



# SYSCO

## News

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## October 18th, 7 p.m. – General Membership Meeting

Capt. Lyman of Sea Tow Portland/Vancouver will be our guest presenter for SYSCO's General Membership meeting, **Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.** at Mars Meadow restaurant (Hayden Meadows). Come at **6:00 p.m.** for dinner and socializing.

Lyman has a passion for boat safety and, after years of doing salvages in this area, he has amassed a wealth of knowledge about local area boating hazards. Lyman has some great stories and lots of pictures and can relate how 'not to get into a "situation."

**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.

## Commodore's Comments

**ALAN BOGUSLAWSKI**

I had a great time at the SYSCO Banquet; I hope you did, too. The City of Vancouver Water Resources Education Center is a terrific venue. It's so appropriate, too, given its dedication to our water resources. And its location right down on the river next to our sailing and racing area makes it especially suited for our celebration.

Sandy Smith did a magnificent job of planning and organizing this wonderful production. I hope that each of you will remember to personally thank Sandy whenever you see her, and let her know how much her efforts are appreciated. Sandy has informed me that she will not chair the banquet committee again next year, so we need fresh volunteers to come forward and dedicate themselves to retaining the wonderful tradition of our awards banquet. Please consider pledging yourself to the committee. I'm sure Sandy will admit that it has been a gratifying endeavor for her for the past two years, despite all the work.

If banquet planning isn't your "bailiwick," consider the possibility of serving in one of the many other capacities

your club needs to keep it functioning. Some club officers have been serving for two years or more and will be stepping down. The SYSCO bylaws mandate that club officers are elected each year and that a member shall serve in an office for no more than two consecutive years. Your executive board is now actively recruiting candidates for officers and committee chair positions in order to present a slate of nominees for election at our annual meeting in November.

We've had a lot of new members join SYSCO over the past two or three years who have talents and skills (besides sailboat racing) that can be shared to benefit the club. If you've been actively participating in the racing series and regattas provided by SYSCO, but haven't volunteered any time for the good of the organization, it's time to get involved. Just paying your membership dues isn't enough. In my experience, service to the club provides additional benefits of its own and a lot of personal satisfaction.

Here's hoping we'll be seeing some fresh faces during our monthly board meetings at the Barley Mill Pub in the new year.

## Thoughts from the Rear

**BILL SANBORN**

After we had committed to do the on the water committee for the Catalina 25/250 National Regatta I began to reflect back to other Committee work I had been involved with, and to review what went wrong managing large look-alike fleets and to figure out solutions to the issues. The one item that seems to perplex many committees is being able to quickly ID a boat, especially at the finish line where all you see is the bow and headsail. I recalled sailing at Cascade Reservoir, Idaho in 1991 with 40 Catalina 22's for a National Regatta where they had the foresight to assign a hull bow number to each boat. And if you page through the photos in the latest issue of *SAILING WORLD*, you will notice bow numbers on all boats entered, from NOOD Racing to Hobie Worlds to ICSA North Americans at Cascade Locks.

With our "pick up" volunteer committees for the SYSCO Evening Series we have had many cases where the order of finish was

confused and the reason – IMHO – is that the recording person was trying to ID overlapped boats in the proper order and got confused trying to find a missing or wrong sail number, boat name hidden by other boats, or skipper name. Hull bow numbers give them one place to look: the number is visible from the Committee Boat as the racer approaches the finish line and only a simple number is recorded in the order of finish with the time. We proved it during the Catalina 25/250 Nationals and had no confusion with a lot of overlapped finishes for the six races.

As skippers, we want the Committee to be accurate and, if putting on hull bow numbers improves their accuracy, then that is what we should be doing. The numbers that I suggest would be two digit, 8-inch vinyl graphics of a contrasting color to the hull. The numbers would be placed near the bow and centered vertically between the water line boot stripe and the gunwale on each side of the hull.

I would suggest for 2005 that each boat have its assigned hull bow numbers installed as a requirement to enter a SYSCO race. The Vice Commodore would have a list of numbers 01 thru 99 and each skipper would have the option of picking any available number or being assigned the number for the entire season.

Whether or not the other OCSA clubs adapt this as SYSCO once again leads the way to improve sailboat racing, is a decision to be made by each club's Race Captain. I feel they will see the advantages of improved race management and follow our lead.

Finally, the long-range weather forecast is for favorable weather, a good chance to get out on a few weekend sails and some overnight cruises. My favorite fall cruise is our annual Fall Colors Cruise to Coon Island. The fall colors along the Multnomah Channel are as good as any I have seen and the Saturday evening raft up at Coon Island is always a fun evening, usually with a campfire. Join us Oct. 23 & 24.



*Gary Bruner was awarded the Sailor of the Year by Bill Sanborn.*



*A crowd at this year's SYSCO Awards banquet.*

## Photos from this year's SYSCO Awards Banquet



*Bob and Pat Brown were awarded the SYSCO's 2004 Rotten Tiller award for their outstanding towability during Delta Cruise (they were towed most of the time).*



*Allan Weber, winner of SYSCO's Commodore Trophy 2004.*



*Special Recognition to the 2004 Board members, and Sandy Smith, Banquet Chair*



*Winners of SYSCO's 2004 One Design Regatta*



*Winners of SYSCO's 2004 Spring Series*



*Winners of SYSCO's 2004 Spring Regatta*



*Winners of SYSCO's 2004 Summer Series – Tuesday*



*Winners of SYSCO's 2004 Summer Series – Thursday*

## Board Meeting Minutes

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2004

### PRESENT:

Steve Moshofsky, Phil Campagna, Bill Sanborn, Karen Anderson, Sandy Smith, Mike O'Bryant, REBT and David Clayton Thomas.

### COMMODORE:

Alan is unable to join us for the meeting tonight. He is in North Dakota, visiting his very ill mother.

### VICE COMMODORE/RACE CAPT:

Phil and Bill talked about asking OCSA how it felt about using bow numbers. Phil is SYSCO's representative at OCSA and will bring up this issue at its next meeting.

### TREASURER:

Steve reports an approximate balance in the checking account of \$6,717.

### SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP:

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

### CRUISING:

The Fall Colors Cruise to Coon Island is Saturday and Sunday, October 23-24. There will be a land cruise to Dan & Louis Oyster Bar on November 6 at 1800 hrs.

### AWARDS BANQUET:

Sandy Smith (banquet) and Karen Anderson (photo trophies) gave a report on the excellent banquet preparations. As of this meeting 82 dinners have been sold, as well as a hefty number of raffle tickets. Karen showed us a couple of very cool, very impressive photo trophies. Photos by Scott Wir of Rhumbline Photography have been used. Gary Whitney will be drafted to cover the photo record. Sandy has obtained many raffle items, including: a duffel bag from Banks Sails, a haul-out and pressure wash at Rocky Point Marina, one year membership with SeaTow, one month's moorage at a Columbia Crossing marina, PSS shaft seal donated by Driveline Services of Portland, dinners at Beaches, Olive Garden, Appleby's and Mark's on the Channel, brownies, ice cream, Starbucks coffee, discount certificate at Cook Engine, and a couple discount certificates from Schooner Creek Boatworks. P Fleet has donated a fifth of Pusser's Rum. Additional raffle items will be obtained during the upcoming week.

### ANNUAL AWARDS:

The Board has considered nominations from the membership for a recipient for the Rotten Tiller Award, "won" last year by Scott and Kathy Stevenson. The Board has also considered recipients for the Commodore's Trophy and the Sailor of the Year Award. The officers' selections will be revealed at the Awards Banquet.

Upon motion and second, this meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
REBT, SECRETARY

## Is it your turn?

A lot of ink in our Newsletter is about management: managing a boat, managing a crew and managing our organization. For the majority of us the \$70 membership dues is about having a Race Committee out there on Tuesday or Thursday nights or on occasional weekends in order to start and finish a race.

SYSCO is looking for a Vice Commodore/Race Captain for 2005 and it just may be your turn to do the job. It is, you could be the one to choose who gets to be the Committee on which evening and at the end of the season you get to pass out the trophies. The book on the job is well-written and as one writer observed: "There will be many to make sure you do not fail and all will be there to make sure the Club succeeds. Fear not – SYSCO has more Past (title) everything than any organization with which I have been involved to coach and mentor you to succeed." Give Phil Campagna or Alan Boguslawski a call and talk it over.

## Two Cruises from the Cruise Captains

BOB SCHAFFER AND BROWN

The fall colors cruise can often be the most beautiful as well as the chilliest cruise of the season. Join us Saturday, October 23rd at Coon Island on the Willamette Channel. We will be joining the Catalina fleet as we did last year when we all had a great time. Check out your heater if you have one, or bring extra blankets.

The last cruise of the year will be a land cruise to Dan and Louie's Oyster Bar in downtown Portland on Saturday night November 6th. Let's meet around 7:00 PM and have a great time.

If you need more information give Bob and Gail Schaffer or Bob and Pat Brown a call.



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**Mon., Oct. 18th**  
**SYSCO**  
**MEMBERSHIP**  
**MEETING**  
**Dinner 6 p.m.**  
**Meeting 7 p.m.**

## The Afterguard

**BOB WALDRON**

With the 2004 Racing Season nearly a thing of the past (I say nearly as the invitation to the Winners Invitational was in the mail this weekend), we as a sailing community already look forward to next season. Several of these articles recently discussed the need to do our forward look in terms of participation in our Club, but that is only part of it. Near term, OCSA will be offering up the Tropical Party in November with the usual dosage of food, awards, fun and music. That gives you something to look forward to for that month. Many of us consider "putting the boat to bed" for the winter, and several of my fellow Catalina 25 sailors do just that.

Even though the boat is winterized, or some semblance for

our thankfully short winters, much work goes on in support of our organization and sailing generally. The Race Book for next year must be prepared, the Portland International Boat Show comes along in January, and preparations and planning must be made for the next sailing season. When you consider all that, there isn't much time left.

Yours truly, in an amazingly weak moment, agreed to sign on as Vice Commodore of OCSA and that means some responsibility for the Six Pac next year. Typically the same week as the SYSCO Delta Cruise, several of our members participate in both, modifying their plans to accommodate that participation. Hopefully, that will be the case again in 2005. My plan is to

include some theme appropriate to the Bi-Centennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. I will be expecting one or two SYSCO members to serve on the Six Pac Committee.

That said, Fall is upon us and Winter is the planning season. What will you be doing to support your sailing programs this year? Hopefully, more than complaining about the racecourse the committee set last year. The success of SYSCO and of all racing activities on the River is due to a group effort. Are you relying on the folks who have always stepped forward to make sure you have a program of racing? If so, it is time to step out of your box. As I have said many times before, we will not let you fail.

*See you on the River.*