

# Starting Line



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# SYSCO

Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon

[www.syscosailing.org](http://www.syscosailing.org)

# From the Commodore

By Michael Nance, Commodore



It is February up here in the Northwest and the good news is the days are getting longer and Spring will be here soon (along with Summer, July 5). If you haven't been out for the Sailing on

Sunday's races, it is probably time to check on your boat and make sure she is ready for the new sailing season. Speaking of the Sailing on Sunday's races, a tip of the hat to CYC, Ryan Barnes and all of the volunteer skippers and crews for organizing and sponsoring the Sunday races. The Wind Gods have not been very kind of late, but kudos also to all of the hearty souls that venture out every Sunday!

I would like to welcome Warren Dalby as SYSCO's new Race Committee Chair and Vice Commodore. Warren and I will be working together this year implementing the new online race registrations and race committee scheduling. For those unaware, the new SYSCO website is [syscosailing.org](http://syscosailing.org).

If you missed Fleet Night, there are numerous changes to the new OCSA General Sailing Instructions. If you haven't already, be sure and purchase your OCSA 2012 Race Book and review all of the changes. All four of the Portland Yacht Clubs have agreed on online race registration this year through Regatta Network and a single set of General Sailing Instructions, which should in most cases eliminate the need for SSIs. In the case of



any SSIs, there will be a new Official Notice Board posted at [sailpdx.com](http://sailpdx.com) by 22:00 local time on the day before it will take effect. This eliminates any on-the-water handouts from the committee boat. The new





race books are still available at West Marine and Schooner Creek Boat Works. There is also a FREE OCSA Race Management Clinic on March 7 at PYC and the SYSCO Race Clinic at RCYC on March 22 and SYSCO Race Clinic On-the-Water March 23.

If you have not renewed your Boat U.S. membership, SYSCO is a “Cooperating Group Member” of Boat U.S. As such, our members are entitled to a specially reduced rate when joining or renewing with Boat U.S. Our group ID number is GA 81878 S.

See you on the river!

Michael Nance

Commodore

S/V Estrella Del Mar

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## 2012 Boat Show - Win A Free Sailboat Ride

By Jim Sinclair, 2012 Rear Commodore

This year SYSCO had a huge success at the recently completed Portland Boat Show.

Gary Bruner almost single handedly conceived of, designed, carried out and followed through on our “Win A Free Sailboat Ride” promotion.

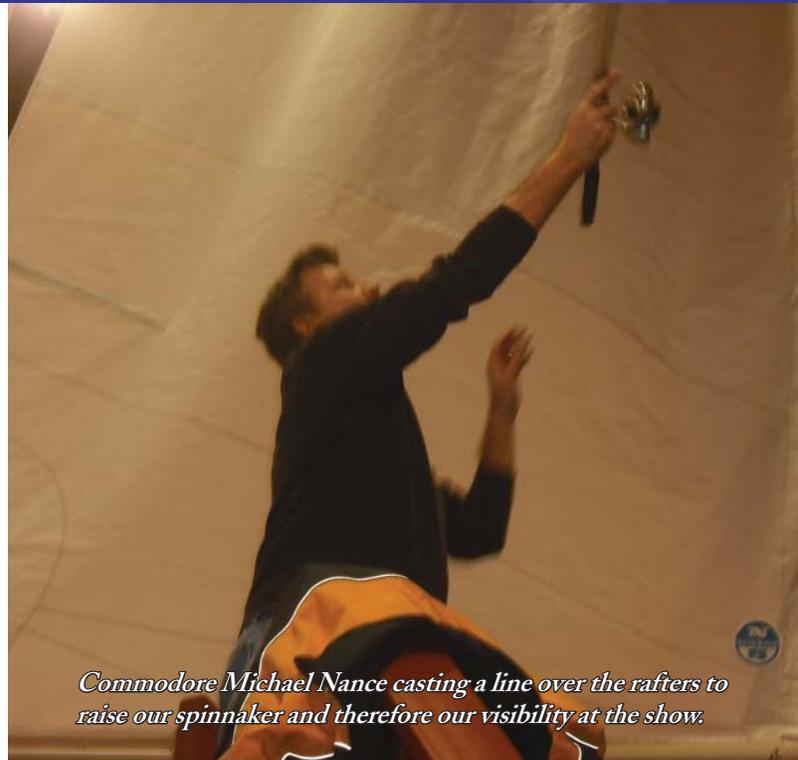
This idea is to help get non-sailors involved in our sport. Through is efforts, Gary has now connected 17 “winners” with volunteer skippers from among the SYSCO membership.

Let’s hope they all have a good time and choose to get further involved in sailing.

Be safe and have fun,

Jim Sinclair

2012 Rear Commodore



*Commodore Michael Nance casting a line over the rafters to raise our spinnaker and therefore our visibility at the show.*



*Gary Whitney and Michael Nance in front of the SYSCO booth.*



# 2012 Cruise Schedule

By Bill Sanborn

Here is our 2012 SYSCO Cruise Schedule. These dates are not the only times, or destinations that folks will be found cruising, but is a guide of where and when you can find a friendly Burgee.

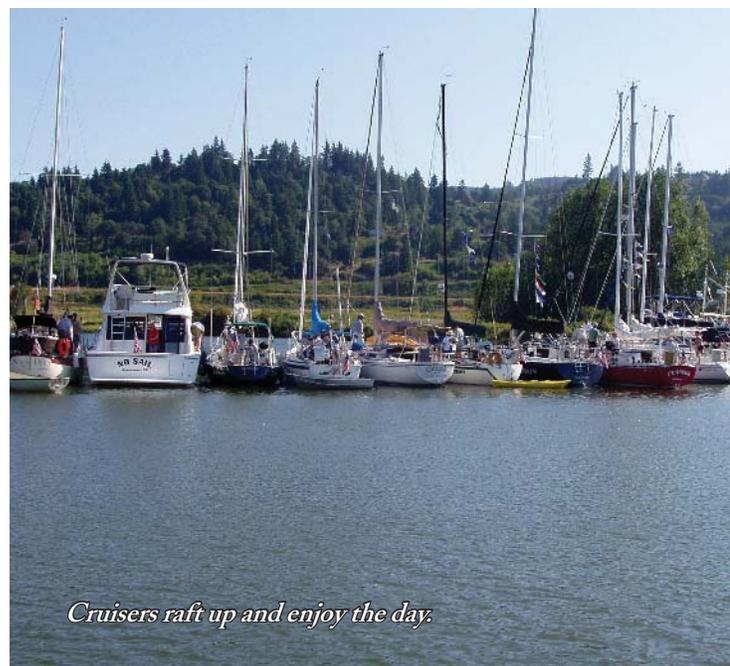
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|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| March 24-25      | Spring Shake Down Cruise  | Government Isl. West                    |
| May 26           | Memorial Day Weekend      | Martin Pond                             |
| June 9-10        | June Cruise               | Hadley Landing                          |
| July 4           | Independence Day          | TBA                                     |
| July 28 - Aug. 5 | SYSCO Annual Delta Cruise | Meet at Martin Pond to Astoria and back |
| Aug. 25 - 26     | SYSCO Annual St. Helens   | Race down/ Cruise back                  |
| Sept. 1 - 3      | Labor Day Cruise          | Coon Isl.                               |
| Oct. 27 - 28     | Fall Colors Cruise        | Coon Isl.                               |

Making a phone call or emailing your plans for a cruise will often generate some interest and folks will often join you on short notice for an overnight or maybe a dinner cruise to Government Isl., and one of our favorites is to sail into Grandma's cove (Schooner Creek Boat Works) and anchor there for just dinner and often spend the night.

Bill Sanborn

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Life begins at 6 kts.



*Cruisers raft up and enjoy the day.*



# Changes

By Warren Dalby

Greetings from your new Race Committee chairman!

Well into the new year, the Race Captain/Vice Commodore position for SYSCO had not been filled. No one yet had volunteered to spend hours organizing race details, answering countless communications and then dealing with cranky people when things weren't perfect. Imagine that. Having enjoyed several years of racing in SYSCO events because someone else did volunteer, I thought it was my turn to return the favor. Having no clue as to what was involved, I raised my hand and said I'd give it my best and the Board approved. So, for better or worse, here we go.

Last October, the Race Captains from the Portland area clubs collaborated to update and standardize the race registration process and the OSCA Sailing Instructions. With the variety of interests and opinions on how things should be done this was, no doubt, not easy and must have taken quite a bit of cooperation and compromise on everyone's part. There aren't an overwhelming number of changes from past years but there are a few.

These are some of the things that caught my attention:

- Registration for racing will now be done online at <http://syscosailing.org> then go to "Race Registration." This link will be available for Spring Series registration by the end of February.
- Registration will end 48 hours prior to the first race. This is an actual **deadline**. According to our commodore, Mr. Michael 'Tough Love' Nance, there will be **no exceptions** – no matter how special you are.
- Supplemental Racing Instructions for the individual series will be posted online on the official notice board at <http://sailpdx.org>. We won't be trying to stuff soggy papers in the end of a PVC pipe anymore. Please check the website before you go to race.
- If you touch the Race Committee Boat or their anchor line you're done, DSQ'd. That's it, period. Just tell them you're sorry and go back to the dock.

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- The Race Committee may provide information on VHF channel 72. If you have a radio, monitor channel 72. If you don't have a radio, you might think about getting one; it's not a bad thing to have aboard a boat.
- If you decide to leave the race before you finish, please use your brand new radio to call the Race Committee on channel 72. This will save our committee boat volunteers from staying out really late on a school night waiting for you to show up.
- If there is a General Recall, that class will go to the end of the line and keep doing it again until they get it right. This actually isn't new for SYSCO events but will be for some of the other clubs.
- If the Race Committee decides to start a second race for the night, they will fly the second substitute. Remember what that looks like? It's a skinny blue and white isosceles triangle. The RC might even announce this on Channel 72 which can hear on your brand new VHF radio.
- This is a fun one so here it is verbatim: 44.1 & 44.2 are changed so that, for an infraction under Part 2 of the RRS that occur(s) more than three boat lengths from the starting line, a rounding mark, the finish line or an obstruction, only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.



Huh? This pertains more to the really fast boats in windy conditions. If you are in a competitive fleet going fast, doing two circles could take you from first place to last just like that. The Race Captains felt that some sailors might be choosing not to do two turns and instead risk the protest process and hoped this change would encourage one turn exonerations which would reduce the number of protests. That would be a good thing. For the slower boats on calmer days this should have less of an impact either way.

- Once again please take note that the registration for race events **will end 48 hours prior to the first race**. I am concerned that, being human, some SYSCO racer will forget, miss the deadline and then get very cranky when told they will not be able to participate. We want to avoid crankiness so please register earlier than later.

All of this and more is in the 2012 OCSA Racebook, which you all have in your personal library. You do have one, don't you? Whose twisted red spinnaker is that anyway?

One last thing.

When we're out on the river,

LET'S PLAY NICE!



# SYSCO Feb. 2012 Meeting Minutes

## From the Board

The SYSCO board meeting was held at Delta Park Elmer's on Feb. 6, 2012.

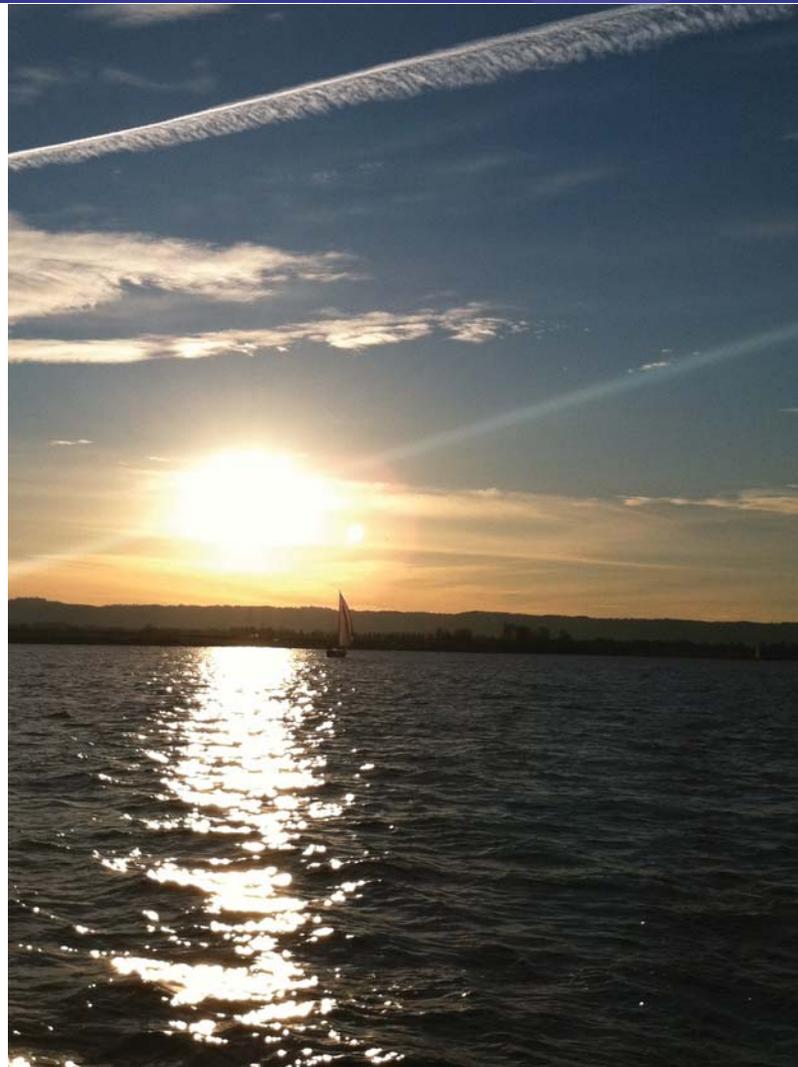
Present were: Michael Nance, Liz Nance, Jim Sinclair, Gary Bruner, Warren Dalby, Jan Burkhart, George Brown, Phil Campagna, Bill Brennan, Tod Bassham and David Long.

Commodore Michael Nance rapped the gravel at 7:04 p.m. and began with a welcome. The reading of the old minutes was dispensed with.

## Committee Reports

**Financial Report:** Treasurer Tod Bassham distributed a copy of the proposed budget for 2012. No changes from last month were reported. Money is coming in from new members and the sale of Race Books. Commodore Michael Nance recommended that the budget for Pancho II be raised from \$300 to \$1000. The new budget for Pancho II was approved by a unanimous vote.

**Membership:** Chair Jan Burkhart reports that memberships are coming in. Forty-two Members have joined or renewed. Jan talked about the February 15, 2012 early cutoff for the \$85 renewal/Join fee. After February 15, the price will be raised \$5 to \$90. Jan announced she will be sending an email to all of last year's members who have not renewed yet to inform them of the early bird price. The board also discussed the cut off date for the membership roster book. The cut off date was discussed for adding



members to the Membership book. April 1 was agreed upon by the board. Three new members were voted on and accepted into SYSCO. Congratulations to Brian Bracelin who owns a 31 Catalina "Brenda Kay," Rich Weber, who owns a Cal 20, "Green Eggs & Ham" and an associate member, Steven Nance.

**Racing:** Welcome new Race Chair Warren Dalby of the S/V Second Half! The board voted and accepted nomination of Warren. Jim Sinclair offered his boat





for the race committee for the Summer Solstice Race. Dave Paligo was offered up as the race committee boat for July 12. Gary Bruner said he might be available for July also. There was a discussion on where the Auto Horn is/was? It was reported that the Auto Horn was used by CYC for their summer series and has not been returned. Jim Sinclair said he would make some calls and try to find the horn.

*Pancho II:* Gary Bruner reports that Pancho will be up and running for the spring series. The new budget of \$1000 will be spent wisely on an external outdoor speaker for the VHF, life Jackets and some many needed repairs. Repairs are be completed by Bill Brennan.

*Program:* Chair Randall Poff was not present. No report.

*Old Business:* Commodore Michael Nance reported that the insurance was sent, paid and taken care of. Michael Nance also will call Chubb Insurance and inquire about the damage to Pancho II.

Boat show raffle was a great hit. A big thanks to Gary Bruner and the 17 volunteer boats. Gary reported that there were 17 winners who will be getting a free sail boat ride.

*New business:* There was a rumbling of voices expressing there disagreement of the change in the OCSA race book, sailing instructions, page 63, Instruction #13, Penalty System. A discussion on

rule RRS 44.1 and RRS 44.2 pursued. Commodore Michael Nance said he would promptly investigate and survey SYSCO and report back to the board at the March board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary David Long.



# Renew Your SYSCO Membership



AHOY! It is time to renew your SYSCO membership for 2012.

Renew now to avoid a late fee. You can easily renew online:

Visit: [www.syscosailing.org](http://www.syscosailing.org), then

1. Click on “Membership” at the top of the page
2. Click on the membership link at the bottom of the third paragraph
3. Choose “Renew An Existing Membership”
4. Type in your name and zip code. Click on “Submit.”
5. Complete the form, ensuring your information on record is correct. Member fee with a yacht is \$85. Associate Member no yacht is \$25. Mark to renew.
6. Choose your method of payment. If payment is by check, please mail check to:  
SYSCO  
P.O. Box 5502  
Portland, OR 97228

Thank you! You will receive an e-mail confirming your payment.

Questions?

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# OWSA 2012 Calendar



Price: \$12.50

Every month in this calendar features a different picture of OWSA women sailing events. Plus, it includes all the important sailing dates: classes, racing schedules, regattas, beer can races, meetings.... you will wonder how you lived without one.

Proceeds go to fund boat maintenance costs for the OWSA fleet.

These can be mailed for \$2. Place order with Jan Burkhart via [encountvid@aol.com](mailto:encountvid@aol.com) or call 503-701-5706.

