



SYSCO News

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No General Membership Meeting for February

There will be no General Membership meeting this month. Please plan to attend the next General meeting March 20, 2006, 7 p.m. at Mars Meadow restaurant (Hayden Meadows).

Come early at 6 p.m. for dinner and socializing.
P.S. The SYSCO Board meets the first Monday of each month.
Time: 6:30 pm. *Location:* Barley Mill Pub, 1629 SE Hawthorne.
All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Boater Education Cards

Boaters 50 and younger must now carry a Boater Education card when operating powerboats (including personal watercraft or any motorized watercraft) greater than 10 hp.

Who needs one?

Don't get caught without one: law enforcement officers are issuing citations of \$94 for non-compliance with the Mandatory Education Law. In addition, Race Committee members who operate Poncho while on committee duty must have a valid Boater Education card.

Youth 12-15 also need a boater education card when operating boats 0-10 hp alone. When operating over 10 hp, a card-holding adult (16 or older, 18 for personal watercraft) must be on-board to supervise.

When Do I Need My Card?

YEAR	YOUR AGE
2003	30 and younger
2004	40 and younger
2005	45 and younger
2006	50 and younger
2007	60 and younger
2008	70 and younger
2009	All boaters

How to get one!

There are several ways to meet the requirements of this law:

1. Sign on to <http://www.boatoregon.com/Education/ApplicationInfo.html> and take the Boater Education course on-line
2. Take the course in a classroom. Courses are fun and interactive. All U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadron, Red Cross, Code-4 Public Safety Education, and County Marine Patrol Offices satisfy the requirements of Oregon's Mandatory Education law.
3. Go here to find out which internet course is available to you: <http://www.boatoregon.com/Education/Classes.html>

COMPLETING A COURSE MAY REDUCE YOUR BOAT INSURANCE 10-15%!

Thoughts from the Rear

BILL SANBORN

Our first event of the year turned out to be a real success for those who attended, and set the format for follow-up Social events. The Board discussed the possibility at the last meeting and will be looking for future dates. One thing is apparent: the membership will attend in greater numbers if we have a "Starting Line." Karen had several speakers talking about what the Race Courses will be like this season and the advantages of the new system. For many years the major change to the annual OCSA Course Chart was the color. The new Chart is white, without a date, it has a whole new

list of courses both numeric and alphabetic, and several marks have new designations.

The Numeric courses (#1 thru #54) will be displayed with just the number and are a listing of the common routes that have been used in the last few years (primarily windward/ leeward). My guess is that most Evening Series Committees will be able to find a suitable route from this list for Fleets they are managing given the current wind direction with a minimum of set-up time and a limited chance of error.

The Alphabetic Courses are adjustable for wind direction, length of course and, with 9 route options, the Committee can adjust for several fleets of varying speed

by mixing and matching courses during a day with multiple starts. One caution with using some as laid out –it can become a "figure 8" course.

I suggest that you make several copies of the new OCSA Course Chart and put them on your boat because the Course Board might only show the course designation (number or letter) and not the list of marks you are used to seeing. Then remove off the boat all the old OCSA Course Charts. I suspect that after a lot of confusion by the third week most boats will have it figured out.

Delta Cruise July 29th meets at Martin Island.

Life Begins at 6 knots

February 2006 SYSCO Board Meeting Minutes

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2006

PRESENT: Phil Campagna, Karen Anderson, Thomas MacMenemy, Steve Moshofsky, Bill Sanborn, Pat O'Bryant and Paul Delay.

COMMODORE: Phil called the SYSCO SOCIAL on February 4th a success. We all agreed it was a good start and maybe we need another. There was some discussion on the next time and place: keep your eyes and ears open. Don't forget the Dave Perry Seminar on March 4th. It should be great. All who attended last year said it was well worth the time and money.

RACE CAPTAIN: Karen reminded us of several upcoming workshops:

- North Sails Oregon North "U" Weather for Sailors is March 12th

☞ NEW DATE ☞

- The OCSA Race Management Clinic/Fleet Captain Training will be March 15th at PYC.
- North Sails of Oregon Team Management Clinic is on March 22nd
- SYSCO Race Clinic will begin Thursday, March 23, for the chalkboard session at 1830 and Friday, March 24 on the water session at 1800.

Don't forget your starts this year:

Tuesday's Fleets – A, B, 172, E, F, and Catalina 25's

Thursday's Fleets – J24's, CAL 20's, Ranger 20's and Cruising Fleet

TREASURER: Steve walked the Board through the 2006 budget proposal. The Board amended it where needed and approved it.

PONCHO: Thomas said Poncho is resting comfortably.

MEMBERSHIP: Renewals are coming in as normal with about 75% returned with 4 new members. Late Reminders will be sent out by the 15th of February.

Please help me WELCOME the new members.

- **Michael and Mary Stainsby** with Kermit a Martin 241
- **Scott Maxwell and Jean Fogel** with a Ranger 20
- **Victor Viets** with a Catalina 34
- **Mark Fischer and Corinn Castro** with an X-99

Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
PDO, Secretary*

THIS WEEKEND

Red Hot Midwinter Cruise

This weekend Feb 18th we will be gathering at Hadleys Landing (Multnomah Channel) for a Midwinter Cruise. Slip on your woolies and join the fun. If your boat is laid up for the winter call around and find a berth.

E-mail Bill Sanborn for more information at upstart@teleport.com

“Position Yourself to Win” Seminar

Don't miss the Dave Perry Seminar, March 4. Dave's seminar on the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) last year was well-received and this year's seminar will carry on where he left off (in other words, new material).

Dave will share how to use your knowledge of the RRS tactically on the race course. This involves positioning your boat so that, when the rules come into play, you have the tactical advantage. After all, when two boats meet, one is always the “give way” boat. Which boat do you want to be?

When: March 4, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: 12050 N Jantzen Dr in Portland. That's on Hayden Island across from Safeway and just south of Zupans Market.

Cost: \$20, including lunch and two Mount Gay Rum drinks (\$25 after Feb. 25)

Information and a registration form is available at <http://www.sailpdx.com/ocsa/perrypromo.pdf>.



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Building a sane team

“*Managing your sailing program*”

Sailboat racing is a complex sport that involves more than tactics and strategy. Fun and successful programs also understand the importance of building a good team. This social event is about how to “manage your sailing program.”

Even if you only sail double-handed with your spouse, you will gain some valuable information that will make your sailing more enjoyable. Come prepared to share your own tips and experiences.

Guest Speakers

Frank Colistro, Ed. D. Licensed Psychologist, will talk about effective ways to motivate, direct and maintain crew through positive reinforcers. Frank will also talk about what motivates us and our crew to race and what keeps racing fun for us.

Caleb Borchers, Professional Sailor, is a native Portlander that has participated in two America's Cups and many different professional programs from J-80 Worlds to TransPac 52 Worlds. Caleb will share some of his experiences with crews and what makes a successful program. He will also identify attributes of a good crew and look at some of the crew dynamics.

When: Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Where: North Sails Oregon

Cost: Free

Please Register in advance at www.northsailsoregon.com



Can't wait for another day like this.

A new global ocean race for 2007/08

Bored with your life? Get a 40 or 50 foot yacht and join the 2007/08 Global Ocean Challenge, the first ever solo-double around-the-world yacht race.

The event, open to 40 and 50 foot monohull sailboats only, will start from a major European port in September 2007 and circumnavigate the world stopping in South Africa, New Zealand, South America and the United States before finishing in Europe in May 2008. For the first time ever single-handed sailors and double-handed sailors will be competing together in a global yacht race.

“Our principal intention with this new event is to make around-the-world yacht racing as accessible to as many people as possible,” said co-founder and Race Director Josh Hall. “It’s practically impossible for most sailors to participate in an around-the-world race without either paying a fortune or being immensely qualified. The double-handed division of the Global Ocean Challenge puts a campaign within the reach of two keen sailors looking to live out a lifetime dream of sailing around the world.”

For more information go to www.globaloceanchallenge.com.