



The Starting Line

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Rear COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

SYSCO's Membership Directory for Your Coffee Table!

Don't be left out. Make sure your membership is renewed so you are included in the 2010 edition of the SYSCO Membership Directory. It includes member contact information, boat and fleet listings as well as a history of the club and its bylaws.

Please contact Jan Burkhart, SYSCO's hard-working Membership Chair if you have questions or need to rush your membership renewal to beat the printing deadline.

At last count there were about a dozen names missing from this year's list. We know who you are. Please don't make us come and get you ;-)

Have You Been Seeing Red Lately?

The racing season is still young and the protest business has been brisk.

"Protest" is not a dirty word. The process is used to strengthen the sailing rules and level the "playing field" for all boats regardless of size, fleet, class or crew experience. Reading the rules and understanding the definition of certain terms are important things to do. But when boats meet, sometimes two good minds can have a different perspective on the rule that governs a situation. Plus, there's no guarantee that the rule being debated is the one that prevails in a certain situation.

SYSCO has set up a pretty easy process for filing protests. First, it's important to understand the initial requirements outlined in the OCSA Sailing Instructions, which follow the prescription stated in the racing rules.

- a) Fly a protest flag (a real protest flag) from the backstay or stern part of the boat and notify the boat being protested as soon as possible.
- b) Upon completion of the race with protest flag properly displayed, notify the RC that you (Boat-A) are protesting Boat-B.
- c) Within 2 hours of the finish of the last race of the day, submit the protest in writing following the guidance provided by racing rule 61.2. While a protest form is preferred, a simple written statement per rule 61.2 will suffice. The protest can be delivered to the Race Committee or faxed or emailed to the SYSCO Race Captain per the Supplemental Sailing Instructions included in the 2010 OCSA Race Book.

- d) Once a protest has been filed, SYSCO turns the process over to the club's designated Protest Committee chairperson who reviews the documentation, contacts the protester and protestee and either mediates a resolution without a hearing or arranges for a protest hearing.

Most protests are resolved without a hearing. When a hearing is called, anyone can attend as an observer. Schedules permitting, the goal is to try and resolve all protest issues as soon as possible so the results posted are current and up-to-date.

SYSCO is trying to arrange a presentation on protests for one of the club's upcoming general membership meetings. Watch for the announcement.

From the Membership Department...

Jan Burkhart

It is a truly wonderful sight to watch 49 boats in 5 starts cross the line in style on Thursday night SYSCO Spring Race Series. I am not exact on the number of Tuesday boats racing, as I am actively crewing; calling down the time, watching for starboards, the start line, the rain drops and the sail trim.....but it is definitely a crowded start line.

Thank you one and all for joining SYSCO and making the effort to get yourself, crew and boat out on the Columbia each and every race night for the SYSCO Spring Race Series.

Now - Imagine yourself crossing the finish line in first place! And with the mystical wind shift, maybe you will.

Fleet News:

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

No submissions received for May. Come on guys, this is your chance to publicize your fleet and grow your own membership. Pictures are encouraged.



Thoughts from the Rear:

Bill Sanborn

CRUISING: Within the next month we have a couple of SYSCO Cruises on the schedule. The always popular Memorial Weekend Cruise to Martin Isl. Pond and a big raft up and dingy races. Then on June 12 we will be going to the dock in the Gilbert River. And the plan now is a group of us are going back to Martin Isl. for the July 4th weekend. All this in preparation for our annual Delta Cruise starting on July 24th.

RACING: Spring is always a challenge; one evening we have gear busting winds and the next week you might have to anchor to hold what you had earned waiting for the next wind panel. For my money both are good for crew training, to learn to handle the boat when over powered, or to learn to finesse her along with sail trim in just a hint of wind.

2011 SEASON: 2010 Racing Season is going well but only because folks have stepped up and Rich has taken on a big part of what several members should be doing, and the Fleets have given Rich the support on the water that make the program work. We are at the edge and Rich will have given 3 years so we can have a Racing, Cruising and Social Yacht Club. The Fleets Commitment, and support folks will carry forward thru 2011, and on.

In the next few months we all need to do some reflection of what SYSCO has given us and ask what I can do to fulfill my obligation to help lead SYSCO. If you have any questions or concerns I, or any of the Past Commodores' would be happy to talk with you.

See you on the River

2010 SYSCO Cruising Schedule

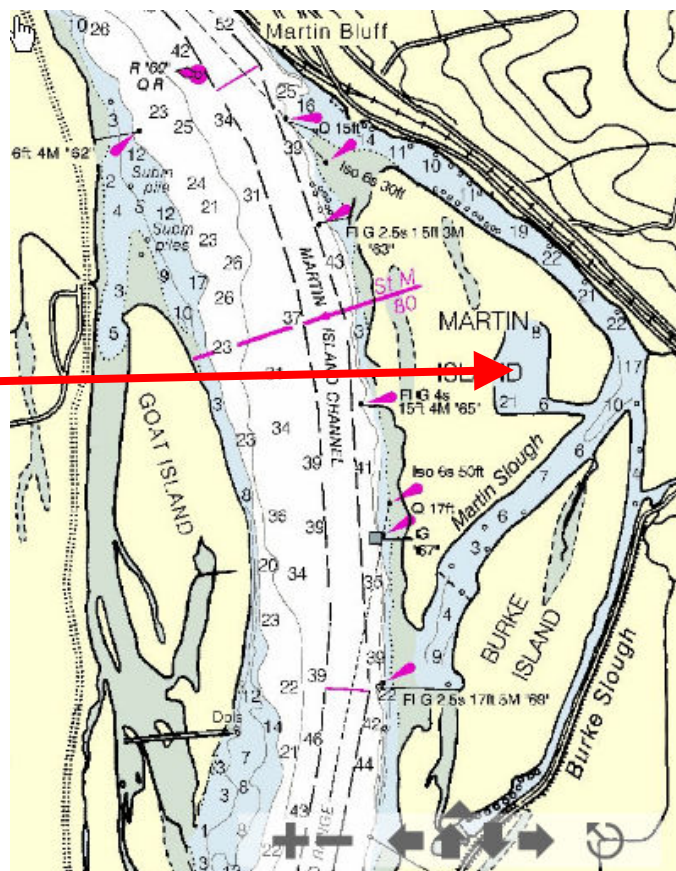
In addition to all the fabulous racing on tap for 2010, we still have a full calendar of cruising events to round out the social part of your sailing life. So don't be shy, all boats and boaters are welcome.

May 29 – 31	Martin Pond
June 12 – 13	Gilbert River
July 3 – 5	Martin Pond
July 24 – Aug 1	various to Astoria and back
Aug 28 – 29	St Helen's Race/Cruise
Sept 4 – 6	Coon Island
Oct 23 – 24	Hadley's Landing

Some new members have asked, **"Where is Martin Pond?"**

Answer: 5.2 nm downstream (N) of St. Helens. Enter from the downstream end, keeping to the left of center in the channel that parallels I-5 on the Washington shore.

The pond is easy to anchor in, has lots of room for dinghy sailing and a rudimentary dock/landing platform to take fido to the shore.



SYSCO 2010 Budget Report:

From Julie Rouzee

2010 SYSCO

Treasury Report -

May

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	0.71
Membership Dues	7,957.00	7,950.00	7,290.00
Race Income	1,550.00	1,550.00	300.00
Misc Income			
TOTAL INCOME	20,635.86	21,004.08	16,366.79
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	12.06
Miscellaneous:			
Misc.	57.38	100.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	12,134.78	13,248.25	2,254.87

Trouble on the River?

Don't have a VHF or the batteries are dead?

From St. Helens to Bonnyville, the fastest and most coordinated response will be from the Multnomah County Sheriff's River Patrol.

Put this number in your cell phone NOW.

503-988-6788

BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

from Gary Bruner:

The 4/3/10 SYSCO board meeting at Elmers Delta Park was called to order by acting Commodore Rich Jones at 1900 hours.

Present were Board members: Rich Jones, Jan Burkhart, Julie Rouzee and Gary Bruner. Others present were: Karen Anderson, Bill Sanborn, Jim Sinclair, George Brown and Todd Bassham

REPORTS:

*Financial: Julie handed out a detailed financial report. We are currently at 92% of projected income for the year and we have spent 17% of projected expenses thus far this year.

*Membership: Jan reported 9 new members who were unanimously accepted into the club this month. She is ordering a new box of 25 pennants from Prestige Flags in San Diego for distribution to all new members.

*Racing: Rich reports that there have been 3 protests so far this season, though all have been dropped after reviewing the facts in question.

Cruising: Bill reported that the next SYSCO cruise is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend to Martin Pond. Y'all come for FUN!

Program: SYSCO is still in need of a Program chairperson. No program has yet been selected for this month, though there was discussion of trying to work in a 'Rules Review'. It was also suggested that a 'mock protest hearing' would be a great learning experience for members, as most folk are 'out of the loop' about what occurs until directly involved in a protest hearing. The idea was met with approval.

Rich said he would try to 'capsulate' the procedures for lodging a protest, though they are listed in the OCSA race book currently.

OLD BUSINESS:

*Rich reported that there was a 'glitch' in scheduling RCs for several races this season, but fleets have been contacted and it looks like all races will be covered after all....

*The book listing member's information is due to go to print. There was some discussion of doing this via email, but the suggestion was rejected. Going online would tend to make us an even more 'virtual' club. Money is budgeted for printing and mailing of books, decals and pennants to those who get them.

*Membership: Jan will compile the names and numbers of 18 previous members who have not yet re-joined SYSCO so they can be contacted personally by phone in time to make the deadline for the membership book printing....scheduled now for June 4, 2010. Rich and Edie will try to review the list to make sure that boats and skippers are all listed properly.

NEW BUSINESS::

* Pancho Update: The mark boat seems to be running fine, however a couple of marks are still having issues staying inflated over a long term. Gary was authorized to purchase a new 'tomato' bladder and a new 'net' covering through North Canvas. It was suggested that SYSCO purchase a new mark each year, as an effort to keep ahead of 'preventive maintenance' issues. Idea met with approval. Additionally, it was noted that Pancho had an unfortunate "bump" with Bauer's Karma which was serving as a RC boat on a 'bumpy' night recently. The boats had an issue as Pancho was pulled close to Karma's stern to transfer crew to the mark boat. Gary was commissioned to attempt a fiberglass repair on the bow of Pancho, and to find a much better FENDERING option for the bow of the mark boat so this won't recur.

*Otto Horn: The automated starting horn is suffering from laryngitis and needs a \$100 repair. It belongs to OCSA Rich thinks it can and will be repaired after the Oregon Offshore. Horns will be done manually until Otto is repaired; the timer is working fine....

*Newsletter: Deadlines for submissions is Sunday, May 9. Hopefully, Eric Rimkus can have a write-up for the newsletter explaining some of the pertinent information regarding a recent protest and how and why it was resolved

The meeting was adjourned at 1955 hours.

Gary Bruner, Secretary