



The Starting Line

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Annual Awards and SYSCO 30th Anniversary Banquet

It's not too late to join all your SYSCO friends for a great year-end bash in celebration of another great year of racing, cruising, and making sailing better on the Columbia River. With the great racing season we had, the SYSCO banquet should be filled with tons of great stories and a roast or two for sure.

Where: PYC
Date & Time: Saturday, October 18th, 6'ish
Cost: \$25 per person (\$35 at the door) includes dinner, fun and live music provided by the Miller Brothers Blues Band
Awards: If you earned one
Door Prizes: If you're lucky



Another beautiful day of sailing.

October General Meeting

Mark your calendar for the first (since May) SYSCO general membership meeting on Monday October 20th at Elmer's in Delta Park. 6 p.m. for dinner and socializing; 7 p.m. for the meeting. Our program guest will be Monica Johnson of Nobeltec, who will show us the latest and greatest in electronic navigation software. This is rumored to be a great presentation, so don't miss it!

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 Hwy.

Looking Ahead to 2009

RACE CAPTAIN RICH JONES

As I exit stage left as your humble race captain, I will be entering stage right as SYSCO's commodore for 2009. I have it on good authority from a very reliable source that next year will be terrific no matter what the papers say. Sailors know what to do with lots of lemons. And sailors know what to do when their humble race captain says he needs a good crew to help with the business of SYSCO in '09.

Let's have a show of hands! It would be great if we had a full slate of nominees for the SYSCO board to publish in the next newsletter. To make that happen, we need one more slot to be filled. And that is a candidate for Vice Commodore & Race Captain. I know this job. It's a lot easier than it's ever been thanks to the hard work and attentiveness of the fleet captains who now have the tools and well-trained volunteers to handle course management and race committee duties with aplomb.

Don't hesitate to swamp me with applications. I can handle the paperwork and will be scrupulously objective in placing all names on the ballot in random order so as not to favor the candidates with the last name of Aardvark, or penalize people if their last name happens to be Zydeco.



Spirit of Cooperation Raises Funds for Youth Sailing Programs

COMMODORE KAREN ANDERSON

It is such a pleasure to live in an area where sailing organizations have a good relationship and work together to promote sailing activities for all. A recent example was the quick response and interaction of area groups to promote the preview of the movie "Morning Light" for Portland area sailors. Nancy Rander got a call asking if this was something our area would like to take part in. With limited time, she got on the phone and arranged sponsorship from area sailing groups: OWSA, SYSCO, PYC, CYC, and Schooner Creek. The phone lines started crackling and emails flew. The tickets were gone in a flash, and the youth sailing programs at Vancouver Lake and Willamette Sailing Club will benefit from the proceeds. Thanks Nancy, and all who helped with this worthy event. And for those unlucky ones who did not get tickets, the film will be released to the general public October 17th. It's a dandy!

Rich Jones, SYSCO Race Captain adds:

Everyone at the benefit showing got their money's worth. Besides a bunch of Portland sailors rubbing elbows with each other, we also had the honor and pleasure of rubbing elbows with Roy Disney, himself... as well as Leslie Demeuse who helped Mr. Disney produce the film...and as if that wasn't star power enough, Morning Light's young navigator, Piet van Os was there as was his mentor...Stan Honey, yep Stan Honey, inventor of the electronic technology that gives you the yellow line on the football field that you see on TV, also the co-designer of Deckman navigation software, and the same Stan Honey who was the navigator and tactician on ABM Amro I, winner of the '05-'06 Volvo Ocean Race. Oh, and Stan's wife Sally Honey was also at the showing of Morning Light. Sally (and Stan when he's in town) races her Cal 40, Illusion in races like the TransPac and Pac Cup.

The movie is terrific. Go...take your friends and if you don't have any teens in your immediate family, find one to take.

Thoughts from the Rear

BILL SANBORN

These are some tough economic times, but as sailboat owners we can use our boats and not need to lay out a lot of cash or worry about what our per-hour cost of operation is. It was great on a nice sunny Sunday afternoon to join with about 70 other sailboats, take a guest and sail for 2 hours and interact with each other while playing a game and raising over \$43,700 to fight breast cancer while the cost of operation for each owner was nothing. There were a lot of SYSCO members involved and for those who missed this OWSA event, plan on joining us in September 2009.

Another fall event not to be missed by any true "Bundy Pirate" was the annual potato planting, ABC, food extravaganza, yarn spinning, chowder and marching society gathering. Highlight of this year's meeting was the new carriage mounted planter debuted by Capt' Salty. As his vessel approached he was greeted by several potato's being sent to their planting site, but to the surprise of the planting crew potatoes were being sent to a planting site at their

dock. After a hearty meal of manly food, a few tall yarns, a rousing chorus of "Lumber Jacks All", and a toast to the sunshine they retired and agreed to meet again. "NO MA-AM"

Still to come, fall is a great time to Cruise. Oct. 25 is the Fall Colors Cruise to Coon Island and the leaves are already beginning to show some color along the Multnomah Channel. Plan to join with the group for a great time and beautiful fall foliage. Also some of us are planning a mini Delta Cruise in November and would welcome anyone wanting to visit the lower River to join us. Or you long range planners, and those who need to let the boss know in advance, the Delta Cruise 2009 will begin July 25, 2009.

Hope to see you at the Awards Party, as we join for the celebration of the season we also will take the opportunity to recall a vision that in 1978 started the Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon. The intent was to improve sailing skills thru racing and educational meetings for small keel boats. Now 30 seasons later SYSCO's membership still maintains that vision and is a major force serving the Columbia River sailing community for racing, cruising and social events.