. We hope to include a copy of the permit as part of the handout on the first night of racing. The application makes us good to go for next week. If the paper doesn't arrive in time for the handout, SYSCO will email a copy to all boats registered to race in the Spring Series and Spring Regatta.

...From the Rear Commodore's lofty perch:

Lots going on racing and cruising-wise...If your boat's in the area with an SSB and you want to give a listen, California Girl will be participating in a Pac Cup radio check on Sunday, April 25th at approx. 14:00. If you're interested send an email to Rich Jones (rich@npohelp.com) for more details.

Many sailors will start off the season racing the first 3 races of the SYSCO Spring Series, then they will break and head off to do the Oregon Offshore and Swiftsure. If you've ever wanted to do some ocean racing or coastal cruising, the Oregon Offshore has been for many sailors their introduction to the ocean side of our sport. If you're an experienced racer and haven't done the Offshore, let the folks at CYC know you're available to crew. And what boats race up, must sail back down at some point so if cruising is your thing and the coastal bug hasn't bitten you yet, let the folks at CYC know you are available to crew on boats being delivered back to Portland (or Astoria) at some point after the Swiftsure.

Don't forget the next SYSCO General Membership meeting is Monday, April 19th, at the Delta Park Elmer's Restaurant. The hungry starting gathering at approximately 18:16:15 and the meeting starts at approximately 18:57:09. On the 19th we'll have a member of the Sheriff's River Patrol give a talk about stuff that interests us, and we'll have an honored guest from one of our good supporters join us as well.

Ok that's about it from the various offices at SYSCO HQ.

See you on the river...

Fleet News:

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

South Sound Sailing Series

The South Sound Sailing Series results are in with the Portland boats doing very well. **Mummba Jumbo** finished 3rd overall with **Still Gladiator** at fifth and **Skookum Too** in ninth of about 105 boats in the series. The last race out of Gig Harbor was a very pleasant sunny day with an exciting finish pushing the slow boats to the lead with Skookum Too 3rd in class.

A2 Fleet sets sail

After spending the winter tuning up during the International Sailing Regatta, a group of larger than normal racers, are thinking about the SYSCO Spring Evening Series. It has been awhile since SYSCO has seen more than one or two 35+ footers racing in the evening series but there is a distinct possibility that 5+ boats in the 35-54 foot range will be on the Tuesday evening starting lines. Should be fun. If "big boats" out there has been missed being contacted, feel free to email me at FBocarde@aol.com. By the way, Kerry Poe will again be scoring the event on handicap to double the available trophies. See you on the river.

Coming Events:

SYSCO General Meeting – April 19th 7pm at Elmer's in Delta Park (6ish if you want to eat and talk first.) Multnomah County River Patrol will be our guest speaker.

SYSCO Spring Series Starts – April 20 & 22 No more waiting, racing season is here. See OCSA Race Book page 68.

SYSCO Spring Regatta – April 24th
See OCSA Race Book page 70.

CYC Oregon Offshore – May 13-16
KICKOFF PARTY
MONDAY, APRIL 26th, 6-9:00 PM
At MacTarnhan's Taproom 2730 NW 31st Avenue, Portland.
Last chance to enter the race, T-SHIRTS, Raffle/Door prizes, No-host bar

Tomahawk Bay Yacht Club's Annual Swap Meet – May 8th in the Tomahawk Bay parking lot. 8am to noon. (earlier for the real bargains)

Race Clinic Presentation

If you missed the race clinic last month, or you want to get your crew up to speed on starts and recalls and courses and the rest, the excellent presentation done by Dale Mack is available to download at Sailpdx.com/sysco.



Some confusion at the mark... don't let this happen to you!

Even MORE SYSCO Membership Benefits!



SYSCO and



BoatU.S. Boat Owners Association of The United States

Your SYSCO Board has renewed our partnership in the BoatU.S. Cooperating Groups program. BoatU.S. provides a vast range of services, information and savings to recreational boaters, including:

- Members-only discounts and Member Rewards with West Marine equipment purchases
- Discounts on fuel, overnight slips, and repairs at more than 900 marinas nationwide
- BoatU.S. will pay up to \$50 per incident On-The-Water Towing with your basic membership
- Higher-option per incident towing service levels are available up to Unlimited
- Access to high-value, low-cost group-rate boat insurance
- Full year subscription to the award-winning BoatU.S. Magazine
- An effective lobby that fights unfair taxes, fees, and government regulations that target boat owners

Because of this special arrangement, you can get 50% off the regular annual dues rate of \$30 when you join BoatU.S. – the nation's largest Association of recreational boat owners. Your dues are only \$15 for the year! (\$20 for International Members – regularly \$40)

Regardless if you are new to BoatU.S. or if you are renewing your membership, be sure to mention our Cooperating Group ID number GA 81878 S to get the specially reduced rate.

SYSCO encourages you to take advantage of this valuable program that is available only to BoatU.S. Cooperating Groups like us!

The Crane Comes Down

If you routinely check the big red construction crane at Salpare Bay to see which way the wind is blowing, or if you use it as a navigational landmark, you'll have to look somewhere else. On Monday, April 12th it was professionally dismantled and hauled away. I wonder if the same fate awaits the big ugly concrete foundations. To view a slide show of the process go to <http://tinyurl.com/y2bvg99>.



2010 SYSCO Cruising Schedule

In addition to all the fabulous racing on tap for 2010, we still have a full calendar of cruising events to round out the social part of your sailing life. So don't be shy, all boats and boaters are welcome.

Date	Event	Location
May 29-31	Memorial Day Weekend	Martin Pond
June 12-13	Just Because!	Gilbert River
July 3-5	Independence Day Weekend	Martin Pond
July 24 – Aug 1	SYSCO Annual Delta Cruise	Martin Pond to Astoria and back
Aug 28-29	SYSCO Annual St Helen's Race Cruise	St. Helens – Race down, cruise back
Sept 4-6	Labor Day Weekend	Coon Island
Oct 23-24	Fall Colors Cruise	Hadley's Landing

On March 27 – 28 several SYSCO members gathered at the new Sandy Beach dock on Government Island just east of the 205 bridge. Reports are that a good time was had by all.



lots of room



toasts were made
(who's that mysterious guy in the yellow foulies?)

FOR SALE:



JOIN THE FRIENDLY FLEET! Race ready Martin 242. Comes with trailer and complete sail inventory. Just add water for instant fun! \$6500.

For complete information and specs call **Bill Brennan** at **503 286-9374**.



Race ready! "Pegasus" is a C&C 30'. Past winner of many local and offshore races. Good mechanical condition, safety gear and ground tackle included. \$21,500.

More photos and equipment list on request. Call **Lee** at **503-449-8895**.

Special Deal STILL AVAILABLE:

Racer's Row @ Tomahawk Bay Marina

- * Group moorage for racing fleets: Everyone gets their own 28' slip with their fleet!
- * Discounted moorage: \$3/ft for both moorage and winter storage on a trailer at our RV storage lot.
- * Local business discounts: Hidden Bay Café, West Coast Sailing, etc.
- * Free beer during summer series racing
- * Columbia Crossings sponsored party/meeting: Have a fleet party or meeting on the lawn at Tomahawk Bay or at the Hayden Island Yacht Club building.
- * Free trailer parking during racing season: Store your trailer for free behind a locked gate in the grassy area east of the Tomahawk Bay building #2 parking lot.

Contact: Chris Brown, Dockmaster @ Tomahawk Bay Marina, Sailing Outreach Coordinator

Cell: 971-255-8058

cbrown@columbiacrossings.com

Still Looking for Crew? Don't forget to check out the crew list on Sailpdx.com...

PORTLAND OREGON CREW LIST



SYSCO 2010 Budget Report:

From Julie Rouzee

2010 SYSCO Treasury Report - April

CATEGORIES	2009 ACTUAL	2010 BUDGET	2010 ACTUAL YTD
INCOME CATEGORIES			
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	0.21
Membership Dues	7,957.00	7,950.00	4,970.00
Race Income	1,550.00	1,550.00	
Misc Income			
TOTAL INCOME	20,635.86	21,004.08	13,746.29
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	29.01
Trophies	3,856.92	3,850.00	
Insurance	995.00	995.00	1,045.00
Moorage		700.00	
Social Functions	709.72	700.00	770.00
Cruising	317.40	325.00	
Membership:			
Burgees and pennants	422.62	300.00	
Roster Print/Postage	482.02	500.00	
Postage & PO Expenses	165.75	170.00	52.80
Racing:			
Race Books		25.00	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	
TOTAL EXPENSES	12,134.78	13,248.25	2,242.81

BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

from Gary Bruner:

The April 5, 2010 SYSCO Board meeting at Elmers, Delta Park was called to order at 6:55 by Past, Current and Vice Commodore Rich Jones.

Present were: Rich Jones, Karen Anderson, Julie Rouzee, Jan Burkhart, Bill Sanborn, Bill Brennan, Frank Bocarde, Phil and Anna Campagna, Steve and Natalie Spon, Todd Bassham, and Danny Damore.

REPORTS:

*Julie Rouzee presented a detailed financial report that shows good news. We are beyond 65% of yearly income (mostly dues) and we've spent about 17% of our yearly budget thus far. Several membership checks were presented to Julie at the meeting.

*Jan reports that we now have 92 PAID memberships for the year but expect many more as the Spring Regatta and Spring series approach.

*Rich commented on Racing. The RCYC/Sextant Frostbite attracted a large number of boats and the RC conducted 3 great races after a 2 hour delay for wind to build. Several "fun" starts were gotten off on Friday evening and some new racers got some good experience in rounding marks in current!

*Bill Sanborn reported that about 8 boats attended the first cruise of the season to Sandy Beach (formerly West Dock) on Government Island on March 27th. A good time was had by all. The next cruise is over Memorial Day, although SYSCO members may well want to participate in the Oregon Women's Sailing Association (OWSA) "Linda Bean Memorial Cruise" to St. Helens, around Sauvie Island and back on May 1.

*Bill Sanborn is working on having the Multnomah Co. Sheriff Marine Patrol visit an upcoming membership meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

* The SYSCO Race Clinic was a rousing success! A huge 'thank you' goes to Gary Whitney and Dale Mack who did a great job leading the clinic. Thanks to both, the Powerpoint presentation is now on SailPdx website.

* Pancho is ready to go. Gary Bruner will make sure that a minimum of 4 yellow marks and tackle are on the boat in preparation for the Spring Series.

*The Racing Schedule and fleet responsibility list is officially 'published' and circulated.

* OCSA has applied for the Coast Guard River Permit. It will be published on the SIs handout for the first race, and should be kept on board each participating boat.

Bill Sanborn has put a BINDER of all necessary information needed by RCs. It's in the plastic box kept on Pancho.

NEW BUSINESS:

* The Board unanimously approved 6 NEW SYSCO members. Welcome!

* Spring Series update: Rich reported on which fleets prefer longer courses, and which prefer shorter courses with more marks. The Series begins on Tues. 4/20.

*Spring Regatta: Only 2 entries thus far. The Spring Regatta is 4/24.

* Rich will inform the membership about the April General Membership meeting.

* Newsletter stories from individual fleets are WELCOME and appreciated. All newsletter information should be submitted to Jim Sinclair by Sunday following the Board meeting date.

*Colleen Bennett has begun work updating the SYSCO website. Thank you!

The meeting was adjourned promptly since some folk wanted to watch the NCAA Men's Basketball Finals! (Dang! One bounce away from history!!)