



The Starting Line

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Safety on the water topic at SYSCO April Membership Meeting

Spring is here, the wind is up, the water is cold. While the weather may or may not be great, one thing is for sure, the Multnomah County River Patrol will be out on the water looking out for our welfare. While we often think of the Coast Guard as our life saver, it is actually the River Patrol that provides a constant presence on the water to watch for distressed sailors, drunken PWC operators, huge wakes from large powerboats, and a lot of other things we do not see.

Lt. Mike Shults from the Multnomah County Sheriff's River Patrol will tell you what they are doing for us and you can give him some feed back on what you would like them to do. Come to this important meeting.

Monday, April 21, 7 pm

Come early at 6 pm for dinner and socializing.

Elmer's at Delta Park.

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.

Columbia River Racing Events

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, 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."

Thoughts From the Rear

BILL SANBORN

Time to kick off our 30th season of SYSCO Racing. After what happened during the first start of the On the Water Training, as a weather cell moved across the river with horizontal snow and rain, some of us recalled the very first SYSCO event. We were holding the Spring Regatta and had invited Vancouver Lake's Lighting fleet to join, and they brought a crash boat just in case some one got in trouble in the current in the River. That became the least of their problem because just as the start flag went up for the first start a 40+ knot front came up the river and most of the Lightings went over like dominos, many going turtle or were running away with the rest of the Ranger 20s, Santana 20s, and Catalina 22s. Some folks reported setting record times from buoy 14 to buoy 18, before the front blew out.

I need to give a tip of the Ol' Sailing Cap to Scott Ferre for alerting us to a possible conflict with the Gill-Net commercial salmon season and our

SYSCO Tuesday Evenings. Through his and Rich Jones' efforts, ODF&W has agreed to schedule fishing times to avoid conflicts during scheduled race times. If you go out early you could encounter nets still in the water, but they should be pulled by 1700hrs. Also the area off the Airport has been a hot area for Spring Salmon fishing and this year most of the boats are trolling through the area, so this could poise problems also. Remember, when cooler heads prevail, we all win.

The Cruisers have had a couple of meetings. Fleet Captain Terry Johnson hosted a meeting for the racing side of the fleet, and Bob & Pat Brown with the help of Jim Sinclair hosted a planning/scheduling meeting for the SYSCO Cruises. Look for the schedule of cruises and locations in this newsletter. And, from looking at the racing registrations, the Cruise Fleet will be making a statement on the race course.

As in years past, the SYSCO DELTA CRUISE will begin the last weekend in July. Meeting is at Martin Island July 26.

See You on the River.

Race Captain

RICH JONES

Hello Race Fans!

By the time you read this, the SYSCO Springs Series will be underway. As of Sunday before the first race on April 15, we had 68 boats registered. Here's a recap of the entries by fleet:

Tuesday Night	Thursday Night
A Fleet = 6 boats	J24 = 7 boats
B Fleet = 5 boats	Ranger 20 = 8 boats
C Fleet = 5 boats	Cal 20 = 4 boats
Martin 24 = 10 boats	Catalina 22 = 3 boats
E Fleet = 4 boats	Cruising Fleet = 15 boats
F Fleet = 1 boat	

Talk about a great beginning to a fun year of racing on the river. And just look at the number of boats entered in the cruising class. While this group of skippers and crews is every bit as competitive as the any group of sailors in any other fleet, a growing cruising class of racers is a sign of a healthy sailing community because the Cruising Fleet is made up of sailors and boats that span the spectrums of skill and performance.

As a reminder, entries are coming in for the SYSCO Spring Regatta on Saturday, April 26. If you haven't sent your separate entry in for this event, don't wait. If you are a SYSCO member, it's as easy as emailing or faxing the signed form to your humble Race Captain (moi) rich@npohelp.com or 503-598-7063 (fax#). And btw, you won't have any trouble finding the Committee Boat on the 26th. A big thanks to Rhonda and Alan Boguslawski for volunteering their Cal 43, Summer Wind, for that day of racing.

Alan and Rhonda have also volunteered Summer Wind as the Committee Boat for the nights that the Ranger 20 Fleet has RC duty (April 29 & June 17). In addition, Mike Foster and Anne Helmer have volunteered their Tayana 37, Wilparina, as the Committee Boat for the nights that the A Fleet has RC duty (April 24 and June 12). Thank you Alan, Rhonda, Mike and Anne for your generosity and for providing such luxury for the volunteer Race Committees on these days.

Last thing...OCSA has purchased a Regatta Pro Start system for all of the clubs to use. This automatic horn system will help simplify things for the Race Committees. For sure, people will be able hear the sounds...it's very loud. VERY LOUD!

See you on the water.

SYSCO April '08 Board Meeting Minutes

Place: O'Connor's Restaurant, Multnomah Village

Time: 6:30 pm

Date: April 7, 2008

IN ATTENDANCE:

Karen Anderson, Rod Dawson, Rich Jones, Phyllis Brennan, Al Calcagno, Jim Shaw, Bob Brown, Anna Pagliarula, Bill Sanborn, Frank Bocard, Terry Johnson, Robin Christiansen.

CALL TO ORDER:

Our commodore, Karen Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Terry mentioned that Jim Sinclair is our Cruise Co-Chair. Also, there was some discussion regarding our SYSCO St. Helens annual race which ended with an explanation. Basically, this is a "fun" race and the fun begins by readying the race announcement/invitation. There isn't a real finish line... just read the invitation and you will understand.

COMMODORE:

Karen Anderson made some announcements:

Articles need to be in to Mike by Sunday.

Also, suggested that when the OCSA calendar is finished each year the Race Captain should contact the Coast Guard and give the schedule / book to the coast guard and at that time get the race permit. Frank added that Mitch Kline who is advisor for River Safety Committee can be helpful. It seems that we still don't have the permit.

REAR COMMODORE:

Rod Dawson suggested that the person scheduling the program and meeting should contact with Elmer's and let them know that we are coming and request the larger room. Opening the larger room for our last meeting worked out very well. Frank will provide Elmer's with a formal schedule so they can plan for our meetings.

VICE COMMODORE / RACE CAPTAIN:

Rich Jones reporting on several race issues:

The Gill netting issue is settled with John North's help. The fishermen will pull out the nets by 5:00 pm on Tuesdays. So, we should be all clear by the time boats come out to race.

Our SYSCO Race clinic was well attended. Bill Sanborn and Upstart was the committee boat and did a fine job. There was some ordeal regarding tangled anchor line, etc.

Pray for wind was well attended. Music was great.

We now have the new starting system purchased by the OCSA. They request that the clubs keep this new equipment secure at all times and use it.

SECRETARY:

Phyllis Brennan request to amend minutes to correct spelling of Bill Sanborn's name. Noted there is not a "D" in Sanborn. Sorry Bill.

MAIL:

We have some Returned Mail: Dave & Sally Hickman, Phyllis offered to hand deliver to David and get his correct mailing address for future mail and give to Pat.

We received US Sailing certificate of appreciation for significant contribution to the sport of sailing as a Sustaining Member for year ending Dec. 31, 2007.

Also a Packet from US Sailing with announcements and posters of US Summer Olympics in Quindao, Us sailing Championships, 12th year for Junior Olympic Sailing Festivals Rolex sponsored Adult Championships.

The SWIFTSURE RACE INVITATION for Race May 24-26, 2008 was handed to Rich Jones

Willamette Sailing Club News letters: March & April. .. Containing Calendar of events March – Dec. Some things of interest are the schedules for the junior sailing classes and programs.

TREASURER:

*AL Calcagno reports...*we are still about 6 members short of the budget goal for this year. We have paid the Insurance for Poncho and for US Sailing.

We have paid the Oregonian add invoice.

Karen will discuss with Candice, our method of paying for Poncho's moorage. We like to pay for all 5 months up front and be done with it.

CRUISING: Bob Brown said that Jim Sinclair's cruising schedule is out and will be posted this week.

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SOCIAL:

Anna Pagliarulo mentioned that the J-24's have an issue of no moorage. The Deck has reserved all of the front slips for their parking. And there seems to be some commercial fishing boats moored in several slips. Hope fully the J-24 fleet will find moorage soon.

Bill Sanborn has some bottled water and chips left over from the Chalk Talk will be available for use.

PROGRAMS:

For the April meeting, Frank Bocard has lined up LT. Mike Schults a Multnomah County River Deputy. Among other things he will address safety issues. It will be a good opportunity for Mike to get to know us and what we do and we can get to know them. We, SYSCO, and boaters need to be sure to support them.

They enforce the boater's safety cards.

HISTORIAN:

Bill Sanborn pointed out that the OWF – have their hands full between the Fish, fishing and sailboats and trying to keep a good balance of usage.

Bill also pointed out that if you are committee, it is a good idea to call on channel 7 to ask the barges for (1) one horn to alert the sail boaters as they get nearer to the race area.

Also, Gary is looking for anchor and rope for one of the mark.

GENERAL DISCUSSION.

Rod mentioned that Sugar Plum is for sale and that an ad will follow. Karen, mentioned at the Beer Can Races SYSCO will hand out the names of the sponsors of that race and that we usually try to go there after the race.

As there is no further new business, this meeting adjourned by Karen at 7:30 pm

*Respectfully submitted by
Phyllis Brennan
Secretary SYSCO*



Commodore's Comments:

KAREN ANDERSON

Racing season got off to a terrific start in warm sun and light winds for Opening Day weekend. The race committee challenged the racers with courses featuring many roundings, and gave us lots of practice with spinnaker sets and douses. Some went well; others gave us exercises to practice on. But spirits were high and the early season high temperatures resulted in numerous sunburns to go along with our sore muscles.

The SYSCO season started this week with our spring series. Race captain Rich Jones reports a record number of entries for this first series, including 18 boats in the cruising fleet that have chosen to start together! We'll be using the automatic horn for starts, so the timing should be perfect.

We will be welcoming new boats and beginning crews, so patience and encouragement will be helpful from all of the "old salts."

Plans are being finalized for the Spring Regatta on April 26, so be an early bird and get your entry form in now! Hope to see many of you at the North Sails Race Management Seminar, April 19 at 8 am. For more information and registration, go to: ussailing.org.

Spring/Summer Race Assignments

Fleet	Captains	Spring	Summer
J-24	Blain Goold	15-Apr	3-Jun
Martin 24	Rock Kent	17-Apr	5-Jun
Cal 20	John Hatch	22-Apr	10-Jun
A	Tony Humpage	24-Apr	12-Jun
Ranger 20	Robin Christensen	29-Apr	17-Jun
B	Rod Dawson	1-May	19-Jun
Cruising	Terry Johnson	13-May	24-Jun
E	Jim Rodway	15-May	26-Jun
J-24	Blain Goold	20-May	
C (Merit)	David Paligo	22-May	
Cal 20	John Hatch		8-Jul
F	Gary Bruner		10-Jul

Note 1: The SYSCO Race Captain will be avail each night to help with the Mark Boat and/or RC duties as assigned.

Note 2: Please contact Rich Jones (rich@npohelp.com or 503-706-2541) if changes need to be made to the RC schedule.

Note 3: Please contact Rich Jones you need help finding a suitable committee boat to hold all the RC gear and keep the RC volunteers comfy.