



Sysco News

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March Membership Meeting “Cruising the San Juan Islands”

Mark your calendars for SYSCO's membership meeting, Monday, March 19, 7:30 p.m. at Mars Meadows restaurant at Hayden Meadows. All meetings are on the third Monday of each month. Come early for dinner and socializing.

Charlie McDonald has cruised the San Juan and Canadian Gulf Islands for several summers. Come listen to his stories and adventures: where he has been, places he likes, and how to make clearing American Customs a little easier.

Also, mark these dates for more sailing information and entertainment:

April 16 — Marv Dunn will lead an open forum discussion on the state of PHRF. The forum will include a new proposal for a handicap system.

May 21 — Larry and Sue Johnson, along with eight others, chartered Beneteau 45's out of the Grenadines and sailed the Caribbean in February for 10 days. Larry and Sue, Bob Rouse and another SYSCO member will show slides and talk about the trip.

June 18 — Nancy Kirk will talk about the upcoming Six Pac event at the end of July. This is a weeklong event that includes racing on the river and bay racing in Astoria.

P.S. SYSCO Board meetings are the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. All members are welcome. Location: Barley Mill Pub, 1629 S.E. Hawthorne.



February's program featured a stormy ride down the coast for **Witchcraft** crew members (left to right) Dawn Redman, Tom English, Malcolm Ordendorft, Jeff Duvall. But their problems continued as a serious mast failure took them out of Pacific Cup contention early. This month, cruise the San Juan Islands with Charlie McDonald.

Change to Invitation and Race Notice 2001 PYC & SYSCO Opening Day — April 21 & 22

SYSCO members must provide an entry fee of \$25 to register for the Opening Day Regatta. Please note that all other provisions of the Invitation and Race Notice and the Supplemental Sailing Instructions still apply.

Thoughts from the Rear

BILL SANBORN

Thoughts on Thoughts ...Last month I rambled for 3/4 of a page. I hope you're getting some useful information, or maybe someone else needs the floor. One good way to get your thoughts heard is to write an essay and send it to Mike and Sandy O'Bryant. They'll do the rest. It's as easy as sending an e-mail (obryants@earthlink.net). ... The subject can be anything relating to what SYSCO is doing, or should be doing. Photos would be great.

The last SYSCO News was done on our new printer and it worked well. The newsletter is our best way to communicate with members and sponsors and Sandy has done a great job of setting this all up and printing off the pages. But we need to get them some help in the folding, addressing and postage departments. Last month it took four of us about an hour around the dining room table to get the newsletters ready for the Post Office. It had taken Sandy almost eight hours to print them. Mike plans to send you a copy via Internet, and give you the option of not receiving one by snail mail. We would realize savings in postage, paper and ink cartridges. Let him know what you think. I don't fully understand how all this

works: My technical knowledge is limited to pistons going up and down and making the wheels go around.

The count down to the first warning flag is now 30 days... how are you doing on the gig list? Add to the list the OCSA Race Management Clinic for your self and/or a representative from your crew, along with the SYSCO Race Clinic especially for new racers and new crew members. **March 17th is the PANCHO III** clean and repair party. Another job that will take a few minutes is to read through the Race Book and determine the events you plan to enter. Fill out the entry forms now and send them to the Race Captain. Don't plan on showing up at the start line and trying to get the Committee to add you to the list — unless your entry is wrapped in a Hamilton ... and no "dog ate my home work" excuses.

One change that is covered by an amendment to the OPENING DAY race notice is that SYSCO members will need to pay the \$25 entry fee. That's because we're sharing this event with PYC.

Two major events this summer are the SixPac and the Delta Cruise. I know it's a tough choice, but either one should be in your plans for the week of July 28th. And, most important, don't forget your pledge to volunteer time towards SYSCO's success in 2001.

Cruising

VICKI SANBORN

Every cruise needs a reason to be held. We'll be cruising March 24th to Hadley's Landing to celebrate the **Lounging Moon** (it will be in the shape of a smile). This is the wintertime destination for the Bundy cruisers and they always complain about how nice the weather is in that part of Multnomah Channel, so we could have an opportunity to see this unique moon.

The February cruise to Government Island was a quiet evening on the river; cold in the morning with a very heavy frost, but as the sun came out it warmed up and we had a nice walk on the island. There were two regular SYSCO cruisers and other boats came by to get more information about the Club.

I have looked at the calendar for April and May and spring racing occupies all the weekends. So, we aren't scheduling another cruise until our annual gathering at Martin Island, **Memorial Day, May 26, 27 & 28.**

I hope those who are not doing the Six Pac will plan to join us for the Delta Cruise. You will be introduced to some great cruising destinations if you do. Plan for the week of July 28. Call me if you have questions about the cruises or want to suggest a cruise.

PYC Sailors' Dinner ■ April 20

Join your friends at Portland Yacht Club's Sailors' Dinner. In addition to great food and camaraderie, the Seattle Yacht Club will make a presentation on their OneWorld Challenge for the 2003 America's Cup. Sailors who heard from the St. Francis Yacht Club last year will want to compare notes with our own challenge from the Pacific Northwest.

Cocktails start at 6:00 P.M. and prime rib dinner starts at 7:00; cost \$18. Everyone is invited -- sailors, non-sailors, family and friends. Make your reservations early by calling PYC reservations at: 503-735-0632.

Those who survive the Sailors' Dinner are invited to participate in the Opening Day Regatta on April 21 & 22. PYC and SYSCO are jointly sponsoring this event. It will be the first chance to gain points for the 2001 OCSA performance trophy.

Do you have old gear?

You can donate old sailing gear to Portland's Sea Scouts and get a tax break at the same time. The Sea Scouts have 7 ships: 5 Cascade 29's, a Pearson 26 and a Capri 22. They need old sheets, halyards, blocks, sails, depth finders and what-ever else is cluttering your garage. As a charitable organization, contributions to the Sea Scouts are tax deductible. Call Eric Kozowski at 503-285-4424 to donate your gear. He'll pick up the gear and distribute it among the Sea Scoutships.

SYSKO Board Meeting Minutes

MARCH 5, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Vice Commodore: Alan Schamp reported on status of the Race Clinic (4/5-4/6), and status of the PYC/SYSKO Opening Day events (4/21-4/22).

Treasurer: Larry Johnson reports a bank balance of \$7,400.

Secretary/Membership: A new membership application for Victor Viets and Donna Hempstead, owners Wings, a J/29, was approved.

Program: At the March 19 general meeting, Charlie McDonald will talk about cruising the San Juan Islands. In April, Marv Dunn will

From the Race Captain

ALAN SCHAMP

Preparations are underway for the Opening Day Regatta. Please note that the race notice has been modified so that SYSKO members will be required to pay the \$25 entry fee for the event. This event will feature some great fun and socializing at PYC at the end of each racing day. We'll need three SYSKO volunteers for race committee for this event and I'm hoping to fill these at the March general meeting.

There are plenty of OCSA Race Booklets left, so pick yours up at the next SYSKO meeting. I'd also like to remind all race committee members to familiarize yourselves with the OCSA Race Committee Checklist on pages 46 - 49 of the Race Booklet.

The SYSKO race clinic is coming up on April 5 & 6. If you know someone who's just getting started or would like to get involved in sailing, please let him or her know about it. The chalkboard session will feature some of our most expe-

lead an open forum on the future of PHRF and Larry Johnson will talk in May about his trip with others to the Caribbean.

Newsletter: Mike set the submission deadline for this weekend. In addition to the regular mailing of the Newsletter, this month an electronic Newsletter will be sent via email. Members will be asked their preference — hard copy or electronic format of the Newsletter.

Cruising: Vicky Sanborn confirmed the March 24 "Lounging Moon Cruise" at Hadley's Landing, on Sauvies Island.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. B. THOMAS,
SEC./MEMBERSHIP

rienced skippers and will be held at Mars Meadows. I'd like to see the newer boat owners paired up with some of our more experienced skippers for the on the water session, so don't be surprised if I give you a call to pass on the request. Attendees who would like assistance for the on-the-water session should contact me early so that I can make arrangements.

We've added some new members to our club this year and some of them are pretty new to sailing. Let's try to give them a leg up by making room for them on our boats and offering to sail with them on theirs for a race or two. I'm still pretty new to the racing scene myself, and I can tell you that the thought of starting and mark rounding in a crowd is a little intimidating at first. I was fortunate enough to have a few experienced skippers come aboard — it made a world of difference. It's a lot less intimidating if there's someone along who's got some racing under their belt. In the long run, the more people that get and stay involved, the more fun it is for all of us.

2001 SYSKO Calendar of Events

- March 17** – Pancho III clean & repair party
- March 24** – Club Cruise to Hadley's Landing
- March 28 & 29** – OCSA Race Management Clinic
- April 5 & 6** – SYSKO Race Clinic
- April 17** – SYSKO Spring Series begins
- April 20** – PYC Sailors' Dinner
- April 21 & 22** – PYC/SYSKO Opening Day Race
- April 28 & 29** – SYSKO Spring Regatta
- May 26 - 28** – Martin Slough Cruise
- June 4 - 7** – Sail Education Week
- June 12** – SYSKO Summer Series begins
- June 29** – SYSKO Beer Can – Western Night
- July 27** – SYSKO Beer Can – Formal Night
- July 28** – Weeklong Delta Cruise/Six Pac
- Aug. 11 & 12** – SYSKO One-Design Regatta
- Aug. 24** – SYSKO Beer Can – Pirate Night
- Sept. 15 & 16** – SYSKO St. Helens Race

SYSKOFleetCaptains

Fleet	Captain
A/B	Randy Bauer
C1 (J-30)	Rod Dawson
D	Bill Barton
D2 (J-24)	Douglas Schenk
E	Toby Elliott
F	Alan Boguslawski
G - G4	Bob Rouse
G5 (Santana 20)	Scott Sabin
H	Bob Brown
J1 (Catalina 22)	Dennis Thomas
J3 (Cal 20)	Mike Pitarresi



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*Learn about
"Sailing the
San Juan Islands"*
**SYSCO Members Mtg.
March 19, 7:30 p.m.**

The Afterguard

BOB WALDRON, COMMODORE

With glad hearts a bottle of wine, food, and *Upstart, Courtship* made its way upstream to Government Island for an overnight stay. The first official SYSCO cruise of 2001. It felt good to get out. The Cruise Director, Vicki Sanborn, will tell the rest of the story. Your Race Captain has the planning and preparation well in hand for the upcoming racing season. He also has more news to share with you.

The newsletter is full of stuff about the club's activities and upcoming programs, so I'm going to tell you a story instead. It begins with the construction of the *West Virginia* a 13,680 ton, 503-foot armored cruiser launched at Newport News, Virginia in February 1905, Capt. C.H. Arnold

in command. After being attached to the New York Naval Militia as a unit of the Atlantic Fleet, the ship was sent in 1906 to the Asiatic Squadron. From then until 1914 she made several cruises with the Pacific Fleet for training and eventually steamed off the coast of Mexico protecting American interests. After the Vera Cruz crisis she returned to Bremerton and became part of the Pacific Reserve Fleet.

In 1916 she sailed to Mexico to again protect American lives and back up U.S. diplomacy. She was renamed the *Huntington* (ACR-5) to permit her old name to be assigned to a new battleship, BB-48. The *West Virginia* met her fate at the hands of Japanese torpedo planes while tied alongside the *Tennessee* December 7, 1941.

It was about this time a teenager from Oregon, who had lied about his age, joined the ship's

company as a gunner's mate. *Huntington* steamed to Mare Island to be fitted with a steam catapult, a flight deck and four seaplanes on her quarterdeck. A lithograph of a newsletter article from the Chicago Sun hangs in the office of that teenager's son. After receiving full commission, the *Huntington* left Mare Island and steamed to Pensacola via the Panama Canal. Detached from the Pacific Fleet and arriving in Florida, the *Huntington* spent the next 2 months engaging in early experiments in balloons and planes launched from her deck. Eventually she sailed for Hampton Roads to join a convoy of troop ships bound for France, departing September 8, 1917.

Next month the conclusion.

SEE YOU ON THE RIVER!



Sailboat Racing Clinic

**Offered by:
Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon**

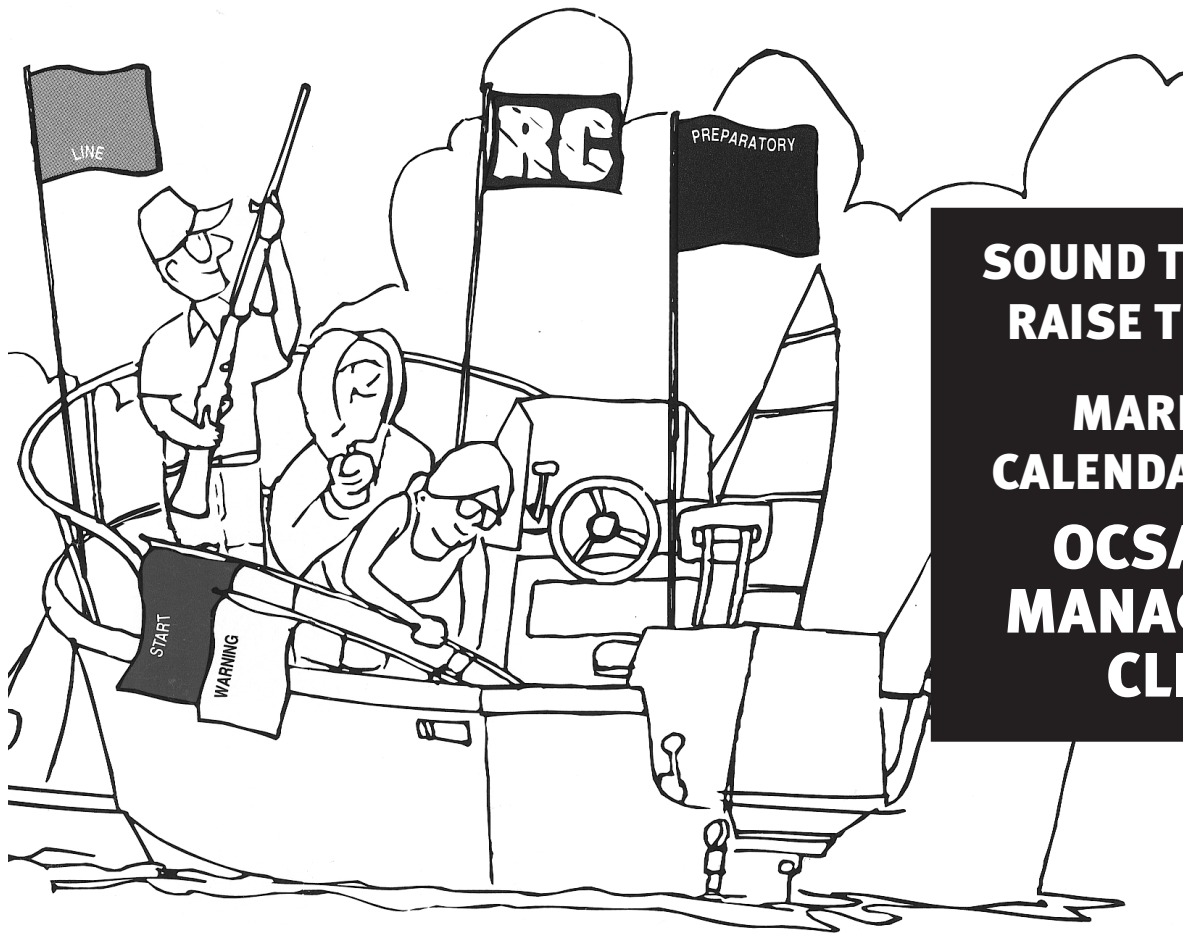
**April 5, 2001
Chalkboard Sessions at 18:30 hours
Mars Meadows Restaurant
Delta Park**

Topics will include:
Race Preparation
Starting Tactics
Rules

**April 6, 2001
On the Water Session at 18:00 hours**

The session will feature several practice starts and a round-the-buoy practice race. Experienced skippers will be available for onboard assistance (please call ahead of time to make arrangements). The on-the-water session will be conducted in the vicinity of mark "B" as designated by the OCSA course chart.

For more information contact:
Alan Schamp



OCSA Race Management Clinic

March 28–29, 2001 • 7:00pm • Portland Yacht Club

This extremely informative two evening seminar is not just for race captains. The seminar will focus on the planning and coordination involved in putting on a sailboat race. There will be something for everyone. The topics will include courses, timing, calculations, planning, promoting, handling protests and more.

If you are interested in becoming a part of race management either as a race captain or on a race committee, this two evening clinic is a must.

For more information:

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