



Sysco News

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General Membership Mtg

Make sure to attend SYSCO's November General Membership meeting to vote your conscience. On tap is election of officers, approval of changes to the club's By Laws, and discussions about SYSCO's 25th anniversary celebration in 2003, among other topics. See you **Monday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.** at Mars Meadow restaurant (Hayden Meadows). Come early for dinner and socializing.

P.S. The SYSCO Board meets the first-Monday of each month.

Time: 6:30 p.m. **Location:** Barley Mill Pub, 1629 S.E. Hawthorne.

All members are welcome.

Help Needed

While the Officers of the Club were working with OCSA to publish the Race Book for 2003, they realized that next year will be the 25th Anniversary of SYSCO's founding. So, a decision was made to dedicate the One-Design Regatta weekend as a celebration of the club's 25 years. The format for the event has not yet been decided, but the intent is to involve all the membership and boats. With your input, the plans for the Regatta and celebration will take shape over the next few months. This is a not-to-be-missed celebration. Mark your planner for Aug 9 and 10, 2003.



SYSCO celebrated Halloween along with the All Catalina Association.

Thoughts from the Rear

BILL SANBORN

Going through my list of things to do to get ready for 2003, I found a note reminding me that I need to check the files and find my Son's certificate for the Coast Guard Auxiliary Class we took together several years ago. He, like many of you, is less than 30 years old and will need a Boater Education Card to operate a boat in 2003. Those less than 40 years will need the card in 2004, less than 45 years will need one in 2005, less than 50 years 2006, less than 60 years 2007, less than 70 years 2008, and all operators will need one in 2009.

There are several ways to get the card, and a little time spent looking at the Oregon State Marine Board web site — under Boater Education Card — will answer the best way for you to secure a card. You can print off the application.

This all seems like a pain in the butt to need to do this. In SYSCO, we all know how to operate a boat and we're familiar with the rules of the road, but it's kind of like not having a driver's license or insurance. During a race lots of boats are maneuvering in close quarters and some times they trade paint. I can then envision a protest where the skipper being protested because of damage is challenged to produce a Boater Education Card as proof of his right to operate the boat. That could get real expensive if the insurance carrier picked up on this and denied the claim.

The information refers to Horse Power of the vessel in the categories of whether or not you

need to hold a Card to operate a boat, but be assured that to operate Pancho III you will need to have the Boater Education Card.

Anyway back to where I was going. This winter would be a good time to find a Basic Boating

class offered by the Power Squadron, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Community College or some other outlet that meets the requirement, and enroll. Or, if you're like me, you will need to find those old Certificates.

Cruising

VICKI SANBORN

We had cool dry weather October 26th and 27th for the Fall Colors Cruise to Coon Island. The weather seemed to accelerate the changing of colors on leaves and the bright sun on trees made for a brilliant display as we passed through the Multnomah Channel. SYSCO and The All Catalina

Association shared the dock where many of the boats were decorated for Halloween and lots of the folks were in costume. We shared an evening campfire on the Island and sang a few sea chanteys, and, with the moon being up, we sang all the moon songs we could think of.

November's cruise will be over the river and through the woods to Grandma's house for Thanksgiving Dinner. Have a good one yourself.



Top: Late arrivals at the Coon Island docks.

Bottom right: Early Sunday morning on the Fall Colors Cruise.



“How about those ABC’s”

ANONYMOUS

This can't be for real. How can one outdoor event in the Northwest, in the fall, be Always Bright Cloudless skies? How can one event Always Binge on Cuisine to die for? How can one event Always Bring Comrades together? Laughter was the word of the day, as the lifetime record stands at 9-0.

These questions were answered as the Bundy/Gumby Pirates gathered at the now famous Pirate Dock for the Al Bundy Cruise or All Boys Cruise. Eleven boats and 20 “Manly man SYSCO sailor men, Lumber Jacks all” made the adventure. Boats came from both directions and were secured to the dock, chairs were arranged into the meeting circle, tables were placed

in the center and the mess mate's began to deliver each boat's fare to the tables, and as the Pirates shared in the feast and having only a taste of beverage from the Pirates Treasure Chest (rumors of Abundant Beverage Consumption are mudslinging at its worst and should be considered as politics at its lowest level), while tales were told of the adventures each had been on since our last meeting.

This year the ritual potato planting went very well. The cool dry air in conjunction with the new formula Suave hair spray really improved the performance. There were some problems with the launcher, but after disassembly and cleaning the potato juice from the mechanism, and resetting to the proper torque values, ignition was

assured on the first try. Folks were stopping along the highway to observe from a safe distance, and “Queen of the West” gave us a double pass while folks lined the decks to watch.

After dark several of the Pirates slipped away via dinghy to attend a dance recital, which one described as a Pole Ballet. Those who remained behind were treated to a wildlife video with great nature shots put out by one of the major magazine publishers.

This year several new Pirates were introduced as Bundy Pirates while several former Pirates attendees can be heard cursing under their breath that they missed this fine and glorious time of sharing the ABC. The next meeting is the January Freeze In at Martin Island.

Commodore's Comments

ALAN SCHAMP

The November General Membership meeting will be on the 18th at Mars Meadows restaurant. This is the most important meeting of the year, as we'll elect new officers for the coming year, vote on the proposed Bylaws changes and discuss major issues that we have to consider for 2003. Also, 2003 will be SYSCO's 25th anniversary and we'll discuss how to celebrate this milestone. The agenda for the meeting follows.

- ◆ **INTRODUCTIONS**
- ◆ **ELECTIONS**
 - Commodore
 - Vice Commodore
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
- ◆ **PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES**
- ◆ **DISCUSSION OF BOAT SHOW (2003) PARTICIPATION**
- ◆ **DISCUSSION OF SAIL EDUCATION WEEK**
- ◆ **DISCUSSION OF 25TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS**
- ◆ **OPEN DISCUSSION**

We are still looking for someone to stand for the office of Secretary. If you're interested, please talk to Robyn Thomas or myself for information about the duties of this position.

The showcase event for the anniversary will be SYSCO's 25th Anniversary One-Design Regatta. This event is open to all one-design and level fleets. We'll do the usual weekend racing and Sunday Barbeque, but hopefully with a lot more SYSCO participants. I hope to see you all out on the line and at the barbeque for this milestone event.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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*Election of Officers
for 2003 at the next
General Membership Mtg.
Nov. 18, 2002 ♦ 7:30 p.m.
Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.*

The Afterguard

BOB WALDRON

Last month's general membership meeting program was excellent. Rich Jones and Edie Felix presented their adventure aboard Ocean Planet making a delivery from the Azores to Newport Rhode Island. I haven't scored frequently as program chair, but I did score big on this one.

As noted in last month's "Afterguard," the November meeting will be devoted to club business and no program will be presented. However, it will be worthwhile to attend as we will be electing officers and reviewing next season's activities including plans

for SYSCO's twenty-fifth anniversary. There will not be a general membership meeting in December and I will be scheduling a West Marine night if they are willing. Preliminary inquiries at West say they are.

The Winter and the Holiday Season will soon be upon us and this November weather has already made me long for the warmer days of summer. We enjoyed excellent weather well into the fall this year and one of the best sails (drifts) was aboard Upstart last month. Number Two and I had headed down to check up on Courtship, as Kay wanted to put in a few hours one Sunday afternoon in October. Captain Bill sauntered on over, we talked, sampled the weak south-

westerly breeze and the decision was made to go sailing. With spinnaker and main we ghosted up river past Upper Airport before deciding to head back to the slip in the dwindling twilight. There were other evenings and afternoons like that one with friends here on the River and other places north of the forty-eighth parallel. As the days are now so short and I anticipate Sol's great climb back into the Northern Hemisphere, I will think about afternoons like that one — plus evening racing, trips up the coast, the Delta Cruise, and weekends on committee duty — and know that heaven is someplace like here.

SEE YOU ON THE RIVER.