



# SYS CO

## News

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## March General Membership Meeting

The SYS CO General Meeting is March 20, 2006, 7 pm at Mars Meadow restaurant (Hayden Meadows). Come early at 6 pm for dinner and socializing.

P.S. The SYS CO 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.



*Poncho, which will be moored at McCuddy's this year for race committees, is ready for racing. Are you?*

## Thoughts from the Rear

**BILL SANBORN**

Early February started off so nice after all the rain, so several of us threw together a plan for a HOT Mid-Winter Cruise to Hadley's Landing. Every thing was looking good and lots of interest, but as the time approached.... "16 degrees"... several folks got cold feet, so to speak, and we are now planning to reschedule to a better time .... "50 plus degrees!"

There is lots of Boat Yard activity as boats are being prepared for the sailing and racing season. Several folks I have talked with are

doing semi-major upgrades and catching up on overdue projects. As I look around, many of these boats have been in the area for a long time, used hard, and some of the rigs need attention. Over the years I have seen lots of masts come down during races and not always in a heavy wind, and have seen many boats retire with parts of the standing rig broken. I have suffered broken parts during races on both WINDMILL and UPSTART. The typical survey goes only to "height of eye," so if your mast is down for the trailer, inspect all the wires for meat hooks, and all the pins and

mounts carefully. If the mast is up, a ride in the bosons chair might be an hour well spent. Also check the chain plates below the deck. I have made repairs on both of my boats below the deck due to loose fasteners.

April 8th will be the OWSA Second Annual Linda Bean Memorial Cruise to St Helens. We leave early in the morning sailing to St Helens for lunch and sail back. We crew our boats with OWSA members and it gives them a chance to spend the day sailing, a sail to a new area for many of them.

Delta Cruise meeting is set for July 29th at Martin Island.

## Commodore's Comments

**PHIL CAMPAGNA**

There's been no lack of local sailing events to get your groove on for Columbia River sailing PDX style. It all started at the first annual SYSCO Open House and wine social held at RCYC early in February. This event focused us on the new OCSA course chart being used this year and also how well brownies go with red wine. Thanks Kerry Poe, Scott Wirs and Stephen Estes for speaking.

The sisters of OWSA are midway through their basic sailing program, which started February 7th to a sellout crowd. Next up was the Team Management Clinic hosted by North Sails Oregon. Unable to attend this event was a bummer, with Frank Colistro and Caleb Borchers as guest speakers, no event can go wrong.

I did attend the Dave Perry seminar. A packed house greeted Dave for the second year in

a row! The PDX Mount Gay Rum Speaker Series held at the former Hayden Island Yacht Club displayed Dave's many talents, including engaging the crowd into the sometimes dry discussion of racing rules and tactics. Thanks to all who made this possible, especially the OCSA board. Thanks Dave for making it so fun! The rum helped also.

OCSA's Race Management Clinic was held at PYC March 15th. Scott Wirs was the MC to teach more about managing races from a race committee point of view.

Another North Sails Oregon event is the Trim Course Tuesdays in March. One can never learn enough about trimming sails.

Don't forget about the SYSCO Race Clinic geared to new racers March 23-24. There is a Thursday night chalk board session at RCYC, followed by an on the water short course Friday.

This event leads us to our first regatta of 2006, RCYC/ Sextant Frostbite. This March

25 race day includes the always fun social at the Sextant Tavern. Oh, almost forgot the PHRF Measurement Day March 19th at PYC. Measurers will be helping dimension your sails and get you ready for the new PHRF NW protocol which takes over January 2007. All of these events are addressed on the sailpdx.com webpage.

If any or all of these events don't get that racing bug biting you, book a sailing charter in the BVIs. Two weeks sailing those tropical islands in February does wonders for body and soul. Worked for me!

In other news, nearly half of the J24 fleet moved their mooring up stream to McCuddy's Marina (so did Poncho). Joining other one-designers, the Cal 20 fleet, makes Thursday evenings at McCuddy's the place to party! It's also handy with the new addition of a floating restaurant opening this spring. Looking forward to it.

*Cheers!*



## March 2006 SYSCO Board Meeting Minutes

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2006

**PRESENT:** Bill Sanborn, Thomas MacMenemy, Phil Campagna, Alan Boguslawski, Pat O'Bryant, Jorma Kaukonen

**COMMODORE:** Phil called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Phil attended the Dave Perry Seminar and gave it a great review. There were over 100 people in attendance and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

**Other events:**

1. North Sails Oregon Trim Course – March 14, 21, 28
2. Next up on the calendar is the race management/fleet captain's clinic on the 15th of March.
3. Don't forget the NEW PHRF measurement day, March 19th, starting 10 a.m. at PYC. Eric

Rimkus is the contact person. This measurement is for the new protocol going into affect January 1, 2007. Just bring your sails, but make sure they are dry.

4. **The SYSCO Race Clinic will begin on Thursday, March 23rd at Rose City Yacht Club for the Chalkboard Session at 6:30 p.m. and continue with the Water Session on Friday, March 24th at 6:00 p.m. near Mark "C".**
5. SYSCO's 1st Race of the season is the *Frostbite* – March 25th
6. Spring series starts – April 11th

**REAR COMMODORE:** Alan wanted feedback for the boat show, can we do anything else, and can we improve?

**PONCHO:** Thomas said Poncho is cleaned up and ready to go, but wouldn't start. He took it to the shop and it will be out by the 18th. New marks have been received and Thomas will put in a lighter adaptor so we can use an electric air pump if needed.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Renewals are coming in as normal with approximately 85% returned with one more new member.

Please help me welcome the new member. Steven Wier with The Dew Drop Inn, a Hunter 33'.

**CRUISE:** Bill said the Feb. 18th cruise was canceled due to the 16 degree temperature.

Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,  
PDO, Secretary*



### Ladies Cruise 2006 21st Annual Event "Cruising Around the World"

May 19th, 20th and 21st  
Coon Island on Multnomah Channel



Come see old friends and meet some new ones.  
A grand time will be had by one and all.

This year's Skippers Meeting will be held at:  
Rose City Yacht Club  
3737 NE Marine Drive  
Portland, OR 97211  
April 11, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

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