

Starting Line

December 2013



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Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon

From the Commodore

Greetings from the cockpit of Wy'East. As we bring the 2013 racing season to a glorious end with some truly wild Sailing on Sunday events. We on the SYSCO Board have taken notice of how well SOS is being attended and how much fun everyone is having. At our last board meeting, we even talked about returning to simplify long courses with the big boat fleets next year, so that the more relaxed version of racing we enjoy on SOS can carry over into our other events.

In other news, we all had such a great time at Kell's Irish Pub, where we held this year's SYSCO Awards Banquet, that we are strongly considering returning there, with the only proposed change being requesting more space. This year's event was so incredibly well attended that we virtually ran out of air before the evening was over.

Please keep an eye on your newsletters and email, since SYSCO Fleet Night and Chateau SYSCO are going to be coming up in the next few months. We are doing our best to line up some interesting and informative speakers for both events.

The Boat Show is coming up, January 10th -14th. SYSCO will be asking for volunteers to man our booth. It is a great way to commune with fellow sailors and see the show for free!

I've had a fun year as a Commodore, and I'm happily handing the gavel to Commodore-Elect Warren Dalby at year's end.

See you all on the river!

- Frank Colistro, Commodore



Treasurers Report For December 2012

Tod Bassham

My fellow SYSCOIDS, the state of SYSCO's finances is...strong. We ended 2013 with a \$2,429 surplus, increasing our strategic reserve from \$4,372 to \$6,710. This was due to larger than expected income from racing fees, and success at keeping expenses low. The first column in the accompanying spreadsheet shows actual 2013 revenues and expenses. The second column shows projected revenue and expenses in 2014. Mostly same old, same old, but some comments are in order.

On the revenue side, your Board projects slightly less revenue than received in 2013, in part because we will receive less race income in 2014 (we are not hosting the Opening Day Regatta), and in part just to be conservative. Note: our potential income is less than it could be by about \$330 per year, to reflect the roughly 3 percent fee our members pay directly to PayPal when registering on-line. This is not actually part of the budget, because it is money the club never sees, but it should be noted.

On the expense side, regatta network has announced that we must now pay \$540 per year to handle on-line membership, up from zero. This is reflected in the increased amount for "website." This is a significant new expense, so the Board will be working with former rear Commodore Michael Nance and his son Stephen, who runs our club website, to develop an in-house on-line membership service for a lower price. But for 2014 we will stick with regatta network.

All other expenses are expected to be within normal range. The 2014 budget projects \$17,000 in revenue and \$16,763 in expenses, for a projected 2014 surplus of \$237.

This ends my second year as club treasurer. It has been a steep learning curve for someone who can't count to 20 without using every finger and toe, but I've enjoyed working with a great bunch of sailors. Next year we are lucky to have the club's finances in the capable hands of Ryan Rodgers, who is stepping up from Secretary.

Financial Statement

CATEGORIES	2013 ACTUAL	2014 BUDGET
INCOME CATEGORIES		
Carry Over	4372.3	6710.52
Awards Banquet	3436.52	3200
Bank Interest	0.18	0
Membership Dues	10,062.54	10,000
Race Income	2,669.40	2,000.00
Misc Income	2019.15	1800
Sub-Total Actual Income:	18,187.79	17,000.00
Total Income:	22,560.09	23,710.52

EXPENSE CATEGORIES

Administrative:

Website	115.4	655
Association Fees	356.00	356.00
Bank Charges	15	3
Banquet Expenses	4,138.95	4,000.00
Boat Show Expenses	0	100
Donations	0.00	100.00
Meetings	491.4	500
Trophies	3408.5	3,000.00
Insurance	1416	1416
Social Functions	853.85	800.00
Cruising	0.00	200.00

Membership:

Burgees and pennants	504.62	500
Roster Print/Postage	33.18	0.00
Postage & PO Expenses	58.00	58.00

Racing:

Race Books	625	625
Race Equipment Purchases	172.56	400
Pancho Maintenance	120.58	500
Pancho Moorage	900	900
Pancho Fuel	350.00	350.00
Pancho Misc	0	0
Race Committee Fund/PRO	1950	2000
Education	250	200

Miscellaneous:

	0	100
TOTAL EXPENSES	15759	16763
Actual income/ expenses	\$2,429	\$237

The Start

Tod Bassham

Anglo-Saxon Heroic Style:
5 syllables, Caesura, 4 syllables

So. Our gull-winged boat
Her sails full-bellied,
To give battle. Sudden
Luffed hard, crying out
Clove the wave-tossed sea.
Training counted, now
Quick we hauled the helm,
The rudder-carved wake
Our prow spun toward
A handsbreadth, perhaps,
And we were free, into
The enemy's plan
The horn, as we hit
With grace. My brothers,
That was a good start.

swept to the line
crew tense, ready
the enemy
"No Room!" Their keel
Now the long years'
instinct took hold.
staring death down.
arced behind us.
the enemy flank.
spanned bow to stern
clear air, close-hauled,
in ruins. Now sounds
the line with speed,
tell your children:

SYSCO Board Meeting Minutes

The December board meeting began at 6:53 PM, at the Delta Park Elmer's. Attending members were; Tod Bassham, Bill Sanborn, Frank Colistro, Ryan Rodgers, Warren Dalby, and Mike Nance, Gary Bruner, Jan Burkhart, and Gary Whitney.

Treasury

The Board approved the 2013 budget unanimously. See previous pages for details.

Membership

The membership database is up and running again and members are starting to register for the 2014 membership drive.

Racing

Racing fleets that do not elect a race captain for the 2014 season will have a fleet captain chosen for them.

OCSA changed the supplemental sailing instructions to discontinue the *Retire After Finishing* rule and have opted to follow appendix T2 regarding post-race penalties.



Social

We are still analyzing the options for the 2014 awards banquet. PYC, Kell's, and Columbia Crossings are all options for 2014.

New Business

The Portland Boat Show starts on January 8th and we are looking for volunteers. You can sign up [here](#).

SYSCO is currently in the process of cleaning up the Bylaws and updating some of the language used by our predecessors. Look for a new version coming to our website soon!

