



# The Starting Line

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## Save the night on your calendar

The next SYSCO General Membership meeting is Monday, **October 15, 2007, 7 pm**, Elmer's at Delta Park. Come early at 6 pm for dinner and socializing. The program will be by Shane St. Clare, a young man who crossed the Pacific Ocean in a Catalina 18.

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.



*From the archives...to remind us of how much we love to race. Take your turn...be our next "Race Captain".*

## Thoughts From The Rear

BILL SANBORN

Here are a few Fall dates to get into your planner.

The first date is Saturday, October 20 for the Annual SYSCO Awards Banquet. Most important are the trophies being awarded. It seems that if you made the effort to register the boat and find a crew, made the starts and sailed well enough to earn a trophy, that you or someone representing your boat would be at the party to collect your reward.

The next date is the Fall Colors Cruise on Oct. 27 & 28 to Coon Island. Last week we went downriver to Cathlamet and saw that the leaves downstream are just beginning to turn their beautiful Fall colors and should be in their full glory by the 27th. Fall cruising through the Multnomah Channel offers a lot to see, and the new docks at Coon Island are very nice.

Finally, the official Potato Plant sponsored by the Al Bundy Cruisers and the swarthy Bundy Pirates is November 3 & 4. This All Boys Cruise promises to offer Always Bright and Cloudless skies, manly food, stories retold and embellished, songs sung and a taste of beverage. It probably will be at Hadely Landing.

It seems like just a few days ago we were working on the design for a tee-shirt to celebrate 25 years of SYSCO. Where have the last five years gone? In 2008, SYSCO will be celebrating 30 years of success. Here's an interesting side note: a couple of years ago a group of us had breakfast with Gary Ytreeide, who was Commodore in 1981. Work took him away but he reconnected with us via the internet and his comment about SYSCO was that the club has not changed from what worked in 1978.

*See you on the River:*



## SYSCO Board Meeting – 10/1/07

The meeting was called to order by Commodore, Rod Dawson. Present were Pat & Mike O'Bryant, Bill Sanborn, Bob Brown, Karen Anderson, Sandy Smith, Mary Stainsby, Thomas Macmenimy and Al Calcagno.

**RACING:** Karen reported there isn't a lot to report since racing is over for this year. We are still looking for a Race Captain for next year. Some possibilities were brought up and they will be contacted. Jim Shaw has the trophies ordered and there are quite a few more than last year since we had a number of fleets with large entries.

Karen reported that Regattas were changed from two days to one day and the attendance was up this year. That is not necessarily the reason for the increase, but may have played a part. She also stated there were some participants who would like the after-race BBQ re-instituted for the One Design.

There is an OCSA meeting 10-2-07 and Karen asked if the Board had anything in particular they wanted brought up. Bill asked that the courses be changed next year so the start/finish lines are on opposite sides of the committee boats. Karen said that is already on the agenda.

**BOAT SHOW:** Phil was not present but Karen reported that he has begun working on the January Portland Boat Show. He has spoken with the Expo Center coordinator.

Poncho: Thomas says Poncho is currently at Sportcraft and they will call with a diagnosis and estimate of repair costs this week. He inquired about a new 40 hp engine and that would be \$5500-5900, so repairing the engine we have seems the best option at this point.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Al says he has paid 2 bills. Kind of quiet this time of the year.

**AWARD'S DINNER:** Mary has fliers ready to go except for time. The board discussed options and decided we should go for cocktails at 5, dinner at 6 with awards being presented during dinner and music/dancing from 8-11. Rod will check with the band about whether they would be able to provide some music during the social hour. The Fleet's are each being asked to donate a door prize and all attendees will receive one ticket. No raffle is planned.

There was discussion about candidates for the "special" awards that are given out each year.

Bill reminded the Board that 2008 is SYSCO's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so we might want to start thinking ahead about what we want to do to celebrate.

Bob said the Fall Colors Cruise is the weekend of Oct 27<sup>th</sup> at Coon Island.

Two different board members asked about new members who join this late and were assured that their dues will carry them through 2008.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
SANDY SMITH, SECRETARY

## Commodore's Comments

ROD DAWSON

### General Membership Meetings

If all goes as planned, at the next meeting on Oct 15, we will have Shane St. Clare telling us about his adventure crossing the Pacific in a VERY small sail boat. I am not real nuts about the idea of crossing oceans in large boats (takes too long), let alone an eighteen footer. Ah, to be young and foolish, no? See you there.

### Awards Banquet

This will be the last newsletter you will receive before the Awards Banquet on Oct 20, at PYC. As you all know by now it will be catered this year by Azteca and the music will be by Tall Jazz. It should be a great evening with all the awards and the dancing afterwards. The announcement flyer was sent out last week and I've already sent in my reservation. Have you?

### Season's end?

Wow, what happened to our wonderful Indian Summer? It used to be that you could depend on some pretty nice weather in October, with lots of cool sunny days for good sailing. But, this year, it seems to be lots of cool rainy days instead. My good friend Michael Golden asked me last night if I would help him pull his Merit 25 out of the water before the end of the month. You betcha Michael. Looks like the one day we had sailing a month or so ago on the Merit may be my only day sailing this year. That's pretty pathetic, isn't it? And I call myself a sailor? Well, you can bet next year will be different. Sugar Plum will be back in the water and I will be out there again, being stomped by Ciao and Rauzer. Ah, but it is fun!

As usual, if you have any comments or questions for me, please let me know. [rodawson@comcast.net](mailto:rodawson@comcast.net)

## Got Race Captain?

By KAREN ANDERSON

SYSCO is still looking for our 2008 race captain/vice commodore, and we'd love to be talking to YOU! What does the race captain do, you may ask. The duties include chairing the race committee for SYSCO and coordinating the racing program, as well as serving as the club representative to the Oregon Corinthian Sailing Association. SYSCO hosts four racing events for the 2008 season: Spring Series, Spring Regatta, Summer Series, and the One-Design Regatta. In addition, SYSCO hosts several informal Friday night beer can races.

Five weekly races on either Tuesday or Thursday evening comprise the Spring and Summer Series. Fleets racing on Tuesday evening will provide a race committee for a Thursday evening race and vice versa. The race captain will coordinate the series, with the help of the SYSCO race committee. The Spring Regatta and the One-Design Regatta are only one day; the race captain secures a committee to manage these events, as well as providing committees for the beer can races. The race committee is responsible for logging race entries and that race results are properly posted, and coordinates the protest process.

The race captain works with the SYSCO board and the mark boat board member to ensure that Poncho is operating properly, and that the necessary race equipment is available for scheduled races. Yes, there is a lot to do, but the race committee and fleet captains assist the race captain so that the responsibilities are spread out and no one is overwhelmed.

It's been a fun two-year stint for me. I've learned a lot and met lots of great people. One thing is for sure, I've asked for a lot of help and always get a positive response from the sailing community.

## Fall Colors Cruise to Coon Island

Join us for the last SYSCO cruise of the season at Coon Island on October 27th. The docks at Coon Island on the East side have been rebuilt and are ready for us.

Check out your boat heater or bring some extra blankets because this is a cruise you will not want to miss. The trees should be in full color as you cruise down Multnomah Channel. We will be joining Rose City Yacht Club this year, so it should be an extra good time.

Some of the SYSCO cruisers that live close to Coon Island might be there Friday night also so come and have a great time.



2007 SYS CO AWARDS DINNER



**FIESTA!**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

COCKTAILS : 5:00 PM

BUFFET DINNER (BY AZTECA): 6:00 PM

DANCING AFTER THE AWARDS TILL 11:00 TO  
THE FINE MUSIC OF 'TALL JAZZ'

COST \$25 PER PERSON

PORTLAND YACHT CLUB  
1241 N.E. MARINE DRIVE  
PORTLAND, OR 97211

RSVP BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 15TH TO MIKE/MARY STAINSBY,  
34846 WESTBORO WAY, ST. HELENS, OR 97051

**Count me in! There will be \_\_\_\_\_ people in my  
party. I am enclosing \$25.00 per person, for a  
total of \$\_\_\_\_\_ . Name (Please print!)**