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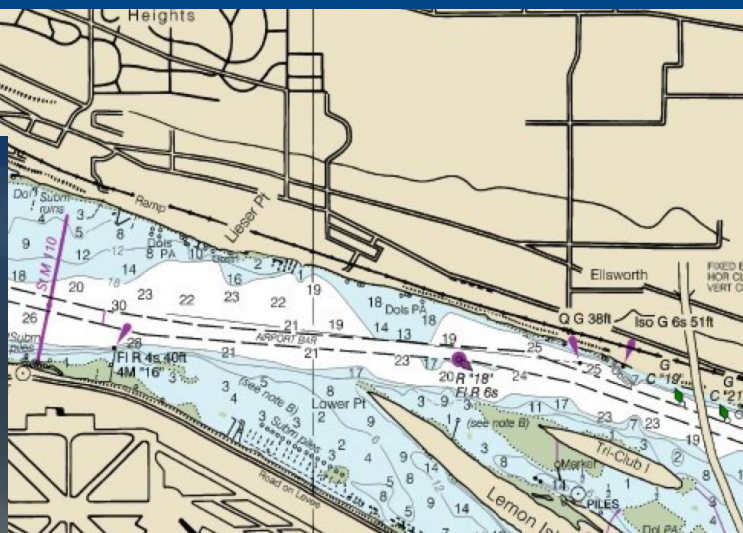
Racing Report

Nov 2018 SYSCO General  
Membership Meeting  
Minutes



# Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon

# STARTING LINE



*Bluefin doing her best to keep her spinnaker full on a lovely sunny, albeit light-wind, Sailing on Sunday on Dec 2. Moment beautifully captured by Josh Crawford.*

# From the Front

## *Michael Morrissey, Commodore*

The election of SYSCO officers for the 2019 season was held at the last Board meeting and by unanimous decision, the officers are:

COMMODORE – Anna Campagna

VICE COMMODORE/RACE CAPTAIN – Gregg Bryden

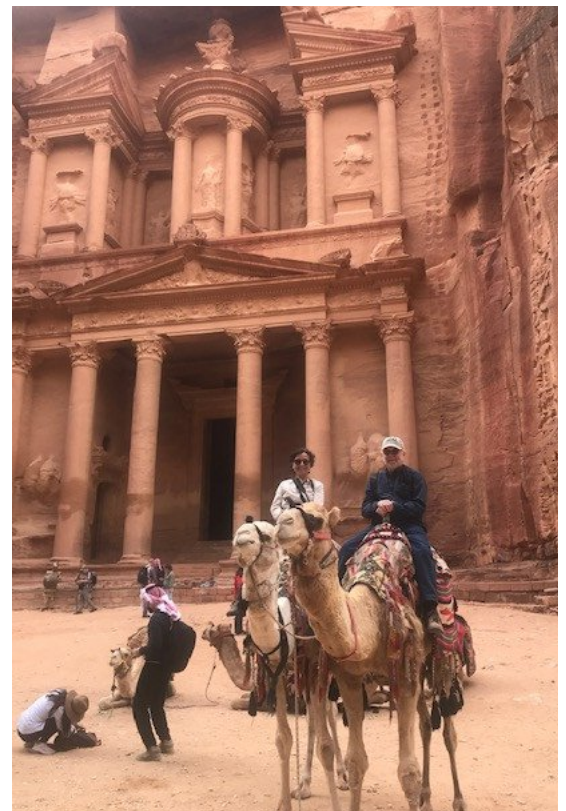
SECRETARY – Lynn Eastes

TREASURER – Scott Stevenson

REAR COMMODORE – Michael Morrissey

2018 has been a very good year and I have enjoyed serving as your SYSCO Commodore. I would like to thank everyone for all the help in making a great racing year as well. A big thanks goes out to Bruce Newton for always answering phone calls, text messages and questions of the day as the season rolled on. He has a clear vision of SYSCO as a volunteer organization, knows its history and what makes it work. Another big thanks to Jeff Eastes, the SYSCO Race Captain, who dove into the deep end of the pool, learned the Regatta Network classifying systems, and set up the fleets, got results to the scorer and put out the fires that popped up throughout the year. We all realize that SYSCO evolves with the times, run by volunteers and decisions are made for the good of the organization as a whole. The main focus is always towards having races run fairly and run well and having some fun out on the water. The season ended with SYSCO in the black moneywise and we were able to contribute \$1,500 to the Pancho replacement fund. Thanks to Scott Stevenson for keeping us on track financially. A shout out goes to Jan Burkart for her membership monitoring and Naomi Reichman for helping organize the social venues. Don Woodhouse served as Secretary and played a key role in getting a trailer replacement for Pancho after the season ended. SYSCO always has key members who devote considerable time to helping shape ideas and keeping new officers on track with the SYSCO mission. These caretakers include Bill Sanborn, Gary Bruner, Warren Dalby, Mike Daly, Thomas McMenemy and others. Thanks many times over to Randy Poff and Denny Damore for serving as Race Coordinators and to all the Race Committee volunteers for their work as RC members throughout the racing season. It all comes together to make racing on the Columbia the fun and competitive sport that it is.

The OCSA Awards Banquet venue was a bit different this year as it was held across the river at Warehouse 23 overlooking the river just west of the I-5 bridge in Vancouver. About 125 came out to see their sailing friends, receive awards and enjoy the festivities which included the fireboat waterworks display as entertainment. Jim Shaw, the SYSCO Trophy Czar, did his usual great job in running the award presentations. Lots of trophies to give out and Jim does an outstanding job year after year running the award show. He keeps the program moving along, acknowledges the winners and other placers, and adds a bit of humor to the ceremony. Most importantly, he devotes many hours at the end of the season, thinking up new trophies to hand out, getting them engraved and to the banquet on-time. It is one of those behind-the-scenes workloads that helps SYSCO be the volunteer organization that



*Commodore Michael Morrissey aboard a ship of the desert last week in Petra, Jordan.*



it is. Jim Shaw was awarded the SYSCO Sailor of the Year award this year in recognition of his many years of hard work in making SYSCO a fun and successful sailing organization.

The SYSCO Commodore's Trophy for the best performance and participation in SYSCO racing events went to Rod Buck who races the Melges 24 Myst. He won all the three SYSCO series as well as the Dual Bridge Duel long race. Rod has been racing in SYSCO for more than a decade and is a great enthusiast for Columbia River racing.

Thanks for all the help and see you on the water.



*A windier Sailing on Sunday on Nov 11! Photo courtesy of Ronda Williams Hall.*

# From the Rear

## *Bruce Newton, Rear Commodore*

What a great year of sailing we had! The winds were remarkably consistent and it seemed drier than any year in my memory. SYSCO continued to put on great racing using all-volunteer race committees. We did not suffer any serious equipment losses other than a stolen Pancho trailer. And we welcomed a few new boats to the series racing.

Looking ahead to next year there are a few new things to look forward to. You will see that there is a common theme – getting more boats involved in racing. There has been a steady decline in the sailboat racing scene over the years. It's not just Portland – all the major sailing hotspots are struggling. Whether it is lack of time, the lure of other recreational alternatives (e.g., video games), or some other cause is not clear. But your sailing community is fighting back.

Next year it will start with the CYC Pray for Wind Party on February 17 at PYC. The format is going to be different this year with all the clubs and fleets invited to set up information tables at the club, the bar and kitchen open to all, maybe some sailing videos playing on the overhead, and the goal of everyone bringing some friends who might be interested in this crazy sport to see that we don't bite, the camaraderie is infectious, and the after racing adult beverages are generous. CYC may retile it the "Pray for Wind and Bring a Friend Party." Put it on your calendar and start talking it up with friends who are interested in sailing.

Next up is the SYSCO Grow the Sport Races on Tuesday and Thursday evening of the rest week for Oregon Offshore (May 7 and 9). Boats that register will indicate how many new sailors they can accommodate and we will assign experienced sailors from OWSA, ISC, WSC, and other sources who are interested in racing but have not had the opportunity to try it. Hopefully, some of these sailors will go on to join teams or purchase a boat. Please support this effort and sign up for this event.

Finally, all of the clubs are making a concerted effort to revitalize the casual Beer Can Races. The Beer Can races are now held on Saturdays at 1700 and offer a low-stress way for boat owners to try out racing. Each Beer Can next year will have a fun theme and a social gathering planned for after the race. We will advertise the Beer Cans extensively to both the racing community and the general sailing community. Just to whet your appetite, here is the line-up for next year's Beer Can races:

Date	Club	Title	Social Location	Description
May 18	ISC	Pirate Night	The Deck	Dress up as your favorite Pirate. After the race head to The Deck for a post-race costume party and drinks. If you care to donate a small taster of rum or another spirit to the race committee, it will go into the prize baskets for the costume contest.
June 8	ISC	Water Guns	ISC Clubhouse	Bring out the water cannons and do battle during the race. After the race dry off at the post-race party at Island Sailing Club at the end of D Dock at Tomahawk Bay Marina.
June 15	SYSCO	Single-Handed	Sextant	Test your mettle in single-handed racing. After a first start for the less courageous boats, the second start will be for single-handed boats. Gather your fleet mates or skippers from similarly matched fleets and create some exciting boat-to-boat competition.

June 29	RCYC	Fly Your flag	Sextant	The RSS prohibit flying a flag while racing, but that rule is waived for this race, the last beer can before July 4th. Fly the biggest baddest flag or ensign you can find, or as many flags as you can fit onboard. Fly the national ensign or yacht ensign, along with national flags of crew members, club burgees, specialty flags, etc. Post-race social at the Sextant.
July 20	PYC	Family Night	PYC	Gather your parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, siblings and any other kin for a fun evening of sailing. Then relax on the veranda at Portland Yacht Club to watch the sunset.
July 27	RCYC	Rum Run	RCYC	Entry fee: 1 bottle of rum, handed to RC or brought to the Rose City Yacht Club clubhouse post-race, where mixers will be provided for exotic rum drinks with and without umbrellas. Temporary moorings for non-members.
Aug 3	Cal 20	Mardi Gras	Sextant	Make the race a New Orleans Mardi Gras parade. Costumes, beads, wigs, makeup, props, music - anything goes! Laissez les bons temps rouler!
Aug 17	CYC	Sport Your Colors	Sextant	Show your team spirit by wearing jerseys, hats, head and wrist bands, face paint, or whatever of your favorite sport team be it professional, college, recreational, women's, men's, kids , NFL, NBA, MLS or your local bowling league. Crazy and full regalia takes the day!
Sept 14	OWSA	Crazy Wigs	Sextant	The title says it all. Dust off your crazy wig and sport it during the race. No promises that photographic evidence will not appear on the internet.

Please plan to come out for more Beer Cans next year and talk them up with your non-racing friends.

Working together we can grow the sport and ensure that racing on the mighty Columbia continues.



*A panoramic view of the Nov 11th Sailing on Sunday race, courtesy of Free Bowl of Soup.*



# Notifications and Upcoming Dates to Remember

## Volunteer for the SYSCO booth at the Portland Boat Show!

We always have 2 volunteers covering the booth so you can take turns touring the show. The duties are to greet visitors, explain racing on the Columbia and SYSCO to prospective new sailors and sell copies of the 2019 Racebook.

Remember that commitment to volunteer at least 8 hours as part of your SYSCO membership renewal? This is a great way to meet that commitment. Please also share this opportunity with your crew. To volunteer go to the link below and pick a volunteering time slot.

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2607806/false?popup=true#/invitation>

## Sailing on Sundays

Sundays Oct 14 – Mar 4

## Portland Boat Show

Jan 9 – 13



*Another surprisingly sunny Sailing on Sunday race on Nov 18. Photo courtesy of Dennis Damore.*

# Racing Report

## *Jeff Eastes, Race Captain*

2018 was a great year of SYSCO racing. After a year in the saddle as Race Captain, I'm still amazed at how it all works. It works because of the incredible number of dedicated SYSCO members that make the SYSCO sailing season such a FUN time and a HUGE success. So where do I start? How about at the top: I can't say enough about our Rear Commodore Bruce Newton and Commodore Michael Morrissey. Bruce is an incredibly patient person with great organizational skills and is dedicated to improving the Portland sailing community. Thank you, Bruce! Commodore Michael Morrissey did a great job juggling and oiling all the pieces of the SYSCO organization to keep it running smoothly. I appreciate Michael's sense of humor and love of sailing; his sailing skills are unparalleled. I honestly think Michael could race a bath tub and win. Thank you, Michael! These two gentlemen were extremely helpful as I learned the ropes of Race Captain.

Another unsung hero in my books is Gary Whitney, scorer. Gary does an OUTSTANDING job working behind the scenes weekly deciphering scoring sheets and posting that information so it's understandable. Thank you, Gary! Two more heroes in my books are Randy Poff and Dennis Damore, Race Coordinators. These guys are the REAL race captains. Week after week these two gentlemen assured that Tuesday and Thursday race committees would be on the river and ready to run a race. Thank you, Randy and Denny! A special thanks to all the skippers who donated their time and boats as RC platforms during the season. Thank you also to the fleet captains and crew who worked Race Committee throughout the season. We have a pretty impressive volunteer organization that put-on races with over 200 starts. That's right. There were over 200 start sequences, horns and flags this season! WELL DONE SYSCO VOLUNTEERS! If you enjoy racing with SYSCO, step up and volunteer in 2019. Thanks for a great year.

Congratulations to all the skippers and their crew winners in SYSCO racing in 2018.  
Here is a recap of the 2018 SYSCO winners:

Spring Series		
J-105	First Place	<i>Troublemaker</i> Kent Sisk & John Weil
Melges 24	First Place	<i>MYST</i> Rod Buck
PHRF A	First Place	<i>Lolita</i> Jim Madden
	Second Place	<i>Goose Chase</i> Bruce Shibley
PHRF B	First Place	<i>Moorality</i> Josh Raymond
	Second Place	<i>Junkyard Dog</i> Jim Severs
PHRF C	First Place	<i>Elixer</i> Joe Hoffman
Martin 24	First Place	<i>Bad Habit</i> Karen Anderson
	Second Place	<i>Apple Pi</i> Rock Kent
Merit 25	First Place	<i>OB1</i> Michael Morrissey
	Second Place	<i>Nausicaa</i> Bill Wagner
	Third Place	<i>Kestrel</i> Bruce Newton
J 24	First Place	<i>Bite Me</i> Phil Campagna
	Second Place	<i>Strange Brew</i> Blaine Goold

Cal 20	First Place	<i>Hot Dog</i> Ollie Kunz
	Second Place	<i>3 Stooges</i> Fred Hazzard
	Third Place	<i>River Dance</i> Michael Bennett
	Fourth Place	<i>Check Ride</i> Brian Breithbarth
Cruising B	First Place	<i>BARCODE</i> Steve O'Neill
	Second Place	<i>Upstart</i> Bill Sanborn
Cruising C	First Place	<i>River Weasel</i> John Osborne
	Second Place	<i>Blewstreak</i> Gary Kapezynski
Catalina 22	First Place	<i>Celeste</i> Weston Becker
	Second Place	<i>Sooz Moose</i> Don Woodhouse
Ranger 20	First Place	<i>R2</i> Corey Tolliver
	Second Place	<i>Papagayo</i> Mike Barth
	Third Place	<i>Thunder Pig</i> Jacqueline Pitter
	Fourth Place	<i>SeaGlass</i> Darren Posey
<b>Summer Series</b>		
Melges 24	First Place	<i>MYST</i> Rod Buck
PHRF A	First Place	<i>Troublemaker</i> Kent Sisk & John Weil
	Second Place	<i>Goose Chase</i> Bruce Shibley
PHRF B	First Place	<i>Moorality</i> Josh Raymond
	Second Place	<i>Still en D'Nile</i> Allan Weber
PHRF C	First Place	<i>Elixer</i> Joe Hoffman
Martin 24	First Place	<i>Bad Habit</i> Karen Anderson
	Second Place	<i>Nelly</i> David Paul
Merit 25	First Place	<i>OB1</i> Michael Morrissey
	Second Place	<i>Nausicaa</i> Bill Wagner
	Third Place	<i>Lady Bee</i> Nicole Sirois
J 24	First Place	<i>Bite Me</i> Phil Campagna
	Second Place	<i>Deadbeat</i> Jeff McDonald
Level Fleet	First Place	<i>Misty</i> Pam Sesar
Cal 20	First Place	<i>Check Ride</i> Brian Breithbarth
	Second Place	<i>Hot Dog</i> Ollie Kunz
	Third Place	<i>Gwaihir</i> Keith Marcoe
	Fourth Place	<i>3 Stooges</i> Fred Hazzard
Cruising A	First Place	<i>Amaretto</i> Jeffrey Crass
Cruising B	First Place	<i>River Weasel</i> John Osborne



Cruising C	First Place	<i>Blewstreak</i> Gary Kapezynski
Catalina 22	First Place	<i>Paula Jean</i> Michael Lang
	Second Place	<i>Max EPR</i> Jody Schultz
Venture 21	First Place	<i>Stella</i> Doug Dillion
Ranger 20	First Place	<i>Flying Frog</i> Gregg Bryden
	Second Place	<i>R2</i> Corey Tolliver
	Third Place	<i>Thunder Pig</i> Jacqueline Pitter
<b>Twilight Series</b>		
J-105	First Place	<i>Free Bowl of Soup</i> Doug Schenk
Melges 24	First Place	<i>MYST</i> Rod Buck
	Second Place	<i>Bandit</i> Paul Teveliet
PHRF A	First Place	<i>Goose Chase</i> Bruce Shibley
	Second Place	<i>Yeah Baby</i> Mike Pitarresi
PHRF B	First Place	<i>Moorality</i> Josh Raymond
PHRF C	First Place	<i>Second Half</i> Warren Dalby
Martin 24	First Place	<i>Bad Habit</i> Karen Anderson
	Second Place	<i>Nelly</i> David Paul
Merit 25	First Place	<i>OB1</i> Michael Morrissey
	Second Place	<i>Nausicaa</i> Bill Wagner
	Third Place	<i>Rio</i> Nicole Sirois
Level Fleet	First Place	<i>Leanalot</i> Thomas MacMenemy
J 24	First Place	<i>Bite Me</i> Phil Campagna
	Second Place	<i>Deadbeat</i> Jeff McDonald
Cal 20	First Place	<i>Check Ride</i> Brian Breithbarth
	Second Place	<i>Scooter</i> Pete Thomsen
	Third Place	<i>River Dance</i> Michael Bennett
	Fourth Place	<i>3 Stooges</i> Fred Hazzard
Cruising A	First Place	<i>Wave Dancer</i> Stephen Moshofsky
Cruising B	First Place	<i>Cando</i> Rene Emch
Cruising C	First Place	<i>Upstart</i> Bill Sanborn
Catalina 22	First Place	<i>Paula Jean</i> Michael Lang
	Second Place	<i>Celeste</i> Weston Becker
Venture 21	First Place	<i>Stella</i> Doug Dillion
Ranger 20	First Place	<i>Papagayo</i> Mike Barth
	Second Place	<i>Flying Frog</i> Gregg Bryden

Ranger 20	Third Place	<i>Little Jewel</i> Zack Hegge
	Fourth Place	<i>Four Sail</i> Lynn Eastes
<b>Dual Bridge Duel</b>		
Merit 25	First Place	<i>OB1</i> Michael Morrissey
PHRF Fleet	First Place	<i>MYST</i> Rod Buck
Level Fleet	First Place	<i>Junkyard Dog</i> Jim Severs
	Second Place	<i>Second Half</i> Warren Dalby
Ranger 20	First Place	<i>Little Jewel</i> Zack Hegge
<b>SYSCO COB</b>		
	First Place	<i>Junkyard Dog</i> Jim Severs
	Second Place	<i>Goose Chase</i> Bruce Shibley
	Third Place	<i>Misty</i> Pam Sesar
	Fourth Place	<i>Velocity</i> Tom Keffer
<b>Sailor of the Year</b>		Jim Shaw
<b>Commodore Cup</b>		Rod Buck



Colorful spinnakers struggling to stay full on this Dec 2 Sailing on Sunday race! Photo courtesy of Josh Crawford.

# November 2018 SYSCO General Membership Meeting Minutes

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## **Don Woodhouse**

*Members Present: Jacqueline Pitter, Kelly Dews, Mike Daly, Bruce Newton, Gregg Bryden, Scott Stevenson, Don Woodhouse, Warren Dalby, Gary Bruner, Dennis Damore, Michael Morrissey, Bill Sanborn.*

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Michael Morrissey, the reports for Membership and Racing were given in summary by Commodore Morrissey.

## **Membership**

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Membership remains steady at 120 members and RACING was good.

## **Treasurer**

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The accounts look good despite the need to replace the Pancho trailer. The Pancho savings account has \$3,442 and the checking account has \$1,795 for liquid assets at \$5,237. The new trailer cost \$1,000 of which \$750 was reimbursed by insurance. This should allow \$1,500 to be added to the Pancho replacement fund. Thanks was given to Scott Stevenson and Jeff Eastes for getting paperwork right for filing insurance claim. Also, a big thanks to Don Woodhouse for finding a solid trailer at a reasonable price and helping get Pancho out of the water in a timely manner.

## **2019 Board Selection**

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Nominees were submitted, seconded, and voted in unanimously.

ANNA CAMPAGNA - COMMODORE

GREGG BRYDEN - VICE COMMODORE/RACE CAPTAIN

LYNN EASTES - SECRETARY

SCOTT STEVENSON - TREASURER

MICHAEL MORRISSEY - REAR COMMODORE

## **2019 Calendar**

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Beside electing new officers, the 2019 Calendar of events was the major item on the agenda. A draft calendar was passed around to members and discussion ensued. The membership agreed that the Food Innovation Center was a good site for the Race Clinic last year and we will try to use it again. A new venue for Fleet Night might be the newly completed Willamette Sailing Club hall. New on the calendar, is a proposed Grow The Sport race night. On Tuesday and Thursday, May 7 and 9, we will offer new sailors a spot on boats that are racing in a non-trophy event, independent of the Spring Series, but looking very

much like the actual SYSCO races. There was a bit of discussion about Beer Can Racing and a hope that we can foster participation with more fun events, like theme nights. Recognizing that SYSCO only has a say in the one Beer Can we sponsor, but hoping to set the trend for other clubs. The Calendar needs to be sent to OSCA soon for publication of the Race Book, so most of the events will continue as ran in 2018 with these exceptions, Proposed September One Design Racing. We may hold the dates for two weekends in Sept. after the series racing has ended, to hold some regatta style events for the One Design Fleets.

Denny Damore reported on two items. The first is that Andrew Kerr, a sailing coach from Seattle, will be giving an on-the-water training for the Cal-20 fleet on June 15. Other clubs and organizations are welcomed to contact him if they wish to use his services around the same date. Denny is also working with PYC to offer a different format for the Pray-For-Wind event in February. The general idea is to have table displays from different clubs to engage interested newbie sailors. The event will be open to the public.

It was noted that two SYSCO Board members have agreed to be OSCA Commodore (Bruce Newton) and Vice-Commodore (Jacqueline Pitter) for 2019. Jacqueline was asked if she would be able to keep up the great work she has been doing on the SYSCO Newsletter. She said that she would like to use 2019 as a transition year, training someone to be Newsletter editor for the 2020 season.

## **Boat Show**

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There was a long discussion of the value of participation in the January Boat Show for SYSCO. While it is a big effort in terms of time, there was consensus that we should be there. We have garnered a few new members from our recent efforts at the Boat Show and plan to continue our efforts to do so next year. Gary Bruner suggested offering free sailboat rides as "a hook" for Boat Show participants as a prize at the show and offered to lead this effort. Michael, in his new "Rear Commodore" position, will help organize volunteers for the Boat Show.

Meeting adjourned 8:33 pm.

*Submitted by Don Woodhouse.*