



# The Starting Line

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## It All Adds Up - One Great Year After Another

2008 winds up the 30<sup>th</sup> year for SYSCO. From an increase of 22% in membership to an outstanding racing season and great cruises it was really quite a year!

Now it's time to look ahead and set our sights on 2009. We have an outstanding slate of new officers including:

Commodore	Rich Jones
Vice-Comm./Race Captain	Alden Andre
Secretary	Scott Ferre
Treasurer	Mary Stainsby

And from our always ready and now expanded membership, we need a few more volunteers to step up to these still open committee chair positions: Poncho Engineer, Programs, and Membership. Contact any board member to learn more.

## SYSCO General Meeting and Election of Officers

Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 7PM

Come early at 6pm for dinner and socializing  
Elmer's at Delta Park



New Race Committee Position: Buoy Rounding Judge (can be bribed with salmon)



## Commodore's Comments:

Karen Anderson

As the 2009 season draws to an end and we celebrate another successful (our 30th) year for SYSCO, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our "Unsung Heroes." Volunteer organizations are only as effective as the people who keep them going, and SYSCO has been fortunate in the depth and talent we have to draw upon.

One of our long serving and silent producers is member **Gary Whitney**, whose service to the sailing community is long term and goes far beyond SYSCO. He posts to the sailpdx website updates and changes from all our area sailing groups.

We are losing several long time volunteers who leave big shoes to fill: **Mike and Sandy O'Bryant** have published the terrific SYSCO newsletter and kept members up to date thru email of important sailing events. **Pat O'Bryant** has handled the membership records, and, with **Sandy O'Bryant's** assistance, published our annual roster for members. The care and feeding of Poncho II has been ably supervised by **Thomas MacMenemy**. Treasurer **Al Calcagno** retires from our money counting post this year, and **Frank Bocarde** leaves his program post after providing many memorable programs for our general meetings. And **Bill Sanborn**, what can I say? The man who is everywhere and assists with all aspects of SYSCO!

And our "humble" race captain, what a job he did this year! The future is bright with a new year coming to our growing organization under the leadership of a capable and enthusiastic new commodore: **Rich Jones**.

A hearty thanks to all the SYSCO team! What an example of what volunteers can do to keep an organization dynamic and successful.

## Thoughts From the Rear

Bill Sanborn

At the Awards Banquet while we had the "30 Year" history running I was surprised when folks told me they had no idea of the history of SYSCO, and were happy for see it presented that way, while many others whom had been a part of that history were able to reminisce the past. We have now incorporated the musing of each year as written by Frank and Phil, and want to add any additional information and photos that you can supply. We as many others have over the years given away to the owners all the photos that we took of your boats, at least the best ones. If you have something that would add to the History of SYSCO, we would like to add it to the story. We don't plan for this ever to be completed as the story and events move ahead, but will be happy to burn a copy of the latest to your furnished CD.

Fall Colors Cruise offered a new route this year as the Sauvies Isl. Bridge construction had the channel blocked, so we took the detour to St Helens and then back to Coon Isl. Lovely week end with no wind until we got back to Kelly Point on Sunday and we found the East wind on the nose.

The SOS will be having "pickup" races this winter on Sunday afternoons, and will be meeting at Buoy 14 around 1:00PM. Come on out and join for a nice sail, and get the crew a work out.

Delta Cruise for 2009 will meet at Martin Isl. July 25.

## Portland Boat Show

Watch for a sign-up sheet in December for Booth Duty at the Portland Boat Show. The show runs from January 3rd through the 11th. The SYSCO booth gives us the opportunity to spread the word about great racing and cruising in our area. Who knows, we may even sign up some new members. Don't forget, signing up for booth duty comes with FREE entry to the show!

**SYSCO BOARD MEETING**

MINUTES – Nov. 3, 2008

Place: O'Connor's Restaurant,  
Multnomah Village

Time: 6:30 pm  
Date: November 3, 2008

Attendance: Karen Anderson, Bill Sanborn, Pat O'Bryant, Rich Jones,  
Al Calcagno, Bill Sanborn, Frank Bocarde, Jim Sinclair & Jan Burkhart.

Commodore Karen Anderson called meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Introductions included Jan Burkhart, filling in as Secretary for Phyllis Brennan, until 2009 Secretary begins.

All SYSCO officer positions have been filled for the coming year. They are Rich Jones, Commodore; Mary Stainsby, Treasurer; Scott Ferre, Secretary; and Alden Andre, Vice Commodore/Race Captain.

**Race Captain:** Rich Jones reported the 2009 SYSCO Summer Series would be 5 consecutive weeks. Two changes are needed on the Course Chart. For the Letter Courses, a long course with an upwind finish is needed to coincide with the current long course with the downwind finish. It has also been suggested the Alpha Chart have the option for separate Start and Finish Lines for the courses.

New Racing Rules – There may be a special session to explain the new Racing Rules for 2009. It was suggested there be a general SYSCO meeting to inform all members of Racing Rule changes.

Winter Storage – Columbia Crossings is providing winter storage for Poncho at their storage yard behind Home Depot.

OCSA Awards – November 8, Saturday at PYC. Rich Jones will have the SYSCO awards which still needing distribution to recipients at PYC that evening.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer's report shows current vs. actual figures. After current expenses are paid (\$450 burgees, \$2000 trophies) it is expected that our balance should be close to the budgeted amount for the year. The banquet came very close to breaking even.

**Commodore:** Board meeting location may be changed as new Board wishes. Elmer's is good for the General Meeting. The Morning Light Project raised funds awarded to the Youth Sailing Clubs at Willamette and Vancouver Lake. Yacht Clubs voted to donate \$261.00 each to Morning Light. These included OWSA, PYC, CYC and Schooner Creek. Due to a very short deadline, Karen Anderson put in the funds for SYSCO. It was moved and seconded to reimburse Karen the \$261.00 donated to the Morning Light Project for SYSCO. Motion carried. The movie feature was sold out and a great success.

Monday, Nov. 17 the General Board meeting at Elmer's will be the Election of Officers. General Yard Winterizing of Boats was proposed as the program. Andrew of Rocky Point or Danish Yard is to be contacted for the possible program.

Submitted by Jan Burkhart, Acting Secretary

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**General Discussion:** Good numbers at the banquet. It was suggested to keep the SYSCO History 150 panels for use at the Boat Show. Two new members joined SYSCO at the Banquet. New officers start in January. December Board meeting only, no general meeting. Boat Show info to be in Newsletter.

On-Line Registration – OCSA and Mark McCuddy are developing on-line Registration for all Clubs to use for Race Sign-up. There will be a cost to use. How much can SYSCO give to use this new system? A discussion

followed of Signature requirements for Liability. It was suggested the Signature for Liability be included annually in the Membership Form. Check with U.S. Sailing for Insurance. Rich will look into with OCSA.

Rob Nell has volunteered to help with the SYSCO Website.

It was suggested the PHRF Roster be on Sail PDX. Gary needs OK from Bill Barton, currently out of the country.

With no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm

Respectfully submitted by  
Jan Burkhart, Secretary-Substitute