



# The Starting Line

March 2010

Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon ♦ P. O. Box 5502 ♦ Portland, OR 97228

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

NOTE: as you may know, SYSCO is currently without a Commodore or a Vice Commodore/Race Captain. As per the Bylaws of SYSCO, our Rear Commodore, Rich Jones, "shall preside in their absence."

*from Rich:*

### Ahoy Members & Friends of SYSCO...THE SMALL YACHT SAILING CLUB OF OREGON!

**News from the Bridge:** Even though SYSCO is looking for both a Commodore and a Race Captain (Vice Commodore), the sailing season will go on as scheduled. Please note, the OCSA race book is still relevant with respect to submitting race entries and filing protests associated with SYSCO events. Disregard instances where Alden Andre is listed as a contact. In such instances, rely on the alternate contact information that is provided or send you inquiries to Rich Jones, the SYSCO Rear Commodore for 2010.

**News from the Salon:** Be sure to attend the next **SYSCO Membership Meeting on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**. Larry Brandt will be doing a **presentation on radar and AIS** (Automatic Identification System). If you attended a previous meeting that featured a presentation by Larry, you were treated to a first class A/V show about cruising the South Sound. Next Monday will be an equally informative and fun show. As a reminder, the SYSCO membership meetings take place at the Delta Park Elmer's Restaurant. The hungry folks start gathering around 18:13:27, with the meeting getting underway at approximately 18:56:12.

**News from the Radio Room:** Now here this...needless to say SYSCO is running lean and mean right now. So please send in your membership "newal" and renewal stuff pronto. This is particularly important if you want to race FREE in any of SYSCO's events this spring and summer. It's worth repeating, a **SYSCO membership is \$70**. The non-member entry fee for the Spring Regatta, Spring Series, Summer Series and Columbia Crossings Regatta is \$30 per boat, per event. That's \$120 worth of race entries that are waived for members in good standing who have paid their 2010 dues. **That's \$120 worth of racing for \$70...**a pretty good deal, eh?

**News from the CIC:** The racing season starts to stir this month with the *free* OCSA Race Management Clinic on March 10<sup>th</sup>, the **free SYSCO Race Clinic on March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>** and the RCYC/Sextant Frostbite on March 27<sup>th</sup>. For SYSCO the racing season really gets rolling next month with the SYSCO Spring Series that begins on April 20<sup>th</sup> with the SYSCO Spring Regatta taking place the same week, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Over the past two years, SYSCO has put a lot of effort into making its racing program the best on the river. Part of this effort includes putting on a first class race clinic that informs everybody about how SYSCO conducts its races. Be sure to attend the **FREE SYSCO Race Clinic**. Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> is the chalk talk at Rose City

Yacht Club starting at 18:30. Friday is short course start/finish practice on the river starting at 18:00 (look for the SYSCO mark boat, Pancho, in the vicinity of mark C on the numeric course chart.)

**News from the Chart Table:** Included with this edition of *The Starting Line* is a copy of this year's Race Committee schedule for the fleets racing on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the SYSCO Spring and Summer Series. Also included is a sample copy of the SYSCO 2010 Supplemental Sailing Instruction that covers the things that are either left unsaid in the OCSA Race Book or are slightly different that the way things are described in the *USSA Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*.

This is going to be a great year for sailing and for racing on the river and offshore. Gather your crew, pay your dues and encourage non-members to join the best darn sailing club **still looking for a Commodore and a Race Captain**.

That is all...

## SYSCO 2010 Race Committee SCHEDULE

(revised)

Fleet	Captains	Spring	Summer
Cruising-F	Steve Spon	20-Apr	8-Jun
Martin 24	George Brown	22-Apr	10-Jun
Cal 20	Jim Giger	27-Apr	15-Jun
A	Tony Humpage	29-Apr	17-Jun
Ranger 20	Robin Christensen	4-May	22-Jun
B	Mike Oxborrow	6-May	24-Jun
Cruising-S	Steve Spon	18-May	29-Jun
E	Thomas MacMenemy	20-May	1-Jul
J-24	Eric Albertson	25-May	6-Jul
Merit 25	David Paligo	27-May	8-Jul

Note 1: The SYSCO race organizer or a board member will be available each night to help with the Mark Boat and/or RC duties if needed.

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 if you need help finding a suitable committee boat to hold all the RC gear and keep the RC volunteers comfy.

## SYSCO 2010 SPRING EVENING SERIES Supplemental Sailing Instructions

(SAMPLE COPY)

These supplemental sailing instructions apply to all of the races in the SYSCO Spring Evening Series from \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_.

**Flags & Pennants:** The lowering of the L (Come Within Hail) flag, or the AP (Postpone) pennant, or the First Substitute (General Recall) pennant will be accompanied by 4 short sounds. This changes RRS Rule 29.2, and related sounds for the same visual Race Signals in The USSA Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012.

One minute following the lowering of a sign accompanied by 4 short sounds, a Warning Flag (Class Pennant) will be raised accompanied by one sound per the RRS. These changes are being made so sounds issued on the water by the RC will fit the most common pre-set configuration of OCSA's Regatta Pro-Start automatic horn system.

**COURSES:** When the race committee establishes a separate start line and restricted finish line using marks identified on the 2010 OCSA Chart of Numeric Courses, a mark designated on the chart may serve as a finish mark, and a green mark on the opposite side of the committee boat shall serve as the start mark. In such instances the word "Start" shall be substituted as the mark designation. An example: Instead of a course reading 14-2-A-14 on the RC course board, when separate start and finish lines are set up, the course will read Start-2-A-14.

**General Recalls:** General recalls shall comply with RRS 29.2, *except that the sequence for the recalled class will begin immediately following the last scheduled class of the evening.* This change is being made to facilitate the starting of all races by eliminating the wait-time for a recalled class of boats to return to the pre-start side of the start line before any racing can resume.

**END OF SUPPLEMENTAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

As a reminder, *extreme* care must be taken when sailing near the committee boat. Contact with the committee boat or anything attached to the committee boat may result in the at-fault boat being disqualified from racing.

Shameless advertising....

**APRIL 9th**

The program will include the presentation of the PYC Sailors' Awards and a Guest Speaker

**My Adventures Sailing Around the World**

*By Craig Mortensen*

Avoiding Pirates — Close encounters with a whale  
Loosing a rudder 600 miles from shore

**Sailors' Dinner**

**All Boaters Welcome**  
Don't Forget Your Crew

Social 6 pm — Dinner 7 pm  
Fred's Prime Rib — \$20

*(Vegetarian available if requested at reservation)*  
Reservations: 503-735-0632 by April 6

## Fleet News:

(NOTE: Fleet Captains are invited to submit Fleet News to the Newsletter Editor.)

### The Little Boat that Could

At the horn, the maxi-yachts surged over the line heading for buoy 18, and another wet, miserable day of winter racing in the International Racing Series was underway. Bobbing in the maxis' wake was a little Ranger 20, straining every Dacron fiber to keep up with the big boys. *Pumpkin Seed* tacked relentlessly against a 10-knot east wind, losing ground on every leg, but we were thrilled to see that we actually seemed to be catching one of big boats, a C&C 38. *Cool Change* was heeled over close to the Oregon shore near the Sea Scout base, with what seemed to be a bone in her teeth, as we overhauled her. The razzes died in our throats, however, when we realized that she was aground on a sandbar, with crew out on the boom to heel her over.

The radio crackled. "Racing Fleet, Racing Fleet, this is *Cool Change*. We are aground, requesting assistance." The big yachts sailed on in silence. "*Cool Change*, this is *Pumpkin Seed*, a Ranger 20 with a 4 horse outboard standing by. Can we assist?" The answer was negative, a boat with a BIG motor was needed. *Pumpkin Seed* tacked away, eager to get back in the race, but a few minutes later the call came: "20-foot sailboat, what is your draft?" Eighteen inches with the board up, we replied, and agreed to take *Cool Change*'s anchor to see if she could kedge off. We dropped the sails, fired up the 4 horse, and putt-putted over. There was four feet of depth at the bow as we maneuvered into place, took up the anchor and rode, and set it in deeper water. *Cool Change* took up the strain on a primary winch, but still didn't budge.

Only one thing was left to try. *Cool Change*'s spinnaker halyard was led to *Pumpkin Seed* and made fast. The little 4-horse shriled, and the Ranger 20 slewed back and forth, trying to heel the 10-ton boat over enough to break the sandbar's hold. For a long minute nothing happened, and then the crew on the boom dipped perilously low in the water, and with a cheer all around she slipped off the sandbar.

By this time the maxi-yachts were parading downriver on the way to buoy 2, spinnakers aloft. *Pumpkin Seed* took up her rightful position at the end of the parade, but her crew was grinning with the knowledge that there is a place in every fleet for even the smallest of boats.

Tod Bassham  
*Pumpkin Seed* #186

(NOTE: The editor invites someone from *Cool Change* to comment on this story or provide *their* version.)

### And from the J24 Fleet:



J/24 Fleet 26 and the International J/24 Class Association together with the Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle and the Seattle Yacht Club invite all local J24 boats to the **2010 J/24 North American Championship, May 19 - 23, 2010**. This regatta will be sailed out of Shilshole Bay Marina in Seattle, WA, following on the heels of the 3-day J/24 Western Regionals that will be sailed the weekend prior in conjunction with the 2010 Seattle NOOD Regatta. At least 3 Portland boats are already signed up: 2263 No Worries (Kent Sisk), 3837 Free Bowl of Soup (Douglas Schenk), 4124 Dead Beat (Brian Manske). Take advantage of this opportunity to join in, support them, or just or see the best in this popular class when they gather on our doorstep in May. For more information see <http://www.j24northamericans.com>.

Rob Neild

**Sailing on Sundays**, also known as the **SYSCO International Sailing Regatta (ISR) 2009/2010 Series** has ended. We had 57 different boats participate in 16 different races making the 2009/2010 ISR series the largest ever!



Technology was oozing out of the fleet as the syndicates introduced bleeding edge solutions to ageless problems. The Blackwater boys from Hayden Bay made significant improvements to their 'Blackwater' propulsion system, Skipper 'Chumbucket' aka Bill Sanborn introduced breakthrough solutions to stronger and lighter sails with the introduction of spider-web technology via Halpatia 217 enzymes and adhesives. What about the C&C syndicate and the Mark II XTF telescoping fin technology! Let's not forget our local sail maker North Sails and the 'Black Widow' sail! Sailing without wind, miraculous! Who would have thought! What about the boys from RCYC? They came up with a totally automated autopilot system that sails the race for you under complete control of a Hal 9000 racing and navigation system! Marvelous, and only from the ISR sailing series racing environment!

Needless to say, technology led the way in the ISR series and has totally re-written the parameters on how to make a boat go fast! The ISR series is known as the science center for leading technologies and is the forum for fast talk, fast women, and fast boats!

Tic-Toc and I would like to thank the SYSCO organization for folding the ISR Series under the SYSCO series of professional races. I personally would like to thank all of you who participated in this year's ISR series, as it is 'YOU', who make events like the ISR series successful!

I would recommend to all of you to participate in the SYSCO upcoming races, meetings, and event/parties. SYSCO is a volunteer organization that promotes sailing on the river and does a wonderful job of planning, organizing, and hosting sailboat races.

Enjoy your year on the water... Snidely Marks and Tic-Toc McGrock

## 2010 SYSCO Cruising Schedule

In addition to all the fabulous racing on tap for 2010, we have a full calendar of cruising events to round out the social part of your sailing life. So don't be shy, all boats and boaters are welcome.

Date	Event	Location
March 27-28	Spring Shake Down	Sandy Beach (aka Govt. Island – West)
May 29-31	Memorial Day Weekend	Martin Pond
June 12-13	Just Because!	Gilbert River
July 3-5	Independence Day Weekend	Martin Pond
July 24 – Aug 1	SYSCO Annual Delta Cruise	Martin Pond to Astoria and back
Aug 28-29	SYSCO Annual St Helen's Race Cruise	St. Helens – Race down, cruise back
Sept 4-6	Labor Day Weekend	Coon Island
Oct 23-24	Fall Colors Cruise	Hadley's Landing

## MEMBERSHIP:

### SYSCO 2010 Members

As of March 7, 2010

We are 68 strong and counting! Please say "Ahoy Mate" to our 11 **new** SYSCO Members.

**Colleen Bennett** – Quantum Leap – Hunter 28.5

**Greg Bryden** – Flying Frog – Ranger 20

**Jim Foster** – Ojibwe – US Yacht 27

**Petra Gilbert** – Sara – 20'

**Craig Hindley** – Assoc. Memb.

**Kevin Kahl** – Windwaker – Hunter Marine 34

**Scott Maxwell** – Promise – Ranger 20

**Robert Naylor** – Joy – Ericson 23 MkII

**Lance Olander** – Quiescent – Hunter 28.5

**Ken Park** – Swifterly – Cal2-24

**Jim Wahl** – Dragonfly – Bayliner 2850 Contessa

And "jump the mainsail" to our experienced salts, which keep SYSCO thriving. Thank you to you all. You have experienced computerized renewals. Membership Confirmation: Upon receiving your membership, you are emailed a SYSCO "Thank You for your 2010 Membership" notice.

To join SYSCO 2010: Each SYSCO member is emailed their current contact and boat information. Simply print the form, make contact/boat corrections, sign and date on the bottom line and mail with payment to:

SYSCO  
P.O. Box 5502  
Portland, OR 97228

The SYSCO membership form can also be printed from [www.sailpdx.com/sysco.html](http://www.sailpdx.com/sysco.html)

Regular Membership: \$70.00 (saving \$50 on race entries)

Assoc. Membership: \$25.00

For those SYSCO Members waiting to renew, please do so now! We want to get the new SYSCO Roster in your hands as soon as possible.

Questions? 503-701-5706

Thank you for supporting SYSCO with your membership.

Jan B., Membership



ISR Race in Nov. 2009



Memorial Day Cruise 2009

## Thoughts from the Rear:

*From Bill Sanborn:*

This year is proving to be a test how committed to sail boat racing you are and what you are willing to contribute to a "low cost" racing program. I have always believed that SYSCO was deep in talent and that jobs needed doing would get done. This season the proof will be in the pudding. No one will agree to become Vice Commodore/Race Captain, our Commodore had to withdraw for business reasons. So we are lucky to have a committed Rear Commodore, and a cadre of Fleet Captains, and Members who say it will be OK. This can be one of our banner years, and if you see something that needs doing my suggestion is not to ask why its not done, but to say "follow me" to get this done. Look for your fleets assigned Race Committee dates and join in to help your Fleet Captain, and you can even volunteer to help other fleets on their dates.

The Cruise Schedule is included with this Newsletter, and always a fun time to socialize with your boat. The Delta Cruise is July 24th meeting at Martin Isl. and cruising to the lower River.

On behalf of the folks who took advantage of SYSCO's Sail On Sunday series we want to thank the Board for your support, and Terry reported that "We had 57 different boats compete in 16 different scheduled races in all kinds of weather! The weather was actually pretty good compared to last year, as we had alot of sunny days." I can also report that over 70 folks who crewed on the last race made the post Race Chili Cook-Off Potluck and consumed 7 crock pots of Chili, a mess of Corn Bread, Desserts, drank 11 bottles of wine, a lot of beers, and 30 cups of coffee in my garage.

See You on the River.

## FOR SALE:



JOIN THE FRIENDLY FLEET! Race ready Martin 242. Comes with trailer and complete sail inventory. Just add water for instant fun! \$6500.

For complete information and specs call **Bill Brennan** at **503 286-9374**.

## Special Deal:

### Racer's Row @ Tomahawk Bay Marina

- \* Group moorage for racing fleets: Everyone gets their own 28' slip with their fleet!
- \* Discounted moorage: \$3/ft for both moorage and winter storage on a trailer at our RV storage lot.
- \* Local business discounts: Hidden Bay Café, West Coast Sailing, etc.
- \* Free beer during summer series racing
- \* Columbia Crossings sponsored party/meeting: Have a fleet party or meeting on the lawn at Tomahawk Bay or at the Hayden Island Yacht Club building.
- \* Free trailer parking during racing season: Store your trailer for free behind a locked gate in the grassy area east of the Tomahawk Bay building #2 parking lot.

Contact: Chris Brown, Dockmaster @ Tomahawk Bay Marina, Sailing Outreach Coordinator

Cell: 971-255-8058

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# SYSCO 2010 Budget Report:

From Julie Rouzee

CATEGORIES	2009 ACTUAL	2010 BUDGET	2010 ACTUAL YTD
<b>INCOME CATEGORIES</b>			
Carry Over	8,440.79	8,501.08	8,501.08
Awards Banquet	2,685.00	3,000.00	275.00
Bank Interest	3.07	3.00	0.21
Membership Dues	7,957.00	7,950.00	3,520.00
Race Income	1,550.00	1,550.00	
Misc Income			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>20,635.86</b>	<b>21,004.08</b>	<b>12,296.29</b>
<b>EXPENSE CATEGORIES</b>			
<b>Administrative:</b>			
Association Fees	125.00	175.00	50.00
Bank Charges	12.25	12.25	
Banquet Expenses	3,718.06	3,800.00	
Boat Show Expenses		171.00	171.00
Donations	100.00	300.00	100.00
Meetings	126.93	200.00	
Trophies	3,856.92	3,850.00	
Insurance	995.00	995.00	
Moorage		700.00	
Social Functions	709.72	700.00	270.00
Cruising	317.40	325.00	
<b>Membership:</b>			
Burgees and pennants	422.62	300.00	
Roster Print/Postage	482.02	500.00	
Postage & PO Expenses	165.75	170.00	52.80
<b>Racing:</b>			
Race Books		25.00	25.00
Race Equipment Purchases	360.00	350.00	
Pancho Maintenance	447.86	300.00	
Pancho Fuel/Misc	237.87	275.00	
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>			
Misc.	57.38	100.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>12,134.78</b>	<b>13,248.25</b>	<b>668.80</b>

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

*from Gary Bruner:*

Minutes from 3/1/2010 Board Meeting

The meeting at Delta Park Elmers was called to order by Rear Commodore Rich Jones at 6:55. Present were: Rich, Jan Burkhart, Julie Rouzee, Bill Sanborn, Karen Anderson, Edie Felix, Bill Brennan, Steve Spon, Colleen Bennett, George Brown and Gary Bruner.

### REPORTS:

- \* Julie distributed a current finance report that shares good news. We have currently spent about 5% of the yearly budget.
- \* Jan reports that we are still missing dues from about 50% of previous memberships. Efforts continue to remind members about dues.
- \* Rich reported that the cruising fleet is so big that both the fast cruisers and half-fast cruisers will EACH serve as RC this season. He distributed an updated schedule for which fleets host which series races. Rich will procure RCs for weekend regattas.
- \* Bill distributed a cruising schedule. The first scheduled cruise, the 'Shake Down' will occur over March 27th at Sandy Beach (formerly West Dock on Government Island). Gib Colistro continues to be the 'cruising director for life'.
- \* Program: Rich reported that we could STILL use a 'program chair' to assist in finding speakers for general membership meetings. He will try to get the Multnomah Sheriff's Marine division to speak to us later in the year.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- \* Pancho will splash on Friday, March 25th, in time for the on-the-water race clinic. Jan will provide names from the membership list who can help with that process. Pancho is ready to go, but a couple of marks still need leaks repaired. Bill will help Gary with that task, if necessary.  
Gary will contact McCuddy's about moorage for Pancho for the season.
- \* The SYSCO social on February was relatively lightly attended, but a good time was had by all. It was discussed that next year, the social should NOT occur when it conflicts with a huge gathering at PYC as it likely took away potential participants.
- \* Bill reported on the success of the now SYSCO sponsored Sailing on Sunday event that occurred over the winter. A final chili cook-off at Sanborn's was a huge success. Terry Johnson has (subsequent to the meeting) agreed to do a 'hype' write-up of the event to appear in the newsletter.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- \* Jan submitted a slate of 11 new members, including some associate memberships. They were accepted with unanimous acclaim.
- \* The SYSCO race clinic will occur on Thursday, March 24th at RCYC, and on the water on Friday, March 25th. Fleet captains and ANY other racers or RC volunteers are highly encouraged to attend this free event.
- \* The March general membership meeting is at Elmer's on Monday, March 15th. The guest will be Larry Brandt, a speaker at the Portland Boat Show, who will discuss AIS and use of radar.
- \* Submissions for the newsletter need to be in the inbox of Jim Sinclair by Sunday, March 7.
- \* Colleen Bennett has graciously volunteered to improve the appearance of the SYSCO portion of the Sailpdx website. Edie will help put her in touch with Gary Whitney to make that happen.
- \* Gary reports that Tomahawk Bay has a plan to open their D dock as a "Racer's Row", a place reserved for one design racing sailboats who will get special rates and other perks. Tomahawk is looking into possibilities for larger race boats as well, but nothing has yet been implemented. Gary will try to get the specifics from Columbia Crossings in time for the March newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM

Submitted by Secretary Gary Bruner