



# Sysco News

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## SYSKO Membership Meetings: Take the Summer Off

It's time to sail. SYSKO is taking two months off to cruise and race. General membership meetings will return September 17, so mark you calendars. That meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., Mars Meadow restaurant at Hayden Meadows. Except for July and August, meetings are always on the third Monday of each month.

For the September meeting, Steve Rander of Schooner Creek Boatworks will talk about Ocean Planet, his Open 60 creation along with fast boat designer Tom

Wylie. Ocean Planet is scheduled to make a rare U.S. showing in the Vendee Globe single-handed race. Come early for dinner and socializing, then stay to see and hear more about this exciting boat.

P.S. The SYSKO Board will continue its monthly first-Monday meetings. Time: 6:30 p.m. Location: Barley Mill Pub, 1629 S.E. Hawthorne. All members are welcome. The September Board meeting will be delayed to Wednesday, September 5, due to the Labor Day holiday.



ALL PHOTOS BY SCOTT WIRS

*If you've been racing, chances are Scott Wirs has a picture of your boat in action. To purchase a picture, contact Scott at (503) 330-6722 or by e-mail at [swirs@teleport.com](mailto:swirs@teleport.com).*

## Thoughts from the Rear

*BILL SANBORN*

Message has been delivered, understood and a plan CAN be put into action to carry out the message. The next phase depends on what US Sailing says about the 2002 starting rules and how we decide to do our starting sequence. Then we need to work on how we write Race Notices and do some serious training to get everyone on the same page. The deadline for publishing the Race Notice is early December so we can get the Race Book out on time. I emphasize CAN, so don't expect that all this will magically happen, because it won't. If you want better racing, and at the price you are paying, there is another cost...INVOLVEMENT!

On another note, but the same subject: I've been excited to see folks who sail out of other clubs on the river helping with our Race Committees. Usually, they bring a lot of experience, which helps our program. Kind of gives you that tingly feeling that we are doing things right when they will volunteer to help our committees. We need to thank each one of them and thank the members who recruited them to help.

Course management is always a problem when you are dealing with current and variable winds. For the Western Night beer can we released a drifting buoy as a rounding mark. If the wind holds, it will slow the buoy's rate of drift, the boats will move and the course will be a manageable length. But when the winds go light, the boats slow, the buoy drifts with the full force of the current and the course can begin to get really long, especially for the slower boats. There are the

upsides: the Committee was well taken care of in the bribe area, so they didn't care, and the racers came to sail so they got plenty of boat time. Plus we got a photo finish.

We'll see you on the lower river during the SixPac and the Delta Cruise.

## Cruising

*VICKI SANBORN*

Delta Cruise time is upon us. It's time for a laid-back lazy cruise down river. As is the tradition, we will hold the cruise meeting in the pond at Martin Island July 28, and will convene as soon as you arrive. Some boats are planning only for the weekend. Others have the entire week planned out. Some will see how it goes and where the wind and tides take them. Several boats are doing part of the Sixpac and will join us for our stay in Warren Slough.

We hope to see you there or along the way.



## Calendar of Events

**July 27** – SYSCO Beer Can – Formal Night

**July 28** – Delta Cruise/Six Pac

**Aug. 11 & 12** – SYSCO One-Design Regatta

**Aug. 20** – General Membership Mtg.

**Aug. 24** – SYSCO Beer Can – Pirate Night

**Sept. 15 & 16** – SYSCO St. Helens Race

**Oct. 13** – SYSCO Awards Banquet

## SYSCO Spring Evening Series Results

### TUESDAY NIGHT

#### Class A

1. Myst
2. Moisture Missile

#### Class B

1. Millagro
2. White Star
3. Karma
4. Gravity Storm

#### Class C1 (J30)

1. Ciao
2. Rauzer Two
3. Flying J
4. Cracker Jack
5. Sugar Plum

#### Class C & D

1. The Wedge
2. Solstice
3. JP Foolish
4. Upstart
5. Star

#### Class E

1. Town Bike
2. LaDolce Vita
3. Pajama
4. Caleuche
5. Stray Currents

#### Class F

1. Bailiwick
2. Tarka

### THURSDAY NIGHT

#### J-24

1. 8-Ball
2. Bite Me
3. White Trash
4. Straight Shot
5. Strange Brew
6. Free Bowl of Soup
7. En d' Nile
8. Scam
9. Carpe Diem

#### Cal-20

1. Ahhhh
2. Brown Sugar
3. Hunter
4. Wind Wagon
5. Local Motion

#### Class G

1. Caliente
2. Hocus Pocus
3. Aurora

#### Class H

1. Slightly Naughty
2. Liberty

#### Santana 20

1. Hitched
2. Kamakaze
3. Mistral
4. Bohemia
5. Sunbum
6. Bandito

#### Catalina 22

1. Harmony
2. Solus
3. Wind Chaser
4. Little Hector
5. Imagine
6. Balance

# Race Captain

ALAN SCHAMP

I hope you're all enjoying this sailing season as much as I am. The long rainy winters (well maybe not so rainy this year) seem to make the late spring and early summer feel really special. And, when it's hot on the east side of the Cascades, the thermal low just about guarantees a good sail in the evening this time of year. Heidi, Abby and I have already had some really fun cruises downstream from Portland. We ran aground several times trying to go where no three people and a dog on a J/30 had gone before, but we broke away pretty quick. We also sucked the dinghy bridle into the prop with a big audience at a boat ramp, which led to a big Chinese fire drill... but it was pretty funny afterward. My brother always says "there's nothing like a boat to make you look like a total idiot." I personally have proved him right about that many times.

Moving on to racing matters. I have been remiss in not informing the membership of our protest procedures. They are the same as last year except the Fax number has changed. The protested boat must be informed of the protest, as soon as reasonably possible. The written protest must be submitted to the Race Captain (fax - 413-714-4810) or the committee boat before two hours after the last boat finishes racing. Detailed protest instructions are available from the Race Committee.

**HAVE A FUN AND SAFE SUMMER!**



# SYSKO Board Meeting Minutes

**Monday, July 2, 2001**

This meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP:**

Two new membership applications, David Hansen and Anna McCoy (J/24 "Rain Cloud" and Tanzer 7.5 "Yellow Boat"), and Brian and Rhonda Swick (Clipper 21 "High Hopes"), were presented to, and approved by, the Board.

The Board approved the purchase of 50 new burgees from the supplier in California.

**Treasurer:** Bank balance is approximately \$7550.

**Race Captain:** Quite a bit of discussion about the problematic late entries and the sometimes inconsistent/confusing set up of course postings on the course board.

**Newsletter:** Deadline for submissions is Saturday, July 7. Pictures from the membership to be included in the newsletter are always welcome.

**Program:** There will be no general membership meeting in July and August.

**CRUISING:**

Club cruisers are VERY anxious to begin their annual Delta

Cruise adventure on July 28! No formal club cruises, other than the Delta Cruise, are currently planned for August.

**Banquet:** A down payment will be provided to the Eastmoreland Grill for the October 13 banquet. A banquet dinner reservation form will be distributed to the membership in the August Newsletter. Phil Campagna will need help with banquet activities (503) 735-0982).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

We will continue to have a booth at the Portland Boat Show in January 2002.

Bio-diesel is available at Donaldson's, and it was suggested that an article be put together, about this fuel, for an issue of the Newsletter.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, SYSKO's September Board meeting will be reset from its usual first Monday of the month to Wednesday evening, September 5, at 6:30 p.m.; same location.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

*RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
R. E. B. THOMAS,  
SEC./MEMBERSHIP*

Event	Date	Day	Fleet	Captain
Summer Series	10-Jul	Tu	G-G4	Bob Rouse
	12-Jul	Th		Gary Whitney
One Design	11/12-Aug	Weekend	F	Alan Boguslawski
St. Helen's	8-Sep	Sat.	Rauzer Two	Alan Schamp
Beer Can	29-Jun	Fri.	J1	Dennis Thomas
	27-Jul	Fri.	J3	Mike Pitarresi
	24-Aug	Fri.	C1	Rod Dawson

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



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*Enjoy the Summer!*

**July and August  
meetings cancelled.**

## The Afterguard

*BOB WALDRON, COMMODORE*

Back in the "Bad Old Days" (when I was taking someone else's money for my labor and wasn't working half days and I had no boat) it took the better part of the first week of vacation to "come down" enough to feel relaxed, only to realize that in a few short days (seemed like hours) I would be back in the saddle again taking the boss's abuse for stuff that came up while I was gone. Today it is so much different. Now when I am gone I make no money, but by the time McCuddy Light is abeam I am on vacation. The vacation can be an afternoon sail, evening racing with Bill, a weekend out, or the soon to be Delta Cruise.

I wish I had done this when I was younger. My perspectives might



be better and less jaded. Be that as it may, my perspective is good now.

It occurred to me while removing some bright work for re-varnishing that there were still a few things to do before this year's annual nine-

day vacation. My slip neighbor aboard Balliwick always chastises the Captain and me for not taking Courtship out more, but for us we recognize or schedule limitations and accept them. The trade-off is we try to maximize our time when we do slip the lines. Even while "messing about" the boat I can feel briefly refreshed. The mind clears itself of all the distractions of life on dirt and it begins to transfigure itself into the mind of a sailor. Even while making the miscellaneous mental notes of what needs to be replenished aboard before July 28th, there is a certain clarity of thinking.

While climbing the ramp back to the car the life-on-dirt thoughts come back. I just wish I could hold onto the transfiguration that occurred at the dock. Well, in a few weeks it will be firmly installed for nine whole days.

**SEE YOU ON THE RIVER!**