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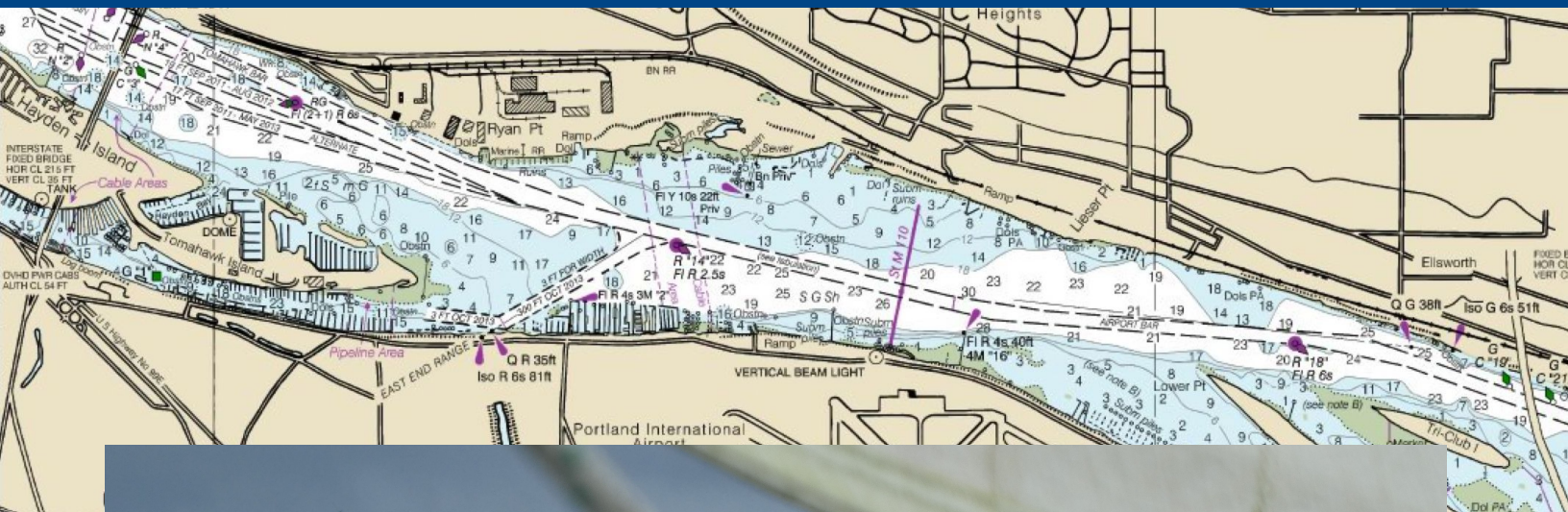
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Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon

STARTING LINE



Sailing on Sunday gusts on the February 3rd race kept even the most Defiant of us on our toes. Photo courtesy of Shirley Sanders.

From the Front

Anna Campagna, Commodore

Last month I wrote in my Commodore's letter that I am on a personal mission to invite new sailors to sail and cruise with us on the river. Well, your club is hitting it hard on the marketing front! We started with putting a line item in the SYSCO budget for marketing, and OCSA is doing the same.

In January we had the first meeting of the Sailing Marketing Working Group. This is a joint effort by SYSCO and OCSA to inspire more Portlanders to come out and sail with us. I'm sure you all have heard the stories of a bygone era on the Columbia when there were 200 boats out on a Tuesday or Thursday night. Well, we are set up to have an answer to those conversations you have in your everyday life with curious would-be sailors who say things like, "I have always wanted to learn to sail," or "I have a sailboat and am curious about racing," or "I have some sailing experience and want to try racing." Where do you point those people?

In our first meeting, which was attended by members of SYSCO, OCSA, CYC and some select sailing and marketing professionals, we had an amazing brainstorming session. We developed a plan to add a few features to the sailpdx.org web site to make it easier for new sailors to find a path to getting some sailing training and experience. We penciled out a marketing and outreach plan to develop printed materials to post to bulletin boards and e-marketing to spider-out to social media. We will point all sailors in our community to "Like" our Facebook page and grow some interest there. We are going to reach out to college sailing programs already in Portland. We will team up with Willamette Sailing Club to see what crossover action we can generate. We will be searching for a marketing coordinator; a young intern or volunteer Director of Marketing and Outreach who can reach out to people who have signed up for the Crew list on Sailpdx, to have them join in the Grow the Sport Race or Beer Cans (see the story later in this newsletter), and to generally follow up on leads we develop due to these grass-roots efforts.

We all talk about how much we want to build sailing in Portland. This group is actively following through, and YOU can help! If you if you have unique talents or insights in marketing and/or sailing in Portland and want to join the new SYSCO Marketing Working Group, or you simply have a few ideas and want to help us in this effort, please contact me at commodore@syscosailing.org.

In other news. Dennis Damore and I met with a reporter and camera man with Fox12 News Good Day Oregon to plug the Pray for Wind/Bring a Friend Party coming up on February 17 at Portland Yacht Club. Here's the link if you missed seeing it - it's pretty cool. Thanks to the Soup crew for the on-the-water video.

https://www.kptv.com/good_day_oregon/more/the-portland-yacht-club-pray-for-wind-party/video_a36aa2da-59d6-5372-8b8f-25d998b91630.html



Commodore Anna with husband Phil in an "Abandon Race" selfie.

Here are some important events for you to attend, and to invite new sailors to:

The Pray for Wind / Bring a Friend Party has been re-tooled to encourage sailors to expand our ranks by inviting old racers/new racers and the curious to what will be a fun and social event at Portland Yacht Club on February 17. Many of the clubs and fleets and schools will have tables set up to show off what they do and have a conversation. It will start after Sailing on Sunday around 3 pm, and it will go to 6 or 7. This event is open to the public and you can buy food and drinks at PYC. If you have ever had a conversation with a neighbor or a workout companion, or even a person in a checkout line at New Seasons (which I do all the time), go ahead and invite them to this event, and others!

SYSCO Fleet Night is February 26, 6:30 - 8pm at Willamette Sailing Club. Fleet Night opens the racing season and is a superb chance for fleets to get together to plan the coming year, learn the latest news, and decide who will lead the fleet. Among the topics of discussion will be the expansion of handicapped racing to all three series which will allow skippers in mixed-boat spinnaker fleets to race either level or under PHRF. Guest speaker Frank Colistro will give us the skinny on the high, the low, and the in-between. Pick up a copy of the 2019 OCSA Racebook, learn about changes to the registration process, and updates to the OCSA Racing Instructions. Every skipper should plan to attend and bring their crew. We will have pizza to purchase by the slice, and BYOB.

SYSCO Race Clinic is Thursday, April 11, 6:30 - 9pm at the Food Innovation Center. Skippers, Crew, and new racers especially are invited to attend a free pre-season race clinic offering critical information to new racers and seasoned skippers alike.

Grow the Sport Race, May 7 & 9. See the story later in this Newsletter, and SIGN YOUR BOAT UP! Your participation is key to bringing new racers into the fold.

Beer Can Races - Select Saturdays from May through September will give you more opportunities to invite friends and strangers to crew with you. Try racing your boat in a casual, goofy race on the Columbia! Dust off your costumes, and be open to delivering a fun experience to new sailors. We thank you for helping to *grow the sport*.



Gazpacho anyone? A little snow on J/105 Free Bowl of Soup earlier this month. Photo courtesy of Free Bowl of Soup.

From the Rear: Boat Names

Michael Morrissey, Rear Commodore

One of the nice things about Sailing on Sundays is getting to see all the boats from different classes out on the water. Boat names come sailing by with various crews and nomenclature and you can't help but wonder – how did that boat get its name? We asked some of the boat owners if there was a story behind the name and often found out that there was. Here are a few of the tales. If you have a story to tell, let us know, and we'll add it in a later newsletter. In the meantime, enjoy.



Molika photographed by Jenn Thompson.

Gary Bruner – *Molika*

Contrary to what I've told any number of folks over the years while posing as my alter ego "Joe King", Molika is NOT "Polynesian for Naked Maiden"! The fact is, back in the 90s, I originally pushed too hard to get my wife to agree to let me purchase a beautiful Tartan 30 which my wife never came to care for. In a failed attempt to gain back her favor, I named the boat for the women in my life: daughters MO lly, and LI bby, and KA thy, my wife. I liked the name enough that it became my email address which I kept ever since, even after I was forced to sell the beloved Tartan. After downsizing to the Albin 7.9 Meter a few years ago, I decided to change her name from *Encore!* (a name that had been on another previous boat of mine, a Catalina 25!). I resurrected the Molika name since the old Tartan herself had been renamed by a later owner. I find Molika unique and personal. Works for me. The naked Polynesian maiden lives only in an old man's dreams.....

Todd Bassham – *Nausicaa*

When we brought our Merit 25 up from Santa Cruz in the fall of 2011, it was named Moonbeam, a frivolous name for a racing boat. She (clearly the boat was a she) needed a tougher moniker, something that represented the long tradition of strong but compassionate female warriors, stretching back to Hippolyta (warrior queen of the amazons), through Boudicca (warrior queen of the ancient britons) all the way to Ellen Ripley (warrant officer of the Nostromo). At the time my oldest was reading Homer's Odyssey, and she suggested naming the boat Nausicaa, after a princess of the Phaeacians who rescues the hapless hero Odysseus. Around the same time, my kids discovered Japanese anime, and loved the Miyazaki film Nausicaa of the Valley of the Winds, a tale of a spunky young woman who saves her world from disaster. Google informed me that in ancient Greek "Nausicaa" translates to "burner of ships," which is a decidedly odd thing to name a princess of the realm, but hey, it kinda works for a racing boat. So, after the requisite de-naming and re-naming ceremony, a bottle of ouzo was poured over her bow, and she became Nausicaa.



OB1 and Nausicaa racing in 2018. Photo by David Valentine.

Scott Stevenson – *La Dolce Vita*

When we bought "La Dolce Vita" in '98, she had burgundy canvas and was named "Blue Goose" - go figure. We thought it was easier to change the name than the canvas, so a name search was started. I listed 8-10 names I really liked. I checked all the local marinas and sure enough, there were one or more of each of my favorite names moored on the Columbia. Bummer. So, we cast a wider net; we asked friends and relatives. Most of the suggestions received were in line with my original picks. However, one response was from one of my wife's coworkers that hailed from Italy. His suggestion was "La Dolce Vita" (The Sweet Life). My wife loved it! And since she was the one that let me buy the boat, LDV was clearly the right choice for our boat!



La Dolce Vita on a Sailing on Sunday in 2018.



Pajema photographed by Maria Swearingen.

Jim Shaw – *Pajema*

One great naming idea is the "god of wind in Sanskrit" kind of boat name, and my idea of naming her PAJEMA did kind of give it that mystical what does it mean kind of a name. It sort of sounds like a god of something from some foreign or ancient culture. The other great naming thing is a clever double entendre that might seem racy or funny. Well some folks have thought we had something like that going on with PAJEMA, but they couldn't quite grasp it and wanted to know the joke! What I really wanted was a unique name and something that meant a lot to me. So without a lot of imagination available to me I decide to use the government/military method! PAJEMA is a acronym for the women of my family. PATricia JENNifer and MARYann. While most folks call us "Pajamas" it should be phonetically (in my mind) be pronounced "Pajeema".

Jacqueline Pitter – *Thunder Pig*

You may be familiar with the black spinnaker sporting the yellow lightning bolt: Thunder Pig! This 1975 sunflower yellow Ranger 20 actually came in to our possession in the summer of 2015 without a name. "But why Thunder Pig?!?" The short answer is we named the boat after our dog. The longer story is that our now 4-year old French bulldog is actually named Clive. Confused yet? Stick with me. I am employed at a dog-friendly workplace, and Clive accompanies me to work almost daily since we brought him home as a puppy. He is a surprisingly athletic, energetic, and joyful frenchie with the customary breathing issues the breed is notorious for. One of his favorite things is tearing up and down the hallways of my building at top speed, snorting the entire way, to the delight of my co-workers. One of them affectionately nicknamed him the thunder pig, and it was amusingly fitting. If you look closely at our decal on the side of the boat, you'll see a French bulldog face with a lightning bolt behind it as his personal emblem. So far, this boat has delighted us quite a bit, living up to the namesake nicely. Long live the pig!



Thunder Pig photographed by Mark McCuddy.

Randy Poff – *Raicilla*

A yacht name should be distinctive and difficult to pronounce, but meaningful to the skipper (and naturally, approved by the Admiralty!). Raicilla is Mexican moonshine, a variant of Tequila, home-grown from wild agave in rural Jalisco. Fine Tequila, on the other hand, starts with cultivated Blue Agave, but the manufacturing process is similar. Years ago, we had the good fortune to visit Puerto Vallarta and signed-on for a van tour of the defunct silver mines in and around the mountainous regions of San Sebastian. My good friend and I were able to convince our tour

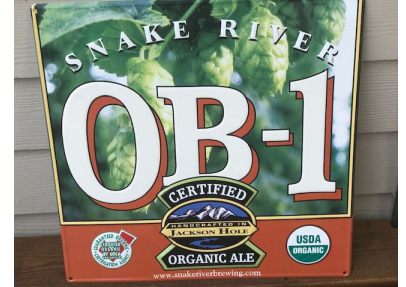


Raicilla photographed by Maria Swearingen.

guide (and the other less enthusiastic tourists in the van) to try to find a raicilla factory. At a particularly steep switchback, we came upon a man leading a burro: Our guide stopped the van and hopped out to chat, while we Gringos patiently waited in our seats. After "local reconnaissance," our guide returned to the van to announce the "factory" was just a few clicks away! Arriving at the Juan Dueñas raicilla factory, we met the sole operator, Juan Dueñas, Jr., the son of the founder and now co-owner. His raicilla factory was not much more than a wide spot on a single-lane dirt road, but with all the necessary components: The essential freshly harvested wild agave piñas; Wood-fired earthen oven (to roast the piñas); hand-shredder / crusher (for extracting sweet agave juice / hot mash), fermentation hut (containing several 55 gallon plastic barrels); and two distillation configurations (a primary still followed by a secondary still). After a taster (or two) direct from the second still, my friend and I each bought a 750ml bottle for just 120 pesos ("factory direct" for about \$12, at the time)! When our Merit 25 came to the Columbia River fleet from Coronado Island (San Diego), we needed to replace her old Bad Manners name. After spinning through several alternatives, the Admiral "she who must be obeyed" remembered our Mexican vacation and at her suggestion, we decided to re-christen the new-to-us Merit 25, Raicilla (say "Rye-See-Yah").

Michael Morrissey – OB1

We purchased the Merit-25, OB1, in 2014 and we have always wondered about the name that came with the boat. The first thing that comes to mind is that it is a cute way of giving homage to Obi-Wan Kenobi of Star Wars which sits well with both the older crowd (the original Stars Wars came out in 1977) and the younger generation that has seen its revival. Then our son-in-law, Dan, was out judging beer quality (one can actually get a job like that) at one of the seemingly innumerable beer festivals in the Pacific NW, and he reported that he had found the origin of the name. Turns out, there was a beer actually named OB-1 (Organic Beer-Number 1) and was a USDA certified organic English style brown ale, even winning the Gold Medal at the North America's Brewer's Fest in 2006. A very non-heroic name and alas, like the Merit-25 boats, it went out of production, so we cannot order a few cases for post-race celebrations. Either way, both origins fit the boat well.



Upstart as the RC platform.

Bill Sanborn's sailboats

On our farm we had an Aeromotor windmill, and the fins on the wheel are called sails, and in 1976 when I bought my Catalina 22 my thought process was wind on the boat sails also power the boat, and in my life experience wind on sails had also been the power to pump water for the cattle. "WINDMILL" would be a perfect boat name. We sailed her for 18 years, and she always carried that name. In 1994 when we bought "UPSTART" our Kalik 30 she was already named. I never understood why, but Vicki insisted that we not change the name, something about "That is you".

How *Pancho* got its name (Bill Sanborn)

For thirty-three years SYSCO sailors have seen a boat running around full of marks, or tied on the back of the Race Committee boat, and a lot of you have had the opportunity to be the operator, or ride in it to set or retrieve race marks, take photos from her or receive help as a crash boat.

She is referred to simply as “PANCHO” by everyone in the sailing community, and in fact the current issue is the third one so hence the name “PANCHO III” on the rear quarter. In 1984 while I was Vice Commodore it was decided by the members that using our slow moving sailboats to haul, set and retrieve marks was asking a little much of the Race Committee volunteer skippers, and that we needed a faster “work boat” to do those jobs. We found a serviceable 18-foot Smoker-Craft Jon boat with a 40 HP Johnson engine, a steering console with a motorcycle seat, and came on a trailer. We decided that SYSCO could afford the package and purchased it. A few years later the original boat was replaced with a new Jon boat, and a 40 HP Suzuki. The present Boston Whaler was a find that came with a 90 HP engine that we sold along with the newer Jon boat and we installed our 40 HP Suzuki for a straight across deal. Last year we upgraded to a new 4 cycle 40 HP engine and several other upgrades to the seat were made.

There have been many maritime stories about the ceremony to name a boat or to rename a boat, but before any of this can be done you need to find the name to put on the boat. Looking at the roster we see boats named for songs, heavenly bodies, attitudes, any combination of the words sea, wind, beverages, wives or girlfriends, fish, and “aqua” anything.

So how was the name decided for the SYSCO boat? We were cleaning it up and washing out the fish residue from the former owner’s activities and the conversation turned to: “What are we going to name this vessel?” We were all children of the 1940’s and grew up listening to radio shows, and watching the B western movies with stars like Gene Autry and his sidekick Pat Battrum, Roy Roger’s sidekick was Jingles, Lone Ranger was supported by Tonto, and Hopalong Cassidy’s sidekick was Gabby Hayes. But the clincher was the O. Henry character who became TV’s the Cisco Kid who rode with his sidekick Pancho, and their always famous closing “O Pancho!” “Ooohh Ceesco!” as they rode off. The names were too similar to pass that up, and so we all agreed that the boat should be known as SYSCO’s PANCHO. I had the fellow who painted the signs on truck doors for me to put the name PANCHO on the boat.



RC boat and Pancho on last race of the Twilight series, 2018. Photo courtesy of Michael Morrissey.

DISCOVER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SAILING IN PORTLAND

SAIL PDX

CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB
PRAY FOR WIND
BRING A FRIEND
PARTY

AT
PORTLAND
YACHT CLUB
SUNDAY

FEB 17
3 TO 6 PM - FREE!
1241 NE MARINE DRIVE

Grow the Sport Race

May 7 & 9, 5:30 - 9 pm

A fun race to introduce new sailors to racing on the Columbia River, beginner and beyond.

Beer Can Races

Select Saturdays
from May-September

Try racing your boat in a casual, goofy race on the Columbia River.

Race Clinic

Thurs April 11, 6:30 - 9 pm

SYSCO invites all skippers and crew to attend a free pre-season race clinic, offering critical information to new racers & seasoned skippers alike.

For information on all of these and more events, email commodore@syscosailing.org
or visit sailpdx.org/events-calendar

Notifications and Upcoming Dates to Remember

SYSCO has open positions! Consider volunteering!

As a completely-volunteer run organization, our volunteers are the heart blood of our continued success. There are currently three positions needing to be filled who will be working closely with the SYSCO Board. If you, your crew, spouse, or anyone you know would be a good match for any of these positions, we would love to hear from them!

Please have any potential volunteers contact Anna at commodore@syscosailing.org or text or call her at 503-789-0586. Thank you!

Open positions:
SYSCO Webmaster
Social Chairperson
Newsletter Editor

Sailing on Sundays

Sundays Oct 14 – Mar 3

US Sailing Workshop

Feb 16 – 17

CYC Pray for Wind (and Bring a Friend) Party

Feb 17 at PYC

SYSCO Fleet Night

Feb 26 at Willamette Sailing Club

OCSA Race Management Clinic

Mar 9 at Willamette Sailing Club

RCYC Frostbite Regatta

Mar 23



Teresa Coleman attempted to help Barry Rumsey find more crew for Jubilee's up coming great offshore adventure next Spring! Not sure this crew will do well in salt water though. Photo courtesy of Teresa Coleman.

Cap'n Chumbucket has issued his annual **"Chili Cook-off Potluck Challenge"**, his galley crew versus your galley crew.

Plan is to present your Potluck offering **at the PYC Dining Room after the last of the Sail on Sunday Races on March 3rd.**

Looking for Chili's, Cornbread, Salads, & Desserts.
(sour cream, shredded cheese, hot sauces, and corn chips also welcome)

Some additional details:

- The PYC Bars will be open (no host, Credit Cards only) from about 2 to 7PM. no outside alcoholic beverage in the Club or on the Patio please.
- There will be no access to the PYC kitchen, bring serving utensils.
- A donation to cover the supplies appreciated (plates, bowls, plasticware, cups, and napkins will be provided).
- We will need to be cleaned up and out by 6 PM. Many hands will make quick work. (Just like putting the boat away)
- RSVP with a crew head count via email to:

upstart-30@comcast.net

SYSCO Grow the Sport Race - May 7 & 9!

Bruce Newton, Rear-Rear SYSCO Commodore and OCSA Commodore

Registration is now open! The links may not yet be on SailPDX.org so here are the direct links to Regatta Network:

Tuesday, May 7: https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=18368

Thursday, May 9: https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=18369

What's this about you ask? Read this explanation reprinted from last month's Starting Line:

How do we get sailors interested in racing? There are many sailors in the area who are curious about racing but have not had the opportunity to experience it. Some are even sailboat owners. How can we get these folks on boats to see what racing is like?

As you know, the week before the Oregon Offshore is traditionally a rest week for the Spring Series. Rather than having lots of boats idle and wasting a perfectly good week of sailing we are holding special races on that Tuesday and Thursday. These races will look just like the regular Spring Series races with similar classes, starts, and courses. But the one twist is that each boat entered must agree to take at least one novice racer as crew.

How will this work? Early boat registration will be key to this thing working. When you register you indicate how many novice racers you can take on your boat. Don't think of these novice racers as simply passengers – we want them to get a meaningful experience as crew. In the meantime, we will be working with several organizations to collect novice sailor nominations. These organizations are the Oregon Women's Sailing Association, the Island Sailing Club, the Willamette Sailing Club, and others. Also, I will be happy to take suggestions of anyone who has some sailing experience and wants to experience racing. Then a week or two prior to your race, we will connect you with your assigned novice racers' contact information so you can work out meeting at the boat for the race.

By providing this opportunity we hope to encourage sailors to join teams, start racing their boat, or even purchase a sailboat.

Please support this effort and register your boat for this event early. Please contact me with any questions or suggestions at bruce97212@gmail.com.



Leanalot on the upwind leg during the Feb 3 Sailing on Sunday. Photo courtesy of Jacqueline Pitter and Kelly Dews.

Racing Report

Gregg Bryden, Race Captain

With the racing season just about a month away (RCYC Frostbite is 23 March!), many of us are turning our attention to getting our boats race ready. Crisp sails—check. Fresh bottom paint—check. But what about safety?

Last weekend's Safety at Sea (SAS) seminar in Vancouver was a stark reminder of how important preparation and good equipment is to enjoying our sport and coming home in one piece. So, in addition to working on going fast, take the time to go safe. Here are a few (but by no means all) things to consider as you go over your boat.

Lifelines and standing rigging. Look them over. Any signs of rust? Any loose wire strands? Peel off that ancient layer of rigging tape and check the connections. Check that the stanchions are well bedded and affixed to the hull. If you have not already done so, consider upgrading to bare wire, or better yet, Dynema lifelines.



If this is what your lifelines look like, it is NOT a good thing.

Rudder/steering. Check the rudder for delamination, make sure steering hardware is in good shape. Gudgeons and pintles are well affixed.

Safety Gear. Check your fire extinguishers and replace if expired. Is your first aid kit so old it contains laudanum? Flares from 1976? Pony up and freshen them up. Carry a few space blankets to help ward off hypothermia.

Life Jackets. About 5 percent of the inflatable life jackets failed to inflate during the pool sessions at SAS. Check and replace arming gear. Try your old inflatable in a pool to find out just how hard it is to move around with an inflated jacket around your neck. Upgrade to life jackets with thigh straps. Life jackets with thigh straps are much more likely to stay on and makes it a lot easier to haul you out of the water.

How's that keel? Many of the recent sailing disasters reviewed at SAS involved big boats losing their keels. If you've had a hard grounding or even a soft one, better check those keel bolts and bedding. Losing your keel makes dismasting look like a day in the park.

Radio and Lights. I'm always surprised by the number of boats that race without carrying a radio or two (hand-helds are less than \$100 these days) or lack working running lights. Check that you have them and that they work!

Review with your Crew. Go over all the safety features on your boat with your crew. Foster a safety culture on your boat. Review use of your life sling/throwable and crew over board procedures.

Sail well, sail safe. I look forward to seeing you on the race course soon!

February 2019 SYSCO Board Meeting Minutes

Gary Bruner, not the SYSCO Secretary

The February meeting of the SYSCO board was held at 7PM on Monday, Feb. 4 at Elmer's, Delta Park.

Present were: Anna Campagna, Jan Burkhart, Denny Damore, Frank Wertinen, Michael Morrissey, Scott Stevenson, Bruce Newton, Nat Powning and Gary Bruner.

Commodore Anna began the meeting promptly at 7 PM

Membership

Chair Jan Burkhart reported that SYSCO currently has 63 members, but renewals are 'rolling in'. Of those 63, seven are associate memberships and 56 are regular memberships with racing privileges. Jan thanks all those who volunteered to set up or run the SYSCO booth at the Boat Show!

Action item: The board voted unanimously to accept 3 new memberships: Capt. Dee Turner with a Hunter 280 called Tryst, Mark Salholm with a Catalina 27 named Serenity, and associate member Anna Campagna, our current Commodore.

Big Welcome to all three of you!

Treasurer

Chair Scott Stevenson reports that current balances are: \$5,998.80 in checking, \$5,247.82 in savings for a total liquidity of \$11,246.62. Scott reports that the \$10.00 late fee will be pushed back until after the Pray for Wind/Bring a Friend Party at PYC on Feb 17. Any new members may access the boat show special of a \$90 membership until that date as well. He will email members to remind everyone of the upcoming late fee.

Racing Report

Race Captain, Gregg Bryden, was ill and not in attendance, but Bruce Newton said that he, Michael Morrissey, and Jeff Eastes, last year's race captain, had met with Gregg to go over the duties and tasks. A second meeting is planned for next week on how to set up all the racing events in the Regatta Network website.

Actions underway: Gregg has arranged to have Frank Colistro do a presentation at Fleet Night.

Old Business

Anna gave a brief report on a meeting she recently had with a "Marketing" group, with the intent of helping to support the 'grow the sport' efforts. She revealed a colorful poster that she's

had printed that promotes the CYC "Pray for Wind" party, and lists numerous opportunities for newer sailors to get involved in the racing scene. It promotes Fleet Night, the 'Grow the Sport' Race for newbies this spring, the Race Clinic, and other events. Anna also showed a copy of a personal email message she's crafted to send to all those folks on the current "Crew List" of Sailpdx. She will also contact all the folks who signed up for a 'Free Sailboat Ride' at the boat show. Gary reported that all 16 volunteer skippers have been paired with groups of 'winner'. One, Frank Colistro on Wy'East has already taken his winning people on a recent SOS race!

Actions: Anna will take the lead on the SYSCO table at the Pray for Wind Party. She'll have a signup sheet there for names of those who might like to race in the "grow the sport" races during the Oregon Offshore week when formal races do not occur. Board members took copies of the posters to hang up at various locations where they have a chance of being seen by newer sailors. Bruce will be providing a TV and the thumbdrive of sailing photos for the Pray for Wind party.

Fleet Night Report

Anna will order pizza to be sold by the slice. Bruce is bringing drinks left over from previous SYSCO social events. Bruce will also be bringing Race Books to be sold at the event. Anna says we'll use REAL plates and dishes at the RYC event, so some clean up help would be appreciated.

Web Report

SYSCO is looking into other possibilities for a web host for its website, as well as, possibly, and unpaid intern who'd facilitate and run the website. Since much of the discussion was over the head of this writer of minutes, suffice it to say that Nat Powning has taken on the task of researching possibilities for other web hosting companies and will report back at the next SYSCO board meeting...

Additional Business

Anna gave a shout out to the Fisher Poets group who will do presentations at Salvageworks on Feb 20, and at their gathering in Astoria on Feb 22, 23 and 24.

The meeting adjourned just prior to 8:30.

Respectfully,
Gary Bruner
For Secretary Lynn Eastes