



# The Starting Line

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## Rear COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

Your Humble Chief Cook & Bottle Washer Says Thank You to All...

It's that time of year when we count blessings, hand over the reins to new leaders and thank all of the people who have helped make this a very good year for SYSCO.

I want to thank SYSCO's new officers for volunteering to carry the club forward in the new year. Jim Sinclair, the new Commodore, will have support from a full slate of officers, including Michael Nance as Vice Commodore, Colleen Bennett as Treasurer, Gary Bruner as Secretary and yours truly as Rear Commodore.

Committee chairs are also full, with Jan Burkhart returning to head up the membership department, Phil Campagna has offered to fill the role of Pancho Engineer for the time being, Anna Campagna will return to help with SYSCO's social events, and program duties will be shared by Tod Bassham and Randall Poff.

While the fleets go through their respective processes to identify captains for next year, I want to thank each of this year's fleet officers for their terrific support of SYSCO's racing program. Each fleet "seen their duty and done it" when it came time to perform RC work, and this year's registration in almost all of SYSCO's racing events was better than ever.

Next year, SYSCO is going to work to make its racing program even better. Michael Nance will chair the race committee comprised of the fleet representatives who will strive to ensure that SYSCO races are the best on the river. To start that ball rolling, SYSCO's January general meeting will be a Fleet Night at RCYC. Pizza and refreshments will be on SYSCO. The fleets will be invited to use the event to touch bases with fleet members and promote their respective class of boats to potential new skippers and crew. SYSCO will also use the event to do a refresher on the mechanics of SYSCO racing, from running the mark boat and setting marks, to coordinating the routines on the RC boat, from doing the course board and raising the L flag to scoring finishers.

So mark your calendars for the SYSCO Fleet Night at RCYC, 7pm, on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>...pizza and refreshments compliments of SYSCO.

And again, thank you for all of your support and for helping to make 2010 a banner year for SYSCO.

Rich Jones  
SYSCO Rear Commodore for 2010

## Boat Show – Boat Show – Boat Show !!!

The Portland Boat Show is January 12 – 16. Like last year, SYSCO will be in booth #539 and amongst friends like OWSA and CYC. The booth duty schedule is the same as last year, with 3 two-person shifts per day for the 5 day show. SYSCO provides admission tickets for each of the volunteers staffing the booth (parking not included).

The boat show is fun. Please consider volunteering to staff the booth. Availability of shifts is on a first come, first serve basis so act fast if you want to volunteer as a couple or have a particular day and time in mind. Send your desired shift day and time to Rich [rich@npohelp.com](mailto:rich@npohelp.com)

Date	Time	Volunteer 1	Volunteer 2	Volunteer 3
Mon 1/11	Set Up - tbd	Rich Jones	Bill Sanborn	Gary Whitney
				na
Wed 1/12	10 am - 2 pm			na
	2 pm - 5:30 pm			na
	5:30 pm - 9:00 pm			na
				na
Thurs 1/13	10 am - 2 pm			na
	2 pm - 5:30 pm			na
	5:30 pm - 9:00 pm			na
				na
Fri 1/14	10 am - 2 pm			na
	2 pm - 5:30 pm			na
	5:30 pm - 9:00 pm			na
				na
Sat 1/15	10 am - 1:30 pm			na
	1:30 pm - 5 pm			na
	5 pm - 8 pm			na
				na
Sun 1/16	10 am - 1 pm			na
	1 pm - 4 pm			na
	4 pm - 6pm plus tear down	Rich Jones	Bill Sanborn	Gary Whitney

## Looking for a last minute Stocking Stuffer? Consider giving someone a 2011 SYSCO Membership

SYSCO Memberships Are Very Valuable!

Did you know that SYSCO cruises and races are free to members? Yep, they are. In fact, almost all of the events SYSCO hosts during the year are free to members. The only exceptions being the Opening Day Regatta co-hosted with PYC and the Annual SYSCO Awards Banquet.

Please remember to renew your membership as soon as possible. And consider giving a SYSCO membership to a friend. Membership info is available on the [www.sailpdx.com](http://www.sailpdx.com) website.

### Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon



## **SYSCO RACING STARTS SOON...**

### **AND DO WE HAVE A DEAL FOR YOU!**

<b>SYSCO Spring Series</b>	<b>Entry Fee</b>	<b>\$10/per boat</b>
<b>SYSCO Spring Regatta</b>	<b>Entry Fee</b>	<b>\$10/per boat</b>
<b>SYSCO Summer Series</b>	<b>Entry Fee</b>	<b>\$10/per boat</b>
<b>SYSCO @ Columbia Crossings Race</b>	<b>Entry Fee</b>	<b>\$10/per boat</b>
<b>Total Registration Cost</b>		<b>\$160/per boat</b>

## **BUT...**

**Did you know that registration is free if you're a SYSCO member?**

## **YES...FREE!**

**What a deal!**

**A \$85 membership in SYSCO automatically makes you eligible to participate in a year's worth of SYSCO racing...free!  
So if you're not a member already...**

## **JOIN SYSCO, NOW!**

**In addition to becoming part of one the most active sailing organizations in the Pacific Northwest, you can**

## **SAVE \$75, TOO!**

**Click on the [SYSCO membership link](http://www.SailPDX.com) at [www.SailPDX.com](http://www.SailPDX.com) to find the official SYSCO membership form and instructions.**

## And be sure not to miss SYSCO's First Ever Fleet Night

Do you have a Cruising Boat, Martin, J-24? How about an A2 Fleet or E Fleet boat? Whatever class you belong to we have an event just for you. SYSCO has decided to kick off 2011 by holding the first Fleet Night in its history. SYSCO will provide the Pizza, pop and beer and the place, Rose City Yacht Club, you provide the potential fleet members. We will set up separate tables for each fleet that lets us know in advance that they are attending. This will give you a chance to meet face to face and discuss the coming year of racing, lie about last year's awful mark rounding, etc. with your fellow competitors. Kerry Poe will be on hand to discuss those important additions to your sail inventory and old hands in the various fleets will be able to provide worlds of advice on how to go fast, build up your fleet, learn the rules, and generally have fun using your boat. What kind of courses does your fleet want to race on? How many races a night do you want to have in the Evening Series? All good questions you can discuss. You might also use the evening to elect a fleet captain to represent you on the SYSCO board.

In all it should be a fun evening, please join us and help build your fleet. Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> – 7PM – Rose City Yacht Club

And speaking of fleets, we have another episode from the Ranger 20 Fleet's own Tod Bassham...

### **Episode Two: Aunt Beulah Strikes Back**

When last we left our intrepid band of Rangers, the Columbia River fleet had been reborn from its post-80s malaise, and the concept of racing stubby little shoal-draft sailboats around the buoys was, inexplicably, no longer a ridiculous notion. Gone were the daytrippers with their picnic baskets, sloshing portapotties and Aunt Beulah hanging sick over the lifelines. A new generation arose, steely-eyed and strong-sinewed, prepared to battle for Darwinian supremacy. The only thing standing now between the Rangers and the respect of the racing world, it seemed, was the fleet's 1970s-vintage class rules.

The original Ranger 20 Fleet No. 4 class rules, written in a Linear B form of ancient Aramaic, prescribed that "[t]he maximum distance between the mast and jib clew shall be 5 cubits 4 fingers with the whisker pole connecting them," whatever that means, and that wind forecasts be based on scrying the entrails of slaughtered sturgeon. Skippers were enjoined not to "adjust thy backstay, or thy neighbor's backstay." There were even very strict rules about how to trim sails and tie knots ("hold thou the standing part in thy left hand, which yea is unclean, and with thy right hand lead the rabbit through the hole and around the tree, lest the Fleet Captain smite thee, in His mercy"). Some Rangers believed it wrong to depart from the ancient rules, but the detailed instructions for performing ritual circumcision convinced even the most traditional Rangers that a few rule tweaks were in order.

A committee was formed, locked in a closet, and given only stale pizza and beer until its members emerged, blinking and hungover, with a new set of class rules scrawled in indelible ink across several empty pizza boxes. The first big decision was whether to re-name the fleet, since "Fleet No. 4" suggested the existence of other Ranger fleets. After rejecting alternatives such as "Fleet of Wankers," and "The Unsinkable Molly Browns," the committee settled on the boring, but descriptive, moniker "Columbia River Ranger 20 Fleet."

The next dilemma facing the committee and its sailmaker consultants was how to reconcile a strict one-design philosophy with the undeniable facts that (1) the boats in the current fleet had all been modified in weird ways over the decades, with sails of all different materials and dimensions, and (2) anyone owning a Ranger 20 was safely presumed to be poor as dirt, and unable to afford a new suit of class-legal sails or an arms race of any kind. Thus, the first Great Compromise was born: all sails in a boat's inventory as of certain date are grandfathered in, but all new sails purchased after that date and used for racing must conform to new maximum size specifications. This led to the Great Loophole Closing debate: the same suit of sails must be used for the entire race series or regatta, to prevent a well-stocked boat from switching between its 135 and its 150 jenny as conditions warranted.

But the most contentious issue was whether to require that a motor be hung on the transom during races. Some purists comfortable with sailing in and out of their berths scorned such modern conveniences, enjoying the speed and trim of an engineless stern. Others griped at seeing the purists' engineless sterns cross the finish line ahead of them, again and again. Thus, the Aunt Beulah Amendment: an outboard engine of a certain horsepower must be mounted on the transom, unless a large dowdy female relative or the equivalent weight in beer is stuffed into the lazarette. This solution pleased everyone.

To be continued in Episode Three: The Non-Overlapping Jib Controversy.

(Note: The SYSCO newsletter is open to, and encourages, input from all fleets.)

## Year End Financials...

2010 SYSCO

Treasury Report -

Year End

<b>CATEGORIES</b>	<b>2010 BUDGET</b>	<b>2010 ACTUAL YTD</b>
<b>INCOME CATEGORIES</b>		
Carry Over	8,501.08	8,501.08
Awards Banquet	3,000.00	3,150.00
Bank Interest	3.00	2.81
Membership Dues	7,950.00	8,545.00
Race Income	1,550.00	1,145.00
Misc Income		125.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>21,004.08</b>	<b>21,468.89</b>

### EXPENSE CATEGORIES

#### Administrative:

Association Fees	175.00	331.00
Bank Charges	12.25	
Banquet Expenses	3,800.00	4,167.94
Boat Show Expenses	171.00	171.00
Donations	300.00	150.00
Meetings	200.00	49.01
Trophies	3,850.00	3,160.57
Insurance	995.00	1,045.00
Moorage	700.00	775.00
Social Functions	700.00	1,213.72
Cruising	325.00	175.00

#### Membership:

Burgees and pennants	300.00	425.26
Roster Print/Postage	500.00	571.13
Postage & PO Expenses	170.00	61.60

#### Racing:

Race Books	25.00	34.90
Race Equipment Purchases	350.00	357.51
Pancho Maintenance	300.00	
Pancho Fuel/Racing Misc	275.00	376.61

#### Miscellaneous:

Misc.	100.00	102.15
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>13,248.25</b>	<b>13,167.40</b>

## Minutes...

The December 6th meeting of the SYSCO Board was held at Delta Park Elmer's. Present were: Rich Jones, Jim Sinclair, Jan Burkhart, Colleen Bennett, Michael Nance, Frank Bocarde, Bill Sanborn and Gary Bruner.

The meeting was called to order at 7PM by Rich Jones.

Reports:

Finance: Colleen Bennett brought a copy of the current budget, showing us to be very close to projections for income and expenses for the year.

Membership: Jan had little to report except to say that she's gearing up for the changes that need to be made regarding the dues increase for next year. Several sites need to be updated with the new info and plans are underway to get that done.

Racing: Rich has made up a detailed book/binder of racing information that he's distributed to Michael Nance (new Race Committee Chair) and Jim Sinclair (incoming commodore) to assist in running SYSCO races. Pancho has had work done last year on its engine, and the marks and gear seem to be in good shape going into a new season.

Cruising: Bill Sanborn reported that the Delta Cruise will begin on July 30, 2K11.

Program: No program report. There will be no general membership meeting in January because of the boat show.

Old Business: Pancho is currently in the barn of Bill Brennan, undergoing repairs. Bill's bid suggests that the bill should not exceed \$949, and may be lower, depending....

Gary Bruner was delegated to visit with the general manager of Columbia Crossings to check our status with them. Gary will check on their commitment to store Pancho and her trailer this year, on their commitment to the SYSCO/ Columbia Crossings Regatta, their contributions to our awards party, and use of their facilities for the Tuesday and Thursday end of Summer Series barbeques.

January 17th has been secured for a Fleet Meeting at RCYC. The first ever Fleet Night will consist of the fleets getting together to meet one another and hopefully select a Fleet Captain or at least a representative from their individual groups and a brief presentation by Rich on how SYSCO does race management. Pizza and beer & pop will be provided.

The Portland Boat Show will be on January 12 to 16 this year. Bill is updating the pamphlets and will do the set up and tear down for the show with Rich. Rich will be sending out requests for volunteers to man the booth.

Rich Jones is serving as the liaison with OCSA in making up the 2K11 Race book that should be available by Boat Show time.

The remainder of the meeting was discussing the budget for 2K11. Colleen will continue to work the numbers, after gaining feedback. No action taken.

The next board meeting will be January 3.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39

Submitted by Secretary Gary Bruner