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Commodore's Comments

PHIL CAMPAGNA

Many of you know me by my gray J24, BiteMe, "the shark boat" which proudly sails under the blue and gold SYSCO burgee. Some of you may have first met me at the end of season SYSCO Awards Banquet a few years ago when I was banquet chair, or as former J24 fleet captain. I didn't know what I was getting into when Larry Johnson asked me to become Vice Commodore and Race Captain at the end of 2002, not until later when I realized that the Race Captain would soon become Commodore and then Rear Commodore. I kept the Vice Commodore post for two seasons, delaying becoming this "master of ceremonies" for a year when I thought my time with SYSCO would be better utilized by retaining those duties.

OCSA Racebooks Hot Off the Press

The 2005 OCSA Race Book and Course Chart are now available. Get your book and start planning the year of sailing events. The Chart is a must. It has additional new OCSA race courses. You can buy yours at SYSCO's January 17 General Membership meeting or you can stop by Schooner Creek, Sailing Life and West Marine. You can also contact club representatives from SYSCO, CYC, RCYC, PYC and OWSA or e-mail Dee Turner at dee@thesailinglife.com. She'll drop a race book in the mail after she receives your payment of \$15 for the book and chart plus \$3 for shipping and handling.

That was 2004, the year Alan Boguslawski, who was treasurer the season before, recognized the club's call for leadership. This club and I have benefited from Alan's leadership. With his leadership and attention to detail, my role as race captain in 2004 was smooth sailing. I looked forward to his "Commodore's Comments" which graced our newsletter for the past year and am glad to hear he may still contribute to the newsletter at time. His way with the spoken word heard at the board and general meetings was yet

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General Membership Meeting

The latest edition of Rich and Edie's excellent adventures is on tap this month for SYSCO's General Membership meeting, Monday, January 17, 7:00 p.m. at Mars Meadow restaurant (Hayden Meadows). Come at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and socializing.

Rich Jones and Edie Felix – both SYSCO members – recently crewed on a delivery trip down the West Coast aboard the SV Terapin. Anyone who was at the last presentation by Rich and Edie learned a few things and heard a great tale. This won't disappoint you. Don't miss it.

Also expect a short discussion and approval of the club's amended bylaws. The amendments require a vote of members present at the general meeting.

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

It is the time of year when we seem to do a lot of planning about our sailing activities. During the last monthly SYSCO Board Meeting we spent a lot of time working on the 2005 budget, and trying to figure out how we can continue to provide a quality program, pay our fixed expense, maintain Pancho III, and do this on a fixed income. In the last couple of years we have cut into the reserves, and the plan is to reverse that trend. We will continue to enjoy the finest racing on the river, to have Pancho III as a mark boat, to continue the tradition of a Party after the One-Design race, and to provide Fleet Captain training, guest speakers for meetings, the newsletter on-line, roster books, St. Helen's Race glasses, and the Annual Awards Banquet complete with trophies. The plan is to closely watch the expenditures and to stay within the

budget, negotiate the best deals, and, if need be, we'll pass the hat for donations. (Membership Donations of time, talents and goods are always accepted.)

Many of us are planning what races to enter for the coming season. The 2005 OCSA Racing Schedule is now on-line at www.sailpdx.com/sysco and the OCSA Racing Books are now available. A few will be available to purchase at the July 17 General Membership meeting for \$15 each.

We hope that in your planning you include the week of July 23 through 31 for the SYSCO Delta Cruise, and/or the OCSA SixPac. Both events will be following the general route of The Lewis & Clark Expedition of 1805 along the lower river and observing the bicentennial year.

Housekeeping Items: Time to visit the boat and check for any damage from the recent wind and rain. Check mooring lines

for chafing, make sure fenders are in place, the sail cover is secure, the boom tent is still hooked up and the head foil and halyards are secured to prevent them rattling in the wind (we lost one hand rail cover). Check that cockpit drains are free of leaves and debris and pump any water out that has accumulated in the bilge. I trust you have a plan for protection of plumbing and the other machinery during freezing weather.

Again, I must stress the Oregon Boater Education Card for those 45 years and under, and make sure the registration decal on your boat is current. Use a hairdryer to soften the old one for removal and then apply the new one over the old glue.

In about 150 days we'll finish the race and watch the sunset after 21:00 hours and turn around to watch a full Moon rise 7 minutes later. Happy thoughts!

Vice Commodore/ Race Captain

TERRY ANNIS

Good Day to everyone. I want to introduce myself as SYSCO's newest Race Captain and Vice Commodore. I have been racing with the very challenging and affordable Catalina fleet and have won a few races on both Catalina 22s and Catalina 25s. 2004 will always be a very special year for me and for local Catalina sailors. Fleet 94 (Catalina 25s) hosted the National Championships here in Portland and it was a truly phenomenal experience. In early Spring I purchased the largest used spinnaker Minneys could find that

was still legal and the learning curve when straight up from there. SYSCO was a major sponsor for that event and being SYSCO's Race Captain may be one way I can partially repay the club for some of the great memories my crew and I have had.

Before the spinnaker, I used to affectionately refer to my Catalina as a floating gravel truck and it is still far from a competition craft, but now it keeps up with its own. I feel much more is possible through tactics and setup, and now it's up to me. This year fleet 94, with Captain Gary Bruner, adopted a share the knowledge program, which involves both racing and cruising. This really isn't new to SYSCO as that's how I got my

start nine or 10 years ago. If they can jump-start that concept, good things will happen. Many thanks to Bill, Gary, Gordon and many others, and to Kelly; he provided some of my drive to show up for races and then to follow him every Thursday evening. It was always painful to loose to him because he made it look so easy. I had a great crew last year. I hope everyone can find their own Dale, Mike, and Matt and put some great moments in the books in 2005.

Along with the fleet Captains, let's make 2005 a fun and rewarding race year for everyone. Send me an email with your comments during the upcoming racing season (just three more months).

Board Meeting Minutes — MONDAY, JAN. 3, 2005

2004 Commodore Alan Boguslawski called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Alan gave a salute, “To SYSCO’s success and all new officers”; he then passed the Commodore office to Phil Campagna.

PRESENT: Alan Boguslawski, Steve Moshofsky, Robyn Thomas, Mike O’Bryant, Terry Annis, Phil Campagna, Bill Sanborn, Pat O’Bryant

COMMODORE: This was the first meeting of the year and the meeting to install new SYSCO officers.

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| Commodore: | Phil Campagna |
| VC/Race Captain: | Terry Annis |
| Treasurer: | Steve Moshofsky – gladly accepting another year |
| Secretary: | Pat O’Bryant |
| Newsletter: | Mike and Sandy O’Bryant –accepting again |
| Membership: | Pat and Fran O’Bryant |
| Historians: | Bill and Vicki Sanborn |
| Poncho: | Thomas MacMenemy – accepting another year |
| Rear Commodore: | Alan Boguslawski |
| 2005 Boat Show: | Larry Johnson |

The board is in the process of confirming some remaining 2005 committee seats. The protest person may be announced by Jan. 19th per Phil.

TREASURER: Steve presented a budget including an actual closing balance for 2004 of \$2662.70. Phil stated the budget is number one priority for board. The issue is to reduce expenses or increase revenue. The board went over all items and revised as needed. The new revised budget was voted on and approved.

VICE COMMODORE/RACE CAPTAIN: Terry had no new reports at this time.

SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP: Robyn and Pat reported renewals for 2005 are arriving in usual fashion. The renewals were mailed by December 15th. There was one new member application received — that will be voted for acceptance at the next general meeting. There were no amendments to last meetings minutes.

BOAT SHOW: Larry was sick from a “gnarly bug from his wife” but left information with Alan that the setup for the Boat Show would be at 6:30 p.m. on Friday Jan. 7th. Bill Sanborn will be there along with Gary Whitney to help setup. Gary is in charge of the computer setup. It was also noted by Larry that several slots for the boat show booth were still open. Please call Larry Johnson or Phil Campagna and volunteer your time. Phil Campagna said race books were going to be available at the boat show and the SYSCO general meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Pat O’Bryant, secretary

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another reason for us to attend. All clubs need members like Alan.

We’ve been fortunate.

I’m the kind of guy who likes working “in the trenches” and out of the spotlight to get things done. As with life, one must step up to new challenges. The New Year is a good time for that. At last week’s first board meeting of the year we were faced with discussing, formulating and accepting a new budget for this season which caused us to tighten our belt.

We are looking for new ways to provide our members with the year end gala and trophy presentation that meets our needs with less money. With these being the big-ticket items for our small club, keeping these expenses in check is critical for SYSCO’s well being. This is my agenda. I think of this organization as the blue collar sailing club of PDX and with your help can satisfy the expectations of the small yacht sailor. Get involved. Come to the general meeting and let your ideas be known how we can accomplish these tasks and others.

New blood is also vital to a club’s well being. I welcome Terry Annis as our new Vice Commodore and Race Captain. Racing his Catalina 25, Lematike, as a SYSCO member for the past few years provides him with the local knowledge that is needed to successfully initiate his office of Race Captain. We can support him by calling upon our fellow fleet members to become fleet captains. These reps then become race committee members for the coming season, which is just around the corner.

Finally, don’t forget the Portland Boat Show going on now. Local sailing clubs put forth extra effort to expose the public to some of the fun we have sailing here. Also, the new OCSA race book is now available. You can pick one up at the show or at this month’s general meeting.

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Monday, January 17, 2005

Dinner 6 pm • Meeting 7 pm

The Afterguard

BOB WALDRON

Having dodged the recent snow bullet my anxiety over whether I would need to make a dash to the boat to sweep its decks and clear the cockpit of the white stuff also passed. During the winter we ditch dwellers often lament the passing of the sailing season, but at least we do not have the winter hassles many parts of the country experiences. So let's move onto other subjects. As my friend Capn' Tweak reminds me in less than 100 days we will once again be returning to the start line. A few weeks after that the raft ups downriver will occupy more than one Saturday afternoon.

One of those Saturday afternoons in particular will be the evening of July 23 where the Six Pac fleet will have finished up its first day of racing

towards down river destinations. Considering the group in the recent past has been dominated by a large cruising fleet, perhaps that history will entice a few of you readers into participating and experiencing the lower river. Of course some SYSCO members will promote the far less formal Delta Cruise on the Calendar for the same time period. You could do both. But we will discuss that later.

In addition to the usual summer events, 2005 is the bicentennial of the Corps of Discovery's trip west. You can be sure there will be an abundance of events related to this celebration of an important hiking trip made by Lewis and Clark. How it will be worked into SixPac remains to be seen. Watch this column for more information.

See you on the River!

Cruising

BOB AND PAT BROWN

Winter cruising can be challenging depending on the weather. This month some SYSCO members are taking a land cruise to the Seattle Boat Show. Pat and I are thinking of driving up the weekend of January 22nd. It would be great to meet and share a meal together. Give us a call if you want to meet up in Seattle.

After the boat show, we invite all the cruisers and anyone interested in planning our 2005 cruising season to our home on Sunday, February 13th at 7:00 p.m. Ice cream will be served and by the end of the evening we all will have planned SYSCO's 2005 cruising season. Give us a call if you can come, 503-543-5475, and we will make sure we have plenty of ice cream.

Pat and I are looking for someone to take over the Cruising Committee duties. Like all jobs in SYSCO, there is always lot's of help to make sure that you succeed. We have a great looking cruising burgee that could be flying on your boat if you are willing to be our 2005 Cruising Chair and all the cruises for the year will already have been planned.

Stay tuned for a great cruise to somewhere in March.

Club Newsletters Are Like Glue

BRIGG FRANKLIN

Glue holds things together and comes in many forms, just like club newsletters. Newsletters hold the club's members together by providing information on upcoming events, activity schedules, educational opportunities, highlights of activities and opinions of club members, pictures and stories of past events, and sometimes even revenue generating advertising.

Club members love to see their picture and information on their activities in print. Some may even remain inactively involved as club members, just to receive the newsletter and see what old friends are doing.

While there may still be boating club newsletters distributed in print form, most clubs are moving to the electronic media as a cost saving measure. SYSCO has been

able to save almost \$1400 each year by publishing its newsletter electronically. In the Portland area, five boating clubs produce electronic newsletters for their members that are available on-line for all boaters.

The Columbia River All Catalina Association produces a monthly newsletter that is available on-line at www.columbiarivercatalina.org.

Hunter Sailing Association of Oregon, where I am the communications officer, produces a bi-monthly newsletter available at www.huntersailingoforegon.org. As with most of the clubs providing electronic newsletters, HSAO also has a web site where members can find its newsletter in ".pdf" format that can be read using Adobe Acrobat Reader, a universally available program, making it an excellent format for publishing.

Oregon Women's Sailing Association, a group dedicated to "encouraging and empowering women to sail" makes its newsletter available at their web site at www.owsa.net.

Rose City Yacht Club publishes its monthly club newsletter with lots of color and pictures and affectionately calls it the "Foghorn." You can view it from the club website at www.rosecityyachtclub.org.

Last but not least, SYSCO, as mentioned above has moved to an all electronic publishing and distribution of this newsletter, saving club funds. Its newsletters are also available on-line at www.sailpdx.com/sysco.

If you would like to have your story, pictures, or opinion published in your club's newsletter, contact the editorial staff. I'm sure they will be grateful for your submission.