

JUNE 2021

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RACE REPORT

MEMBERSHIP

CHAIR REPORT



SMALL YACHT SAILING CLUB OF OREGON

STARTING LINE



Wy'East just rounding the last mark on a Tuesday race in June - Photo by Seth Constable and Anna Campagna

FROM THE FRONT

GREGG BRYDEN – COMMODORE

SYSCO Racing is back! Thanks to all the diligence and sacrifices made to beat down COVID, state and county restrictions for outdoor activities has eased enough that we are back to NORMAL RACING!! Full crews on the boats! Barbecues! Trophies! And complete Race Committees!!

Er, well maybe. The Race Committee thing is ***on you, the racing fleets***. Our bedraggled Race Captain, Dennis Damore won't say it, but I will: The Fleets need to step up and fill out the Race Committee Calendar. Dennis, with help from Race Wrangler Phil Martindale have been doing a yeoman's job of pulling together race committees so far this year but they have better things to do than chase down RCs every week.

PYC This club is built on the spirit of volunteerism. The small fees members pay just covers costs of Pancho operations and moorage, trophies, and a few parties. Without the all-volunteer RC participation, a hired Principal Race Officer and RC crew would make the cost of racing prohibitive to most of us. So it is time to step up. Here is the RC calendar for the rest of



PYC Opening Day Regatta - Photo by Dena Kent

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the year. Fleet Captains, talk to your fleet and Contact Dennis (Race_Captain@SYSCOSailing.org) and let him know your RC dates are covered. Typically, we need 2 people on Pancho and 4-6 people on RC platform. Also, we need to fill the gap created by the imbalance between Summer Series Tuesday (39 boats) and Thursday (52 boats). This is a great opportunity for skippers that are racing both nights to take a night off and do their share.



RCYC Frostbite Regatta - Photo by Dena Kent

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SYSCO 2021 Series Race Committee Schedule



Race Committee is lots of fun

TUESDAY NIGHT RACE COMMITTEES

Race	Date 2021	Fleet 6: J-24	Fleet 7: Cal 20	Fleet 8: Range r 20	Fleet 9: Catalina 22 & Venture 21	Fleet 11A: Smaller Boat Cruising (C)	Fleet 11B: Smaller Boat Cruising (D)
Summer	8-Jun		X				
	15-Jun			X			
	22-Jun				X		
	29-Jun					X	
	6-Jul						X
Twilight	13-Jul	X					
	20-Jul		X				
	27-Jul	No Races - Delta Cruise					
	3-Aug			X			
	10-Aug				X		
	17-Aug					X	
	24-Aug						X

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THURSDAY NIGHT RACE COMMITTEES

Race	Date 2021	Fleet 1: J-105 & Melges 24	Fleet 2: PHRF A & B	Fleet 3: PHRF C & Level	Fleet 4: Martin 24	Fleet 5: Merit 25	Fleet 10: Open due to Imbalance
Summer	10-Jun		X				
	17-Jun			X			
	24-Jun				X		
	1-Jul					X	
	8-Jul						X
Twilight	15-Jul	X					
	22-Jul		X				
	29-Jul	No Races - Delta Cruise					
	5-Aug			X			
	12-Aug				X		
	19-Aug					X	
	26-Aug						X

We also need help with RCs for the 27 June Grow the Sport Beer Can, 27 July SYSCO Soaker, 7 August Dual Bridge Dual, and 21-22 August St. Helens Race and Cruise.

Doing Race Committee easy, fun, and edifying. Frankly, I don't understand why we aren't turning away volunteers rather than begging for help. Now get out there and do your part to make the rest of the 2021 season the best racing ever!

Your Faithful Commodore

Gregg Bryden

FROM THE REAR

ANNA CAMPAGNA — VICE COMMODORE



Photo by Anna Campagna

Anna Campagna

Rear Commodore

RACING REPORT

DENNY DAMORE— RACE CAPTAIN

It's the Little Things

You know, it's the little things that get in the way of success on the race course. Did you ever not look at your turnbuckles for, say, forever and then find out later that one of them had a crack that opened up in a puff which you could have seen had you just looked at them but didn't so you lost the whole rig over the side? Stooges did. It's the little things.

Did you ever forget to put a cotter ring on the shackle holding your shrouds to the chainplate (or have it come out when you hooked it with the fender you were pulling up), and then also lose the rig? Local Motion did and Stooges almost did. It's the little things.

Did you look upriver for Mark 4, not see it for some reason, assume Mark 3 was Mark 4 and round it instead and then eventually have to turn around to unwind the string because you hadn't completed the course? Myst did. It's the little things.

We've all done it. Put the spinnaker up sideways; put the A-sym spinnaker up with the wrong end of the kite attached to the tack; forget to bring your radio, or watch, or course chart, or batteries for your Tack Tic, or any number of essentials; run out of fuel; lose the halyard up the mast; drop a winch handle overboard in a rush; have two 100 foot coiled guys with shackles slide off the deck into the river (that was a spendy one); forget that it's the finish line that's restricted and not the start line and make stupid tactical decisions accordingly, and on and on it goes. I know I've done or been part of all the foregoing examples.

What's the point? It surely isn't that we all make mistakes because we already know that. Rather, it's that irrespective of whether you look at these errors as little or big or simply a normal consequence of racing with a lot of wind, noise, and activity, you have to admit that these lapses add up so that a little error here and another there and pretty soon you're out of phase and playing serious catch up if not completely out of the hunt.

So, what's the answer. Clearly, don't make any mistakes! OK, seriously, the goal is to incrementally make changes in procedure or equipment so that the number and intensity of the mistake/error goes down with each iterative fix or change. If a cleat continues to jam at the wrong time, move it. If the sprit keeps hanging up under load and won't retract, grease it. If you routinely lose track of the course, write it on the bulkhead. Write the word "head" on the top of your spinnaker. Label everything else. Keep spare batteries in your dock box. Put some spare Dyneema on the boat. Check each other out by asking questions of each other to

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confirm you all know what is going to happen on the douse or the rounding. Have more than one watch on the boat. The list is endless. But, every little thing counts.

In Formula 1 racing, which I've been glued to this season, a pit stop of 3 seconds verses 2 seconds is the difference between finishing in the money or way down the list. In this last race, Monte Carlo, a driver who was almost guaranteed to have a podium finish had to retire because they couldn't get a wheel nut off of the spindle during a pit stop tire change. Somehow the nut got cross threaded or the air driver was mis-attached and stripped the nut flange. These are programs that have budgets of hundreds of millions of dollars. They make mistakes, but you can be assured that after the race that air driver and the entire wheel assembly were flown back to the mother ship for a complete engineering review. We live in a different atmosphere from F-1, but the principles are the same. Review the cause of the error and adjust or revise. The overall lesson: everything makes a difference when you're racing. When you take care of the little things, the big things will most likely take care of themselves.



Photo by Pam Sesar

See you on the river.

Denny Damore
Race Captain

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT

CARISA BOHUS – MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

SYSCO PICNIC JULY 6 and JULY 8

After your race! Come on over to Tomahawk Field!

Plan on both days- Help one day, Enjoy the other!

Barbeque for the end of Summer Series! Need your help! Sign up to serve the “other” day!
Write membership@sycosailing.com

The barbeque will be happening! July 6th and 8th, after races are over. Come and celebrate your race day, and the other guys! We need help with cooking, serving and clean up!

There will be games and prizes! One last planning meeting June 7th. Write membership @ sycosailing.org

Check out the Boat Maintenance Picture Log. Add your project pictures. Ask for advice. See them at <https://sycosailing.org/membership.php>

Carisa Bohus
Membership Chair



May 6 Race - Photo by Anna Campagna

SYSCO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 7, 2021

Attendees: Gregg Bryden, Cheryl Watson, Michael Morrissey, Sloan Kimball, and Mark Salholm. – No Quorum – No Business Meeting

Absent: Denny Damore, Carisa Bohus, Bruce Newton, Phillip Martindale, Rick Samuels, Anna Campagna, Jacqueline Pitter, Stephanie Walker, Don Schultz, Jody Schultz, Scott Stevenson, Jan Burkhart, Craig Daniels, Darren Posey, and Thomas MacMenemy

Call to Order: This meeting was called to order electronically via Zoom at 5:45 pm.

1. Commodore's Opening Remarks

- a. Race Committees for Twilight - assign boats early
- b. Fleet Captains need to step up
- c. Pricing structure for 2022
- d. Trophies for Summer and Twilight – same as last year for those series
 - i. Performance trophy is still on – not counting spring series.
- e. Summer series BBQs – 7/6 and 7/8

2. Membership Report

1. Renewed memberships since last report are 3 members.

Total current memberships is 108.

Action Item- Carisa: check through whole list for any new members that have not been voted on yet.

2. Social Engagement

- a. Membership Web Page will be changing, I have an email in to Kevin. Boat Maintenance Picture Log will be moved to bottom of the page. I have one more maintenance set of pictures. The original style of the Membership page will return with new picture.
Action Item- Carisa: Get Membership Page back to original format

- b. Party Planning Meeting for June will be rescheduled due to me missing June Board meeting!

Action Item- Carisa: call members with Party Support as volunteer option and get some firm commitments for picnics.

See discussion of ideas for mixing up the crowd in previous minutes

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- c. Dock Talk is taking a Summer Series break. Will be back for Twilight Series. Three shows. Keeping the spinnaker special.

Action Item- Carisa: figure out how to get on all the calendars ahead of time.

- d. Announce the picnics!

3. Treasurer's Report

- a. Checking Balance \$7,009. Reserve Balance \$10,863. Total Cash \$17,873.

4. Racing report:

- a. RCs – No report
- b. Fleets – No report
- c. Other SYSCO races coming up – 13th and match racing in July

5. Fleet Reports

- Fleet 1 – J-105, Melges 24 – Doug Schenk
 - no report
- Fleet 2 – PHRF A & B – Open
 - no report
- Fleet 3 – FPHRF C, D and Level – Tom MacMenemy
 - no report
- Fleet 4 – Martin 24 – David Paul
 - No report
- Fleet 5 – Merit 25 –Tomas Morrissey
 - Had a race and all is going well
- Fleet 6 – J24 – Anna Campagna
 - No report
- Fleet 7 – Cal 20 – Cheryl Watson
 - Had a BBQ and all is going well
- Fleet 8 – Ranger 20 – Darren Posey
 - No report
- Fleet 9 – Catalina 22, Venture 21 – Jody Schultz
 - No report
- Fleet 10 Tuesday No Fly – David Long

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- No report
- Fleet 11 – Cruising Smaller Boats – Mark Shalom –
 - RC schedule looks good.

6. Other Business – NONE

7. Adjourned at 5:55

Respectfully submitted –

Sloan Kimball

SYSCO Secretary



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