



The Starting Line

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Commodore's Comments:

from Karen Anderson

As the year draws to a close, we take this time to thank all our volunteers for the past year and welcome our new leaders for SYSCO. Not only are we financially stable, we again increased our membership during 2009. During the winter, we repair the boats, and check our lists to see what is needed for the next sailing season. The Portland Boat Show is a good place to scope out the newest goods and models to add on for next year. Give me a call and let me know when you would like to serve in our SYSCO booth. We pick up new members for our organization as well as new sailors for the sport.

We have some great events planned for the early spring: our annual wine tasting and membership drive in February and our racing seminar in March. Race captain plans to let us know about the changes in the new Racing Rules of Sailing at this event. North Sails will also present an in-depth seminar on the rule changes which will be an event to add to all our calendars.

Happy Holidays and a Great New Year!



**PORTLAND
BOAT SHOW**

January 3 - 11

**see page 4 for
SYSCO Booth
Sign-up**

Commodore-elect's Comments

from Rich Jones

Sailboat Racing Here, There and Everywhere.

As your humble outgoing Race Captain, and equally humble incoming Commodore, I thought I would have some fun with my last Vice Commodore article in the newsletter. But before the fun, welcome and 3 rousing huzzahs to Alden Andre will be your humble Race Captain for 2009. Next year will be a good one for racing on the river. With Alden's guidance, he and the fleet captains will be able to build on all the good stuff accomplished over the past few years. Now, all we need is for Mother Nature to follow thru on her promise of a La Nina/El Nino neutral spring and summer like last year.

Now for some fun. If you are serious about racing and need a fix, is this ever the time for it. First, there's the Vendee Globe <http://www.vendee-globe.org/en/>. Always an amazing event, made even more so this time around because the current leader, Michel Desjoyeaux at one time was almost 700 miles behind because he had to start the race over due to problems with his boat. The fleet is currently in the Southern Ocean somewhere south of Australia. And to make the race even more fun for the armchair sailor, there's the Virtual Vendee Globe game http://www.virtualregatta.com/index_vendee.php?old_lang=EN

Moving on, if you prefer crewed boats racing round the world (RTW), then there's the Volvo Ocean Race (VOR) <http://www.volvoceanrace.org/> with a Virtual VOR game as well <http://www.volvoceanracegame.org/home.php>. If you attended the special screening of Morning Light, then you met or at least were introduced to Stan Honey who was the navigator and tactician on the winning boat in the last VOR. Unlike the Vendee Globe where Open 60's are raced single-handed non-stop around world, the VOR features crewed Open 70's that raced from point-to-point around the world. The fleet is current racing Leg 3, from India to Singapore. In the past, the boats have sailed from Cape Town to either Australia or New Zealand before heading for Cape Horn. This time around they are sailing a very interesting route that will take them to China before sailing for Brazil.

Ok, so neither fast Open 60's or fast Open 70's really grab you, then how about Open 40's being sailed around the world by sailors pretty much like us, mostly.

The Portimão Global Ocean Race

<http://www.portimaoglobaloceanrace.com/>.

The fleet of 6 boats (2 single handed and 4 doubled handed entries) just left Cape Town on Leg 2 of their race. No game associated with this event, but like all the races being mentioned in this article, the PGOR has a very nifty Geovoile tracker for following the boats.

Last but not least, for the speed freaks amongst us there is Thomas Coville racing around the world nonstop on his monster trimaran, Sodeb'O <http://www.sodebo-voile.com/actu/news-eng.html>, trying to best Francis Joyon's record circumnavigation on IDEC, which was accomplished last year. No game associated with this event either...but who needs a game when you have a boat sailing 20-30 knots or more in the most wicked ocean on Earth. Sodeb'O is currently just south of Tasmania and quite a ways behind the pace set by IDEC. With Sodeb'O actually the bigger, faster boat, the skipper expects to do great things in the second half of the race.

Now for some real world racing news...while I don't want to steal anyone's thunder, I'll refrain from mentioning this sailor's name while telling some of their story. Recently, a sailor from Portland had a chance to travel to OZ on bidness. They were hoping to do a little sailing in Sydney while there. So your humble race captain was asked if he had any connections in Australia. Not really, but a friend of the race captain did and things were arranged. Word is this local sailor spent a day crewing on a Mumm 30 that kicked butt Down Under. So when this sailor came home, your humble race captain mentioned that we have a Mumm 30 in our local fleet, Mummba Jummba, and that the skipper, Arden Newbrook, was always looking for good crew with pickle dish experience on Mumm 30's.

All this Mumm 30 chit chat made me wonder what Mark Newbrook is up to these days. As it turns out, Mark is the mastman on Alinghi. So when all this RTW stuff is over, we can get addicted to the America's Cup <http://www.americascup.com/en/index.php>

Isn't sailboat racing fun?

SYSCO Racing News

from Alden Andre

Hello all, I am taking this time to introduce my self to you. I am still wondering if I should be thanking you for this position or putting a flare gun to my head (just kidding). A little bit about myself, I own a Catalina 38 Sparkman and Stephenson design boat named FLYBYE. I am coming off the board of CRACA as being the vice commodore last year and Commodore this year. I thought since I spend a lot of time with SYSCO that I should volunteer my time. I just didn't realize that I would be thrown under the keel so fast. I have to give credit to Rich for being such a good sales person. I look forward to the challenge; maybe I will actually learn now some rules of racing and won't be red flagged as much. But after talking with Rich and seeing how he has organized this position I feel comfortable that it should be a painless transition. But I ask for the fleet captains and all of your help. There are some other positions that need to be filled in SYSCO so if you have some spare time please step up and volunteer. Without the help of you the sailors our club could not exist. I race in the cruising class which is really the fastest growing fleet on the river. When I first got involved with SYSCO there was only 6 boats in the class now we are fast approaching close to 30. I blame getting involved with racing on the (Hayden Bay E Row Erikson owners Association). This includes Pat, Cory, Jim, and Thomas. They surrounded me on E Row when I owned my Catalina 30 and pestered me daily to go racing. So finally I joined SYSCO and started racing. Then I was hooked. We bought the 38 to do some offshore racing and sold the 30 a year and half ago. I spend about 300-400 hours a year on the water with my boats, most of the time by myself.

There are some new racing rules for 2009. There is a PDF of the new rules posted on the www.Sailpdx.com web site. There will also a class presented by North Sails at Rose City Yacht Club on January 11th.

Winter racing is on at full force. (see Bill Sanborn's column) We have been having good turn outs 7-15 boats every Sunday. Any protests have to come to me. Before submitting you have to swim the length of Hayden bay. Then I will consider looking at it if I am bribed with a bottle of Captain Morgan Private Reserve.

I look forward for 2009 to be a stellar year. Please feel free to email me or call me with any comments that you feel will make this a better year of racing. Have a merry Christmas and a happy new year and I hope to see you on the water. Keep the dirty side down, the clean side up and go fast.

Thoughts From the Rear

Bill Sanborn

Here we are well past Thanksgiving and lots of racing is still going on...yes here on the River. Any Sunday afternoon check and you will see 10 to 15 boats of the Cruising Fleet out doing a 14-2-14. And if the wind is up they might throw in an 18. They are also being joined by hardy sailors of other fleets who are taking advantage of the S.O.S. program. Typically Terry calls a course on VHF Channel 68, and then calls a 5 Minute warning and blows a horn at the start. We use a start/finish line between 14 and the head walk of RCYC. The Cruising Fleet has a very active Email list and to find out what each week's plans are contact Terry Johnson or myself to get added, or just show up for 1:00PM start and listen on Channel 68 for instructions. We are expecting a "whiz bang" event on New Years Day.

Several items on the agenda: Portland Boat Show, and a chance to get in free by volunteering to work the SYSCO booth for a shift. Château SYSCO Winter Social scheduled for February 21st at RCYC. The Annual Novice evening chalk talk, followed by an on the water training, keep an eye on "SailPDX" for the 2009 schedule to be posted for those dates.

For those wondering who the lucky stiff is driving that boat toward the Golden Gate on the cover of the current issue of SAIL Magazine it is our own 2009 Commodore-Elect Rich Jones. Also congratulations to Alden Andre' our 2009 Vice Commodore/Race Captain, Scott Ferre as Secretary, and Mary Stainsby as Treasurer.

I just received from US Sailing my copy of 2009-2012 The Racing Rules of Sailing, which I am told involves some changes. But for us ole' timers its still "Starboard over Port, don't hit anybody, sail for clear air, and have fun". They also are offering a "Handy Guide to the Racing Rules" which are visually displayed in a pocket size water proof 15 pages for a nominal charge.

We wish all a very Happy Holiday Season, and hope that the New Year brings health and prosperity. See you on the River.

Portland Boat Show

The 49th Annual Portland Boat Show is making waves at the Portland Expo Center Jan 3 - 11, 2009. 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!

Please help staff the SYSCO booth and you'll get free admission to the show. Information and instructions will be available at the booth. It's really very simple.

Contact **Karen Anderson** at 503 806-0945 or k4anderson@fmail.com and indicate your preferred time:

Saturday Jan 3	11 - 2	2 - 5	5 - 8
Sunday Jan 4	11 - 2	2 - 4	4 - 6
Mon - Friday, Jan 5 th - 9 th		2 - 5	5 - 8
Saturday Jan 10	11 - 2	2 - 5	5 - 8
Sunday Jan 11	11 - 2	2 - 5	
Sunday Jan 11			takedown 5 - 6

Learning Opportunity



2009-12 Racing Rules Seminar

Rose City Yacht Club, Portland, OR

Sunday, January 11, 2009 9am - 5pm

Instructor: Andrew Kerr

presented by
North U.

Workbook is included w/seminar. North U. coursebooks, CDs & DVDs can be purchased separately, and are available online at... www.northu.com.



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For registration and seminar updates...

www.northu.com 1-800-347-2457



Makes touching the sand in the river pale by comparison eh?

SYSCO BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes for the SYSCO Board Meeting Held December 1, 2008

Present: Karen Anderson, Rich Jones, Scott Ferre, Al Calcagno, Mary & Mike Stainsby, Pat O'Bryant, Bill Sanborn, Jan Burkhart, Jim Sinclair

Treasurer's Report

- 2008 Banquet raised \$381.65.
- 2008 Trophies may be over budget; however, the Board is still awaiting the invoice.
- Bank signature cards have been transferred to new board members.
- 2008 Season ended with a net gain of approximately \$1500.00 for SYSCO.

Race Captain Report

- Race book changes have been submitted for SYSCO events in the 2009 Race Book.
- The board discussed the March 2009 Race Clinic and the need to educate racers about the new racing rules and changes. The board will likely work to e-mail the changes out to the racing community with a reference to the rules online.
- A Poncho Engineer is still needed. Scott Ferre can provide Poncho support when available and as needed during the race season until a regular Poncho Engineer is found.

Social Report

- Chateau SYSCO planned for February 21, 2009 for membership drive and wine tasting/educational presentation at the Rose City Yacht Club.

Old Business

- Membership renewals will be sent out soon.

New Business

- Boat show (Starting January 3)
 - SYSCO Booth setup on January 2 planned at the Expo Center
 - Projector to be obtained
 - Board discussed how to process and manage membership payments made at the boat show.
- A program for the January Member Meeting is still needed.

Meeting Adjourned

Board Meetings – 1st Monday of Every Month

Next Meeting Location: TBD

Time: 6:30 pm