



The Starting Line

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No meeting in August; look forward to September

There is no General Membership meeting this month. Join us again September 17, 2007, 7 pm, Elmer's at Delta Park. Come early at 6 pm for dinner and socializing. The program will be by a young man who crossed the Pacific Ocean in a Catalina 18.

In the mean time, turn your sites on cruising. Cruise to Coon Island for SYSCO's annual Labor Day Cruise. Join us at the new Coon Island dock on the island's east side.

P.S. The SYSCO Board meets the first Monday of each month. Time: 6:30 pm. Location: O'Conner's Restaurant in Multnomah Village, 7850 SW Capital Highway.



SYSCO Board Meeting Minutes August 6, 2007



Meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Commodore, Rod Dawson. Present were: Al Calcagno, Mike & Mary Stainsby, Bill Sanborn, Frank Bocarde, Mark Fischer, Bob Brown, Karen Anderson and Sandy Smith.

First committee report was from Karen regarding the racing. She states that since we have gone back to using the "old style" courses there have been no more problems with Race Committee boats being hit. Entries are starting to come in for the One Design race. A group has contacted us to ask to use our equipment for the swim part of a triathlon to be held on the Willamette. The board did not see a problem with that. As a final note, Poncho is still requiring new spark plugs with each race so as soon as the One Design is over it will be pulled and taken in for repairs.

Al reports we spent \$500 on the picnics and still have a good balance in the treasury.

Sandy reports no correspondence other than a catalog from a local boat/motor seller.

Rod opened discussion on the picnics we had at the end of the Summer Series. Everyone was enthusiastic and felt they were very well received. Sandy reported that all the food except meat/buns was gone by the time her crew arrived on Thursday so if we do it next year we might want to plan for a few more people that night. We had lots of help and there was leftover beer so that was all good. We would like to see this continue as an annual event.

AWARDS DINNER:

Mary reports the dinner will be held October 20 @ PYC. She needs a budget so she can start working on getting the food, etc lined up. Karen wants to increase the trophy budget as there are more classes this year. That was approved. The band was brought up and discussed. Columbia Crossings has offered to contribute \$300 toward that which leaves \$600 for us to cover. Rod will see if he can get Col. Crossings to up their donation and will talk with the band to see if they'll be willing to come down on their price. Much talk ensued and the board decided to go ahead with booking the band regardless of the outcome of those discussions. The hope is that it will increase participation...and since our treasury is in good shape the Board feels that we should spend some of the money on the members. It was agreed to hold the cost of the dinner at the same price it has been for the last few years.

CRUISING:

Bob reported there was a good turnout for the Delta Cruise. He said there were 17 boats at Martin Pond and we picked up 3 new members. Those who attended said a good time was had by all, though it sounds like the Jungle Cruise was a bit like a scene out of the African Queen in spots. Next weekend is the St. Helens race/cruise and then is the Labor Day Cruise. Bob said they were deciding where to go but sounds like it may be Coon Island which has brand new docks.

Karen said Phil has RCYC reserved the day of the One Design in case we want to have an after-race social but the board decided not to do that since we had just had the picnics. That will also give extra time to run more races if the weather is cooperative.

September is the first general meeting and we are going to have a program given by a young man who crossed the Pacific in a Catalina 18. Frank stated he believes Mark Newbrook should be home by October and perhaps we could get him to come to the Oct meeting with a blow by blow of the America's Cup. It was decided that we will stay at Elmer's for the general meetings. It is well received by the membership and they are happy to accommodate our needs.

Mary had a "wild hair" she wanted to bring up. She suggested that SYSCO consider making a proposal to the Oregon Marine Board to build a Dry Storage Facility at the 42nd Street ramp. She suggested that there are a lot of racers who would like to dry race their boats and the fees they would pay would more than pay for the needed improvements. The board had a lot of questions. Frank will be attending his regular meeting of all the local regulatory groups next week and said he will ask the rep from OMB what his thoughts might be on that.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
SANDY SMITH, SECRETARY



Commodore's Comments

ROD DAWSON

Picnics

The two SYSCO sponsored picnics on the last days of the SYSCO summer series, Tuesday, July 10, and Thursday, July 12, turned out to be great hits. The weather cooperated well; a bit warm on Tuesday (that was the record high day) but, there was a nice breeze. Thursday was very pleasant with a surprise thunder shower about 9PM.

A LOT of people showed up both evenings; I cannot tell you how many folks there were (we didn't do head counts) but, nearly 200 hamburgers, a couple dozen hot dogs and a dozen Boca burgers disappeared, as well as seven cases of craft beers, a couple cases of pop and a case of water. I understand that we did run a little short on condiments and chips and I am sorry about that; I really had no idea before hand just how much would be needed.

I want to extend my thanks to those who helped me: Frank Bocarde, who went shopping with me to Costco, twice; Sandy Smith, Bill Sanborn, Alden André, and Bob Brown on Tuesday evening setup

and cleanup, and Bill and Alden doing the cooking; Frank (again) and Lynne Bocarde and Marianne Thompson on Thursday evening setup and cleanup and Frank and Lynne doing the cooking. Bill (again) brought over tables and chairs both evenings and Karen Anderson sliced up all those tomatoes and onions for the hamburgers. Thanks ALL; we could not have done this without you.

Awards Banquet

More good news: at the Board meeting on Monday evening, we approved having a really great local jazz band, Tall Jazz, for music at this year's Awards Banquet. Mike Horsfall, who plays the vibraphone with Tall Jazz, is a past member of SYSCO and I, for one, am really looking forward to seeing him, and Tall Jazz, again. Put this one on your calendar, Saturday, October 20, and bring your dancing shoes.

As usual, if you have any comments or questions for me, please let me know. rodawson@comcast.net

Seek your own adventure on the Delta Cruise

By MIKE O'BRYANT

Seventeen boats rafted up at Martin Island's pond to kick off the 23rd annual SYSCO Delta Cruise, which began Saturday, July 28. The flotilla headed to Cathlamet, Washington Sunday and 15 boats rafted in Warren Slough, near Knappa, Oregon by Monday afternoon. By Tuesday afternoon Gary and Linda Whitney aboard KA-SL and my brother Pat and me aboard French Kiss were in Astoria. Several boats followed Wednesday.

This is typical Delta Cruise (although this year we had great winds much of the time). You invent your own itinerary and seek your own adventure as the week progresses. Pat and I had our sights set on Ilwaco, Washington, but had such a good time visiting in Astoria, we never sailed further West.

But, the best part of the Delta Cruise is meeting new friends along the way. Check out these pictures of the cruise and begin planning to be with us next year for the 2008 Delta Cruise.



French Kiss flies her spinnaker on the Delta Cruise.

