



# The Starting Line

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## Big Boat Night at the SYSCO Membership Meeting

At the March SYSCO General Membership meeting, Tim Myers, Executive Director of the **USS Ranger Museum Foundation** will talk about plans to bring the super aircraft carrier from Bremerton, Wash. to a permanent home in Portland. This is possibly the only aircraft carrier of its kind in the world to be used as a museum. If the foundation is successful, she will be moored West of downtown Portland on the Willamette River.

**When: Monday, March 17, 7 pm, Come early at 6 pm for dinner and socializing.**  
**Where: Elmer's at Delta Park.**

## USS Ranger

The USS Ranger holds many decorations for valor and excellence, and served her country well. Now, the Foundation plans to bring her to Portland for her final voyage so she can continue to serve; this time spending her days serving the public.

Find out how they can pull this off and what you can do to help!



USS Ranger

**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.

**CANCELLED ♦ OCSA Race Management Clinic ♦ CANCELLED**

## Thoughts From the Rear

**BILL SANBORN**

It's looking like 2008 is going to be a good year for sailing. So far I have done a "Freeze Out" weekend at Martin Island, two S-O-S sails, one OWSA training sail, Portland and Seattle Boat Shows, and while doing this have traded waves with a lot of you on the water. Next project is to haul the boat and redo the bottom paint, and get signed up for the upcoming races.

We had a good turn out from all the fleets at the Chateau SYSCO Party on the 16th. This was a good chance for members to discuss how they want to format the Evening Races for their fleet.

Racing is the major emphasis of the club, and always has been and I am more convinced as I sail with the OWSA Ladies. I hear them talk about events that happened to them on boats, when they did not understand what was happening, or why pull this or push that, or how not to rig the boat for prevailing conditions that make one think someone's going to die. Lots of these stories involve just getting the boat out of the slip and back in.

We know that sailing around a race course involves sailing to all points of sail and you need to learn to sail in the conditions that are present at the time of the race. I encourage those with boats to enter the races and just sail the course as a forced learning experience, and those without boats to volunteer to crew in order to become proficient at sailing and at being a crew member. If you're looking for a crew person I will recommend OWSA members. Most of them have a "Can Do" attitude and if they have taken some of the OWSA training classes they have a good idea of what is going on and with a little direction will be contributing to your boat's performance.

Mark your Calendar for the July 26 meeting at Martin Island to begin the Delta Cruise.

*See You on the River.*

## Columbia River Racing Events

### SYSCO Race Clinic

#### CHALKBOARD SESSION

When: Thursday, March 27, 1830 hours

Where: Rose City Yacht Club

#### ON THE WATER

When: Friday, March 28, 1800 hours

Contact Gary Whitney at (360) 253-2427, or email [kasl@comcast.net](mailto:kasl@comcast.net)

## US SAILING

### BASIC RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

When: APRIL 19, 8 am to 5:30 pm

Where: North Sails Loft

Cost: \$10 US Sailing members, \$35 all others

Advance registration required.

Register online at [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org), click on calendar, search "Select a specific category," the "Race Admin. – Race Officer," then "All Future Events" and "Search". Locate this seminar and select "Register Online."

### CANCELLED • OCSA Race Management Clinic • CANCELLED

#### RCYC & Sextant Frostbite Race

When: Saturday, March 29, 2008, 1100 hours

After Race party at The Sextant

\$30 for all competitors not a member of RCYC

Contact the Race Captain at (503) 285-8295 or RCYC.

[RaceCapt@comcast.net](mailto:RaceCapt@comcast.net)



# SYSCO March '08 Board Meeting Minutes

**Place:** O'Connor's Restaurant, Multnomah Village

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Date:** March 3, 2008

**ATTENDANCE:**

Karen Anderson, Terry Johnson, Rod Dawson, Bill Sandborn, Pat O'Bryant, Rich Jones, Mike O'Bryant, Robin Christiansen, Frank Bocard, Phyllis Brennan.

Meeting was called to order by our Commodore, Karen Anderson at 6:30 pm. Since we had several new faces at the table, we had self introductions around the table. Terry Johnson is the Cruising fleet captain, Robin Christiansen is the Ranger 20 fleet captain, and Phyllis Brennan will finish out the year as Secretary in place of Sandy Smith.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Reporting on both new and old business at the same time.

**RACE CAPTAIN:**

Rich Jones welcomed the two fleet captains and mentioned that he had received a list of volunteers for the Protest and Race Committees. A list of Fleet Captains was passed out, while mentioning all positions now have been filled.

**BILL SANDBORN:**

The marks all needed new covers, but the bladders were mostly in good shape. While checking out new canvas, he found perfect color green for the finishing marks. North sails will make the green covers for \$75.00 and we will get 3 new bladders. Grand total for this year's races should be 3 small and 3 tall yellow marks and 3 (40") green marks.

**REAR COMMODORE:**

Rod Dawson reported on the meeting with Columbia Crossing and the SYSCO one design race which will be a co sponsor event, and the Pray for Wind event which SYSCO will support but not sponsor. Anna will work with Columbia Crossing to put info into the SYSCO News Letter. Rod felt it was a great meeting and very beneficial. Columbia Crossing is bending over backwards to work with the sailing community.

**COMMODORE:**

Karen Anderson reported that Island Sailing Club will present the "Heart of Sailing" on Aug. 24.

**PROGRAMS:**

Frank Bocard reported that the April PYC Sailors' Dinner will be an open mic format... How was it 40 years ago? Should be great.

Frank also reported on the March Program featuring the USS Ranger Foundation. Mike O'Bryant will send out an announcement about the event.

**TREASURER:**

Al Calcagno was not at this meeting, however he did send in his report. We have received payment / renewal for about half of our memberships.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Pat O'Bryant reported that we have 14 new members and that we will need to purchase new burgees. Motion passed to purchase 25 new burgees.

**GENERAL DISCUSSIONS:**

Karen reported that the One Design awards will be handed out at the One Design event and not at the SYSCO banquet this year. Rich added that he will be at all SYSCO Race events on the Committee Boat. We have a new racing system purchased by OCSA and this will be discussed at the OCSA race clinic. We approved Pat to provide a complete membership roster to the board's officers and fleet captains.

As no further new business the meeting was adjourned by Karen at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted by  
Phyllis Brennan, Secretary



## Commodore's Comments:

KAREN ANDERSON

### 30 Years and Counting...

2009 marks a milestone year for SYSCO, as we join together to celebrate 30 years as a growing and dynamic organization. Your SYSCO Board of Director's works diligently to fulfill the original purpose of the group by providing an active racing program, recreational cruises, monthly newsletters and membership meetings and keeping the cost to a minimum for its members.

One of the ways we keep the cost low is to use our experienced and talented volunteers to run the organization, fill the race committees, organize the socials, provide the speakers, and keep the spirit of club sailing alive and well on the Columbia River.

At the last board meeting, membership chair Pat O'Bryant reported that we have applications from 14 new members so far this season. I fully expect more to join us and experience the fun and camaraderie we share as we work to help members develop skills in our racing program and share experiences on our recreational cruises.

Although the rain is back again, we've had some great sunny days and the boats are appearing again on the river as spring approaches. We hope you will take advantage of all the opportunities SYSCO offers to active sailors again this season. And join in the celebration as we keep growing and improving, fulfilling the vision of the originators of this great organization.