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SMALL YACHT SAILING CLUB OF OREGON



FROM THE COMMODORE

By Jim Sinclair, Commodore

What a busy summer it has been. We wrapped up our SYSCO Summer Series last month and by the time you read this the SYSCO/Columbia Crossings Regatta will be in the history books as well. That only leaves the fun race – the SYSCO St. Helens Race & Cruise on August 27/28 – on our calendar, but many of us are also in the middle of the CYC Summer Series and there are still more opportunities on the horizon. For blue water enthusiasts there's the YBYC Bridge-to-Bridge race on August 20-21. If you miss our St. Helen's Race, a more serious race over the same course is the RCYC Long Distance Race on Sept 10-11. Also in September is the PYC Fall Regatta on the 17th and the Annual OWSA Sail for the Cure fundraiser on the 25th. So don't put away your sailing gear yet, there's lots of summer still to come.

I can't close without mentioning what a great Delta Cruise SYSCO had this year. Some old faces, some new ones, some old places and some new ones. But of course, one of the highlights was Bill Sanborn's hand-cranked home-made ice cream on the second night in Warren Slough.



Speaking of cruising, if you don't have Labor Day plans, SYSCO cruisers will be gathering at Coon Island in the Multnomah Channel for food, fun and relaxation starting on Friday the 2nd of September.

And finally, make plans to join us at the next General Meeting on Monday September 19th and tell everyone about YOUR summer adventure.

Jim Sinclair
Commodore
S/V Dazzle



Coming Events

NO SYSCO Meeting
in August

St. Helens Race & Cruise
August 27-28
St. Helens City Docks

Labor Day Cruise
September 2-5
J.J. Collins East, Coon Island

SYSCO Meeting
Monday, September 19
Dinner 6 pm — Meeting 7 pm

SYSCO Awards Banquet
Saturday, October 15

SYSCO Meeting
Monday, October 17
Dinner 6 pm — Meeting 7 pm

Share Your Memories of the Delta Cruise

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SYSCO would like to share your memories of the 2011 Delta Cruise on the pages of *the Starting Line*. Photos and stories can be submitted to Dale Mack at celtic-myst@comcast.net



SYSCO 2011 CRUISING SCHEDULE

Aug 27-28	St. Helens Race & Cruise	St. Helens City Docks
Sept 2-5	Labor Day Cruise	J.J. Collins East, Coon Island
Oct 22-23	Fall Colors Cruise	Hadley's Landing

A SYSCO cruise is held as informal rendezvous. There is no RSVP, no fees to attend, and no cruise leader. Appetizers are commonly shared.

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For more information on the destinations, go to:
http://www.boatoregon.com/OSMB/library/library.shtml#Boating_Facilities_Guide_

The background of the slide is a photograph of a boat deck. Two clear glass tumblers with a textured base are in the foreground. Each glass has the SYSCO logo and 'ST. HELENS RACE & CRUISE' printed on it. The background shows a marina with several boats docked at a pier. The text 'St. Helens Race & Cruise' is written in a large, yellow, stylized font across the top and middle of the image. Below it, the dates 'August 27-28' are written in a smaller, yellow, stylized font.

St. Helens Race & Cruise

August 27-28

Located seventeen nautical miles downstream of the I-5 bridge, St. Helens is the quintessential river town. Visitors are presented with an array of delightful restaurants, vintage homes, fine walks, and an eclectic collection of shops.

SYSCO's St. Helens Race & Cruise is a very causal affair with the emphasis on cruising. Plan to rendezvous near Daymark "39", a green navigational aid on the Columbia River just downstream of the mouth of the Willamette River, and depart for St. Helens at 11:20 am (racers will be looking for the first signal at 11:15 am). Potluck appetizers on the docks once everyone arrives is pretty typical for this event. You're on your own for dinner.

Sunday is a depart-at-your-leisure kind of day (no schedule nor an agenda). Get up when the mood strikes you and head home when you want to.



OREGON WOMEN'S SAILING ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

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www.sailfortheoregon.net



Share Your Adventure

*SYSCO encourages you to share your boating adventures on the pages of ^{the} **Starting Line**. From cruising and racing, to fleet news and boat modifications, the SYSCO newsletter is a great vehicle for budding authors and photographers.*

Photo by Dale Mack

St. Helens Race & Cruise

August 27 – 28

St. Helens City Docks

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SYSCO St. Helens Race & Cruise — August 27-28

NOTICE OF RACE

INVITATION: SYSCO extends a cordial invitation to its members and their guests to participate in this fun race and cruise event on the Columbia River.

DESCRIPTION: A casual weekend race & cruise to St. Helens on Saturday & back on Sunday.

ELIGIBILITY: The St. Helens Race and Cruise is open to SYSCO members and their guests. Bandit and pirate boats will be aggressively pursued by the Race Committee if, upon consultation with the SYSCO Membership Roster, they are determined to be renegades. Races shall be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing including the national prescriptions of US Sailing, as modified by the OCSA Sailing Instructions, applicable level or one-design rules, and the supplemental instructions of this notice.

DATES AND TIMES: Saturday, August 27, warning signal at 1115 hours. Sunday, August 28 warning signal at discretion of RC, but not before the morning's first cup of Java.

REGISTRATION: Use the OCSA Race Entry Form and mail with your fee to:

Michael Nance
9512 NE 8th St
Vancouver WA 98664

Entry forms for registration not requiring a fee may be emailed to mike@southcoastweb.com. Entries will not be accepted after 72 hours prior to the start of the race, unless accompanied by a suitable bribe, payable to the Race Committee.

ENTRY FEES: Entry fees are not required of SYSCO members. **SYSCO members must register**, and are subject to the late entry bribe provisions.

INFORMATION: Contact Michael Nance 503-901-3991 or by e-mail at mike@southcoastweb.com

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

SUPPLEMENTAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

CLASS DIVISIONS: Saturday's race classes will be displayed by the Race Committee as consistent with the SYSCO Fleet List and perceived character of entries received. Fleets may be combined for race starts. Classes will be started in reverse order with slower boats (as determined by the Race Committee) starting first. Renegade boats, if present, will be relegated to the last start, but will not be acknowledged upon finishing.

COURSES: Saturday the start will be near buoy "39," a green navigational aid west of the Burlington Northern Railroad Bridge. The finish will be abreast of, and within 30 yards proximity to, buoy "4," a red navigational aid south of Warrior Rock. Sunday the start may constitute any act necessary to arise from the previous evening's revelries. The finish may constitute any path of least resistance to home moorage, if such path conforms to natural and navigational law.

SCORING: Saturday there will be a level finish for all boats. Skippers will be expected to note their finish position relative to others and report such information to the Race Committee.

TIME LIMIT: All boats are expected to complete Saturday's race by 1730 hours. Boats finishing after the prescribed time limit may risk forfeiture of a commemorative participation award. Boats at risk of not completing the race on a timely basis are encouraged to exonerate themselves by retiring from racing, and then motoring, cajoling, ooching, and wheezing to the finish. Boats exonerated in such a manner will be scored as finishing.

TROPHIES: Every boat finishing on Saturday will be awarded two commemorative SYSCO wineglasses. Awards will be distributed at the St. Helens public dock. Boats not finishing may be awarded trophies only upon their skipper's invention and delivery of a preposterous excuse to the Race Committee. Additional wineglasses will be available for purchase.

PROTESTS: Protests are emphatically discouraged. Skippers are encouraged to settle alleged infringements of the racing rules in a Corinthian spirit; peacefully, amicably, and privately.

RESULTS: Race results will become evident upon the recitation of tall stories, hyperbole, braggadocio, and similar swaggered utterances of the racing participants as is customary with this event. Particularly effusive and colorful commentary may be recorded for inclusion in the Club's Newsletter.

END OF SUPPLEMENTAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Labor Day Cruise

September 2 – 5

J.J. Collins East – Coon Island

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Photo by Laura Mack



Saturday, September 10, 2011 — 2-5 pm

THE PORTLAND YACHT CLUB INVITES YOU TO AN OPEN HOUSE

Visitors will be given a brief tour of the PYC clubhouse, from the recently renovated galley, and the upgraded dining room and ballroom, to the expanded George Kelly Bar. Details of the club's upgraded moorage, newly paved parking lot and planned expansion for its Willow Bar Outstation on Sauvie Island will be reviewed. Highlights of the club's year including Opening Day, cruises, socials, and winners of some of this year's major sailing events will be shared.

Light refreshments will be served and a no-host bar will be available during the Open House.

Please note that attendance will be by reservation only. To make a reservation, call 503.735.0632 and leave the information requested on the automated reservation line or email admin@portlandyc.com.

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The background of the entire page is a photograph of two sailboats racing on a body of water. The boat in the foreground is a dark-hulled sloop with a large white sail. The boat in the background is a white-hulled sloop. The water is blue and choppy, and there are green trees on the shore in the background.

Rose City Yacht Club

Long Distance Race

Saturday Portland to St. Helens

Sunday St. Helens to Portland
(Cruising Class won't race on Sunday)

For Details www.sailpdx.com

September 10-11

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September 17-18

www.sailpdx.com

Portland Yacht Club

Fall Regatta

Photo by Dale Mack

SYSCO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

By Gary Bruner, Secretary

The SYSCO Board meeting at Elmer's Delta Park was held on Monday, August 8th, while competing with the PA system of a hot rod show in the parking lot. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Commodore Jim Sinclair. Present were Jim Sinclair, newlyweds Michael and Liz Nance, Colleen Bennett, Bill Sanborn, Rich Jones, and Gary Bruner.

Reports

Treasurer: Treasurer Colleen Bennett submitted a detailed current accounting of the SYSCO budget. Aside from the usual expenses for fuel for Pancho III, and moorage at McCuddy's, there were few payments made in the last month. Colleen reports that SYSCO is in great shape financially, and that SYSCI is at 85% of its projected income, with the Awards Banquet being a major revenue source. SYSCO is currently at 30% of projected expenses. The bad news for SYSCO is that Colleen is taking a leave of absence from her position as Treasurer in order to take a long cruise south on a friend's sailboat. While several people have been approached about assuming Colleen's duties, a replacement is badly needed. She will be here for just a few weeks to assist in training a new treasurer.

Membership: In the absence of Jan Burkhart, there was no membership report this month. Postponed for a future meeting is a discussion about whether SYSCO needs to order new club burgees for new members in the future.

Racing: Race Committee Chair Michael Nance reported that he's obtained wine glasses for the annual SYSCO Race & Cruise to St. Helens. The bill for the glasses was \$385. Michael will serve as Race Committee for that event, but will not use flags for the start. He's promised to use the VHF radio to communicate information and clarify horn signals for this traditionally casual race.

The SYSCO/Columbia Crossings Regatta is coming up this Saturday (8/13). Michael has reported a rather small, disappointing turnout at this point. Rich Jones will do a couple of email "blasts" to remind the community of this race, the barbeque and party afterward. The race has been promoted as a benefit for Columbia Riverkeepers, and there are plans for a raffle at the party. Numerous nice gifts have been donated, including a \$300 haul out from Schooner Creek Boat Works. SYSCO is handling the on-the-water event, and Columbia Crossings is in charge of trophies and the barbeque afterwards. Since Columbia Crossings is not providing beer, the board approved buying

up to six cases, hoping there was still some in the 'pantry' after previous parties. Jim Sinclair will contact Anna Campagna to solidify details.

Mike Nance will check with Phil Campagna to confirm that Pancho III is ready for the regatta. Jim Sinclair has volunteered to use his Catalina 30, Dazzle, as the Race Committee boat, but lacks people to help. Rich Jones will be operating Pancho III and be setting marks.

Rich Jones reminded Michael Nance that he needs to compile race results from SYSCO events this season in order to determine points towards the SYSCO Commodore's Trophy. Jim Shaw will need this information in order to purchase trophies for the SYSCO Awards Banquet in October. In answer to a question, Rich Jones was adamant that there was much approval amongst racers that they preferred the "practical" awards SYSCO provides to the "pickle dishes" or trophies that other clubs award.

Pancho III: Pancho III Engineer Phil Campagna had out of town guests and was not at the meeting, but Michael Nance will be in contact to confirm Pancho's availability for Saturday's regatta, and to confirm that Otto Horn will be on board.

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Cruising: Bill Sanborn reported that the Delta Cruise was a great success. Numerous boats experienced great weather, great friendships, some new locations and no major mishaps. The next event is the SYSCO Race & Cruise to St. Helens, August 27-28, then a cruise to Coon Island (Multnomah Channel) over the Labor Day weekend, September 2-5.

Program: SYSCO's two program chairs, Tod Bassham and Randall Poff, were not in attendance, so Gary Bruner will confirm with them the names of the speakers they have rounded up for the general meetings in September and October.

New Business: There was some discussion of the future of the SYSCO/Columbia Crossings Regatta, but no action was taken.

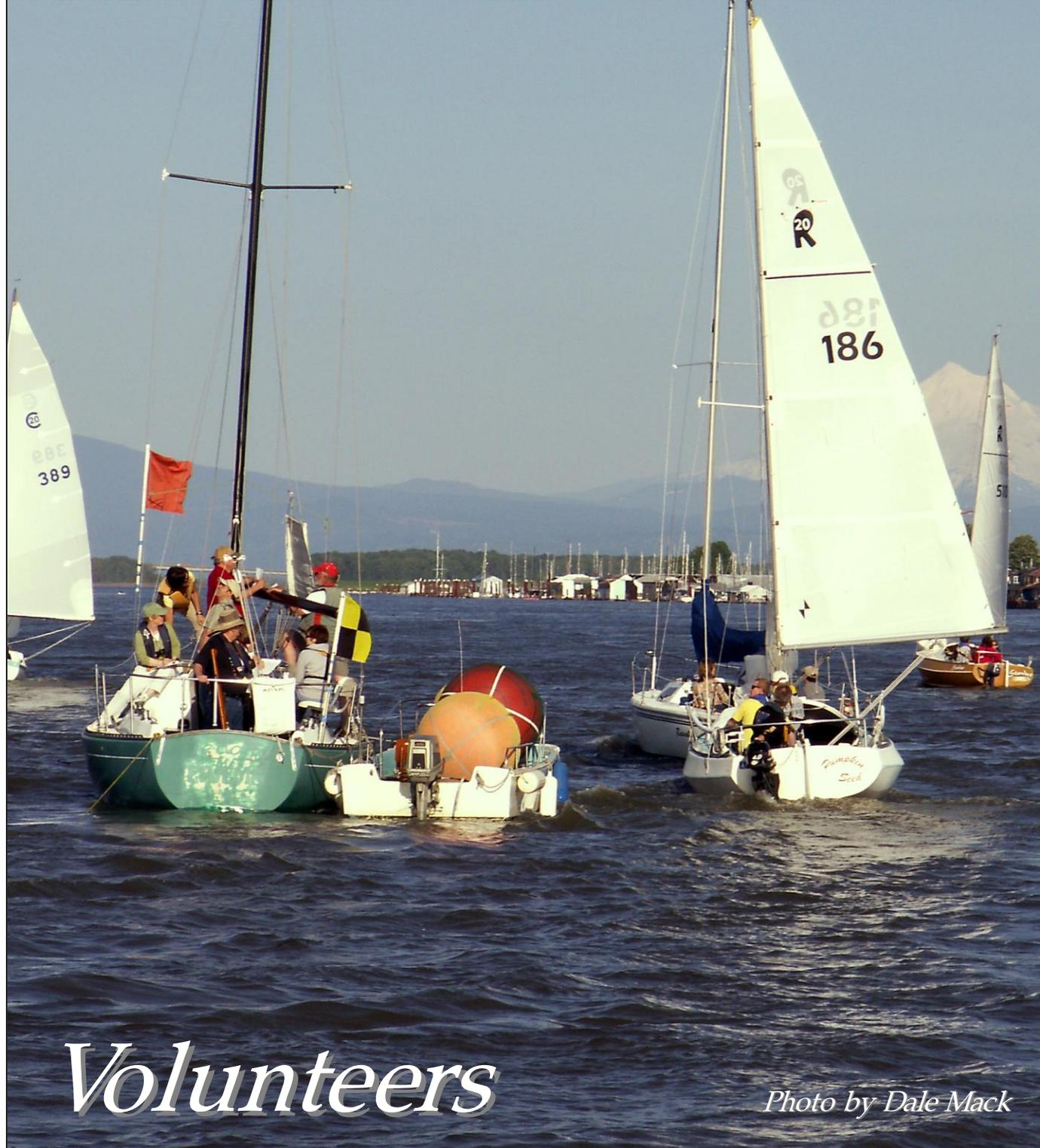
Meeting Adjourn. Because of the Labor Day holiday, the next meeting of the SYSCO Board will be on **TUESDAY**, September 6th at Delta Park Elmer's.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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Deadline September 11

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Volunteers

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Passing Lane

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