



Sysco News

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Commodore's Comments

LARRY JOHNSON

In just a few weeks we'll be racing on the river again! I have talked with several skippers who are feverishly working to get their boats ready, whether minor tweaking or major improvements. Which brings me to my own preparations.

Last year was the first time I raced our latest boat. Leave it to racing to highlight the deficiencies of one's boat. If you can't figure out what needs to change, your crew certainly will. The list from the crew was long and expensive. Some of the items on their list have been changed, others items are waiting for funding from the crew. I doubt those changes will ever be made!

Why is it that any improvement you make to a boat always takes longer and costs more than you thought it would? I don't know if I am a bad planner or the mentality of the boat says, "Oh no you won't!" I installed a new roller furling for the trip up North this summer. The video for the install said the work could be completed in 4-5 hours. Right! Sue and I had help from Bill and it still took way longer than the video said. And I still have to go up the mast to complete the installation. Same with the water tank. The old one cracked, so I decided to install the new one on the other side of the boat. I was amazed how much other stuff had to be disassembled in order to install the new tank and plumbing.

It is a good thing I'm not going North until August, as I'm going to need all that time to get everything else ready for the trip. I suspect that there will be others working up to the last minute getting their boats ready for racing. See you on the river.

2003 SYSCO fleet captains and committee schedule

Fleet A Jay McRostie, April 17 and June 12
Fleet B Larry Johnson, April 24 and June 19
Fleet B1 Doug Marshall, May 1 and June 26
Fleet C Rock Kent, May 15 and July 10
Fleet D Michael Burke, April 15 and June 10
Fleet E Jim Shaw, May 22 and July 17
Fleet F Sandy Smith, April 22 and June 17
Fleet G Joe Kaliszewski, April 29 and June 24
Fleet H1 Dennis George, May 13 and July 15
Fleet H2 Don Bateson, May 20 and July 8

Thanks to the fleet captains for stepping up and helping out.

General Membership Meeting

Make sure to attend SYSCO's General Membership meeting Monday, March 17, 7:30 p.m. at Mars Meadow restaurant (Hayden Meadows). Come at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and socializing.

Please note: As a convenience for members, beginning at the April meeting, the SYSCO General Membership meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Dinner and socializing will begin at 6:00 p.m.

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.

Thoughts From the Rear

BILL SANBORN

As many of you know I make my living repairing transportation equipment and have never had a customer come into our shop just to make a social call. It is always to repair something that is broken or not operating, as it should be. Well the shoe is on the other foot: our boat is in the shop. Last time we hauled it I noticed that water seeped out of the rudder and kept dripping all week long, but only made a mental note of it at the time because the hull crack just ahead of the keel and keel repairs were eating up money fast enough.

So, for this haul-out, I decided to have the rudder drip checked, along with a lube job on the MaxProp and bottom paint. As we say in the repair business, it depends on which side of the counter you are on if it's a good

day or an expensive day. Long story short: the bottom of the rudder was full of water and the core was junk and needs to be cut open and rebuilt; the MaxProp after 2700 hrs of service was badly worn and needs to be reconditioned; found another hull crack ahead of the keel that needs to be cut out and repaired: then the bottom paint.

Estimates are about 20 boat bucks for the whole repair (the old main will need to go another season). Really not too bad for a 24-year-old boat that has been used a lot (over 2700 hrs motoring plus 3 or 4 times those hours under sail). The point I want to make is that all these repairs are to the underwater parts of the boat and are only discovered at a haul-out and only then after cleaning and a close inspection. Rudder failing and falling off, MaxProp coming apart and knocking a hole in the bottom, or hull crack opening up and leaking thru the bottom, each could have ruined a nice day sailing.

NOVIUS NIGHT (Race clinic): Will be at Elmer's Delta Park, April 3, and on the water April 4th. This is all in preparation for April 12 & 13 for PYC/SYSCO Opening Day and April 15 and 17, the first two days of the SYSCO Spring Evening Series. **LESS THAN 30 DAYS.** Another date to mark down is March 26th (one night only) for OCSA Race Management Clinic and a chance to review Committee procedures.

DELTA CRUISE/ SIXPAC: Both events start July 26th and go the same route. Many of us plan to do one event or the other and some boats will chose to do parts of both events. Plan vacation time so you can join in.

LIST OF THINGS TO DO: 1) Finish boat preparation for racing season; 2) Get race entry in the mail early (have you paid 2003 dues?); 3) contact crewmembers and get them out for some tune-ups sails. We are looking forward to getting back on the water.

MARCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2003

Tonight's regular meeting of the Board was brought to order by Commodore Larry Johnson at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Larry Johnson, Steve Moshofsky, Alan Schamp, Robyn Thomas, Bill Sanborn, Mike O'Bryant, Phil Campagna, Bob Rouse, Thomas MacMenemy

REAR COMMODORE: The new course board from Carol's Custom Canvass is done. The final cost was \$205.

Mars Meadows is not available for the race clinic. Alan Schamp is seeking another venue and will announce that in the newsletter.

COMMODORE: Larry was contacted and has agreed to have a presentation at the upcoming general club meeting about the

Sail For The Cure. OWSA is seeking a donation from the club for the event. That decision will be addressed at a future date.

An announcement for the 25th Anniversary Regatta will be in the OCSA newsletter.

There was a discussion about whether to try to have featured speakers at club meetings due to the relatively small turnout. Once all the data is together, Mike O'Bryant is going to try to send e-mail reminders out in advance of the meeting. It was also suggested that the start time may be generally inconvenient for a dinner-based meeting. It was decided to move the April meeting up ½ hour to 7:00, with dinner/social starting at 6:00.

MEMBERSHIP: There are 2 new memberships. Welcome to

Doug and Murna Marshall (*J 30, "Koeshtkah"*) and **Richard Ross**, Associate member.

Robyn indicated that there have been no logo designs submitted yet.

NEWSLETTER: Mike O'Bryant will soon begin testing e-mail delivery of the newsletter. The goal is to have as many people get SYSCO news by e-mail as possible to save the club printing costs.

RACE CAPTAIN: Phil pointed out that the club bylaws only allowed sponsorship of one PHRF event per year. Both Opening Day and the 25th Anniversary Regatta are PHRF events. The general conclusion was that since Opening Day was jointly organized with PYC on behalf of OCSA, that was not a SYSCO sponsored event and doesn't count.

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Sailboat Racing Clinic

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



**April 3, 2003
Chalkboard Session at 18:30 hours (6:30 p.m.)**

Elmer's Restaurant – Delta Park
9848 N Whitaker Rd.
Portland, Oregon

Topics will include:

- ◆ Race Preparation
- ◆ Starting Procedures
- ◆ Strategy & Tactics
- ◆ Rules

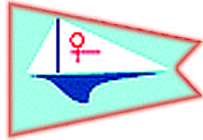
**April 4, 2003
On the Water Session at 18:00 hours (6 p.m.)**

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" s designated by the OCSA Course chart.

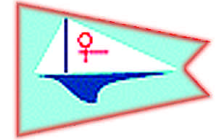
For more information contact:

Alan Champ
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Ladies Cruise 2003

Island Getaway



Held at the PYC Outstation

May 16,17,18

**This years event will be at PYC
Outstation on the Columbia River.
All Women Sail and Power
Boaters are invited to join us for
this, the 18th annual event.**

SKIPPER AND CREW COORDINATION MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 25, AT 7 P.M.

**Please come join us at the Rose City Yacht Club.
3737 NE Marine Dr.**

The gate will be opened at 6:30 p.m.



For information call or e-mail:

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All artists on deck!

Win a \$100 West Marine gift certificate and a 2003 membership to SYSCO!!

Send us your design for a 25th Anniversary commemorative burgee (also to be used on T-shirts) for our 25th Anniversary One Design Regatta. Use the SYSCO blue and gold/yellow burgee as a rough guide for your design and use as few colors as possible. All designs – hard copy and/or electronic – must be received no later than midnight April 1, 2003. Send to SYSCO – PO Box 5502; Portland OR 97208, or to Robyn Thomas at adagio@cablerocket.com. The design will become the property of SYSCO. The Board of Directors will choose the winning design at its April 7, 2003 meeting.

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All fleet captain positions have been filled.

Phil clarified that all participants in the Opening Day Regatta need to pay entry fees, even SYSCO members.

There are a couple of corrections to information in the Race Book:

- ◆ OCSA race clinic will be only a 1-day event on March 26th only.
- ◆ Easter is really on April 20.

PANCHO: Pancho will be ready in time for the race clinic. There was substantial damage to the hull caused by the bolts on the dock last year. Operators need to be reminded to be cognizant of the potential for damage and dock carefully this year. Larry Johnson is donating some old fenders to pad up the dock.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

STEPHEN MOSHOFSKY, SECRETARY

The Afterguard

BOB WALDRON

A long time ago on a world far far away in a place called Middle Terra Firma two peoples faced each other in a great contest. The outcome would determine possession of the Flagon With the Dragon. You see the Flagon was a prize coveted for what it contained and its pursuit attracted many and the bones of the vanquished were scattered along a centuries-old road to the Flagon. On the one hand were the Klahchlalah and on the other the Blueqliah. The Blueqliah were a swarthy people with dark moustaches and the Klahchlalah were pasty-skinned and spoke with a strange accent. Each lusted after the Flagon. Other contestants arrayed themselves in pursuit of the mythical Flagon and each fell; their remains joining the legend of the pursuit, the Oracalbeemers, the Trues, the Ones and so on.

Before it all began, however, the various contestants decided to form a committee and charter rules for the pursuit of the Flagon. Great debates among the people derisively called lawyers attempted to dis- way would-be pursuers of the Flagon. Charges of spying and constructing illegal devices intended to not only win the flagon but also to utterly crush competitors. So it came to pass the leader of the Klahchlalah decided to join the pursuit. After all the Klahchlalah, it was rumored, once possessed the Flagon in a time when such activities were considered important. The Klahchlalah talked with their friends, Yuri, Jacque, Hans, and Bert in order to build the most awesome machine ever to be built in pursuit of the flagon. Soon Yuri, Jacque and Hans tired of the preparations and went to the committee to persuade the other peoples to stand in the way of the Klahchlalah. They worried that the Klahchlalah

were becoming too powerful and self-indulgent. They should know as they were once that way. The Klahchlalah were undeterred and began building the great machine without their help.

Preparations by Blueqliah were unknown and they effectively distracted the Klahchlalah while other contestants quietly built their machines in the pursuit of the Flagon. Soon the day of the great contest arrived and each team prepared as best could be done. The Klahchlalah noticed the leader of the Blueqliah was given to fits of pique dispatching the operators of his own machine with a long oar. This worried the Klahchlalah as this clearly demonstrated poor sportsmanship. Yuri, Hans, and Jacque stood on the sidelines with their arms across their chest. Bert was helping the Klahchlalah as promised. The Klahchlalah promised a swift defeat of the Blueqliah.

What was this? Another contestant for the Flagon entering the field? They have never competed before; these Lingi's. Who were they everyone asked, as their lineage was clearly in question? Jacque and Hans beamed. Their neighbor Alfredo shrugged. The Lingi's won the contest in a shutout, five pursuits to none. The challenge for the Flagon, not yet warm in the Lingi's hands, was already thrown down by the Oraclebeemers while the Blueqliah and the Klahchlalah returned to the committee with Yuri, Hans, Bert and the others to see what rules could be changed to build other more powerful machines.

Oh yes, the flagon was empty of its contents of virtue, purity of sport, and sheer fun drained long ago in the era called the sixties.

Any resemblance to people living or dead is most definitely a co-inkydink.

SEE YOU ON THE RIVER!



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SYSCO Membership Mtg.



**Mon., Mar. 17th – 7:30 p.m.
Dinner Begins at 6:30 p.m.**

From the Race Captain

PHIL CAMPAGNA

I'm sure you are all aware of SYSCO's Silver Anniversary celebration this year. SYSCO has been successful for 25 years in quenching the thirst for local racing, which brings together one-design, level, and PHRF fleets on the Columbia.

The birth of SYSCO in 1978 would not have been possible without the ideas of Frank and Lynn Bocarde and their supporters. Currently, this club actively organizes nearly half of all open Columbia river sailboat racing here in PDX. With steady membership and volunteerism, SYSCO manages to tack and jibe effortlessly to reach its mark every year.

Another Silver Anniversary

you might not realize will be celebrated this 2003 season. It's not a club or organization, but a production sailboat. There's hardly a marina you can enter worldwide where you don't see the distinctive flush deck and fractionally rigged profile of this omnipresent one-design. The boat I speak of is the Johnstone designed J24, SYSCO's flagship one-design fleet.

Being a relative newcomer to racing and sailing in general, my decision to become a J24 owner five years ago has no regrets. With the enthusiasm of our local Fleet 27 racers, we have grown from 3 to 6 boats in 1999 to 15 on the line last year. With the addition of two more this year, don't be surprised to see 17 of us dwarfing other fleets. These increasing numbers on Thursday evenings have brewed an

attitude of higher competitiveness and comradeship.

Being part of the organizing body of SYSCO and the J24 fleet, I must seek out and harness that enthusiasm and channel it with organization and annual objectives. I challenge fleet captains and their supporters to rekindle volunteerism, which is the pulse of these organizations. The constants that are a part of this process are enthusiasm, goal setting, communication, follow through and beer. My hat's off to visionaries like the Bocardes and the Johnstones whose ideas have allowed me to discover my passion for sailing. Its could not have happened without 25 years of support.

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