



The Starting Line

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Commodore's Comments:

from Rich Jones

The State of SYSCO Address: Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, the state of SYSCO is strong! Under Karen Anderson's guidance, membership increased way beyond what was planned last year, and as a result the organization ended the year comfortably in the black. Karen did a wonderful job as our commodore in 2008. And as a "thank you," she has been give time off to enjoy a no-expense paid trip to the Caribbean...she left immediately after the close of the boat show.

Now for the rest of us, the goal is build on all the great things that happened with SYSCO last year.

Our new Vice Commodore & Humble Race Captain, Alden Andre, is hitting the street running. Following up on a suggestion made by one of our members, Alden is working with the various fleet captains to find out if the addition of a PHRF-type handicap format would generate an increase in membership and an increase in the number of boats racing, especially in A, B, E & F fleets. On top of that, the next SYSCO General Membership meeting will feature an open discussion about the new Racing Rules of Sailing and how some changes will affect our racing events. And lastly, as if Alden isn't already busy enough, he's looking into replacing the sorry set of SYSCO race signals.

In 2009, we should see some significant changes in the way SYSCO manages its membership information. Jan Burkhart, the new Membership Chair, already knew that filling Pat O'Bryant's shoes was going to be a tough task, and not just because his feet are bigger. Pat has been handling the duties associated with membership for a long time. Much of his work falls into the category of "institutional memory." Capturing as much of that as possible is one thing, but saving it for future membership chairs to use is another. So Jan is working with Edie Felix to get all of SYSCO's membership information into a database that will serve SYSCO and its members. Edie is the person who designed and developed the database that OWSA enjoys. I know Edie and her work very well. Jan and SYSCO will be very happy with the new

tool being developed for our use.

On the business end of things, SYSCO's new Treasurer, Mary Stainsby, is a finance person and the quintessential "Turk with the Long Knife" (not to be confused with bookkeepers who are often referred to as bean counters). When Mary's not doing the accounting for SYSCO, she's doing forensic accounting for other organizations. I'm not sure what forensic accounting is exactly, but if I had to guess it's sort of like looking for dead bodies in the books. SYSCO is blessed to have so many highly qualified professionals in its ranks who are willing to volunteer their time and talent. We thought Al Calcagno was going to be a hard act to follow. Thanks to Mary, SYSCO will not skip a beat when it comes to being good stewards of our goes-inza's and goes-outza's.

SYSCO's new secretary, Scott Ferre, has stepped forward to do double duty this year. In addition to taking over secretary duties for Phyllis Brennan who is enjoying watching her hair grow back after successful chemo therapy, Scott is also taking over for Thomas MacMenemy as SYSCO's Poncho II engineer. The latter should be an easier task this year. Why? Well for one thing there won't be a rookie at the helm of Poncho this year. And for another, Thomas did a bunch of work on Poncho last year that really put the boat in fine shape for this year. We also need to thank our good friends at Columbia Crossing who are letting Poncho spend a comfy winter on the hard in their storage area behind Home Depot at Jantzen Beach.

Two mainstays of SYSCO's well-oiled admin team are Jim Sinclair who took over as the Editor of the SYSCO newsletter, *The Starting Line*, and Anna Pagliarulo who, thank goodness, volunteered to

again serve as SYSCO's Event Chair. Jim started wrestling with missed deadlines and fuzzy photos last fall and has really done a great job following in Mike O'Bryant's footsteps as the person who gathers material and produces our monthly publication as well as the annual membership roster. Anna is filling her own big shoes agreeing to handle all of the arrangements for the various events we hold off the water each year. Her job is a tough one, and really depends heavily on the volunteerism and support of others. So as the year begins anew, please help both Jim and Anna with whatever help you can provide, whether its stories for the newsletter, pu-pu's for the SYSCO Social or clean up after one party or another.

It would be great if SYSCO had wonderful things to say about its new Program Chair, but we don't have one of those yet. Instead, here are some empty lines for someone to use to write about themselves if they want to volunteer for this position

[note: the Program Chair arranges for spiffy presentations at the monthly SYSCO general membership meetings. January is already taken care of, the Chateau SYSCO Social event takes the place of the February meeting, and a speaker for March is already lined up... so the new Program Chair doesn't have anything to do until April...what a deal... sign up now!]

Yep, the state of SYSCO is strong, and getting stronger. Here's to another terrific year of sailing for all of us.



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Rumor has it that many members of the Cruising Class are honing their skills every Sunday at 1300 hrs near buoy 14. All are welcome. Come on out and monitor VHF ch. 68 for details.

SYSCO Racing News

The SYSCO General Meeting for January (Monday the 19th at Elmer's in Delta Park. 6pm social and dinner, 7pm meeting.) will feature an open discussion of including **PHRF** racing on some fleets. Will this improve competition? Increase participation? Be sure to join in and have your voice heard.

As of January 1, 2009, the new edition of **The Racing Rules of Sailing** is in effect. In addition to a general discussion of the changes at the January General Meeting, you can also check out these links:

<http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/news/09/0108/> and http://www.sailgroove.org/videos/coverage/view_video/234453-us-sailings-national-sailing-programs-symposium/114569-dave-perry-teaching-rules-1

Or as Sergeant Phil Esterhaus used to say on Hill Street Blues, "Let's be careful out there."

Fourth Annual CHATEAU SYSCO PARTY



**February 21, 2009
7:00 PM Rose City Yacht Club**

Join this Social Evening
Meet the crew of those other boats
Bring your favorite Beverage for Tasting
(your Chateau SYSCO Glass)
Your Favorite hors d'oeuvre or dessert

Thoughts From the Rear

from Bill Sanborn

Guess that we have all made it thru the White Christmas, New Year and rain storms. I hope that you took precautions to winterize prior to the cold snap and that all systems survived.

Karen got us all into action and set up our booth for the Portland Boat Show, and hopefully we can spread the SYSCO story and add to our active membership rolls. Each year we tell the story and find someone who hasn't heard it and signs up and becomes involved as a racer or a cruiser.

Sail on Sunday is back in action and we are getting a good number of boats out each week. While most of the activity is centered on the Cruise Fleet all are welcome to join and try your skills against some of the best cruiser/racers around, and be assured that you will have a good time, because the rest of us are. Monitor channel 68 for course and start information.

Within the last 30 years SYSCO has expanded from Racing, to Racing and Cruising, and the latest addition is Social. February 21st is the Fourth Annual Chateau SYSCO Party 7:00 PM at RCYC. We also will be hosting the post race party after the last Tuesday and Thursday evening of the Summer Series.

Other Racing News: The 2009 OCSA Race Books are available, and the 2009 Race Schedule is now posted on "SailPDX". US Sailing Rules for 2009~2012 are now available. A couple of meetings will be devoting a few minutes to explaining a couple of small changes, and a read of Part 2 "When boats meet" should take you less than 5 minutes as it is in 4 short Sections on 5 small pages. The other 150 pages explain how to run a Regatta, who can race, and how to deal with violations of the Part 2 Rules.

Again I will state my rules: Starboard over Port, don't hit anybody, sail for clear air, and have FUN.

The SYSCO Cruisers will be meeting within the next month and will set a schedule for group cruises, and anyone wanting to offer input is invited to join us, contact Gib Colistro. The only date set as of this writing is the 2009 Delta Cruise starting on Saturday July 25th. So get that week on your vacation schedule.

Meeting Minutes for the SYSCO Board Meeting Held January 5, 2009
Board Members Present: Rich Jones, Karen Anderson, Scott Ferre, Alden
Andre, Mary Stainsby, Jan Burkhart

Treasurer's Report

- All 2008 Expenses Paid.
- All deposits from 2008 have been made.

Race Captain Report

- Race flags need replacing; the board will research costs and sources for a new set of flags.
- SYSCO race clinic is scheduled for March 26th and March 27th, 2009.

Social Report

- The January member meeting presentation will focus on the new racing rules.
- The February member meeting/social event is listed in the 2009 OCSA Race Book as being held on February 14th. The Board agreed to change the date of this event to February 21st. This change of date will be communicated to members via the SYSCO newsletter and the SailPDX website.
- The March social will be the race clinic scheduled for March 26 – 27.
- The March membership meeting presentation is tentatively planned with a guest speaker presenting information on AIS.

Old Business

- Membership renewals will be sent out soon; the Board is working to update the electronic copy of member addresses.
- A program coordinator is still needed to plan monthly membership meetings.

New Business

- The Board identified that the 2009 OCSA Race Book lists the SYSCO St Helens Race/Cruise before Labor Day; traditionally this event has been held the weekend after Labor Day.
- The Board discussed sending membership renewals to past SYSCO members, and to racers that registered for last year's events that are not currently members to promote SYSCO memberships.
- The Board discussed an idea to add a PHRF component to SYSCO's current racing program. The Board agreed to pursue this idea with fleets and race captains and to gather feedback about the racing community's interest.

Meeting Adjourned

Board Meetings – 1st Monday of Every Month
Next Meeting Location: Mac's Deli (Bangy Road in Lake Oswego)
Time: 6:30 pm