

# Starting Line



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# SYSCO

Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon

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# From the Commodore

By Michael Nance, Commodore



Wow! What a great fourth of July and perfect Summer weather on the Columbia river! We had giant American Flags flying on sailboats (Luscious), palm trees in dingys, sailing dingys out in the marinas,

BBQs and even a live band playing on K dock in Hayden Bay. There were also some stunning Sunsets and Moonrises all week long.

This week wraps up the SYSCO Summer Series with BBQs on the lawn at Tomahawk Bay on both Tuesday and Thursday nights. The SYSCO Columbia Crossings Cup is rapidly approaching on Saturday, August 11, 2012. Don't forget to register early at [syscosailing.org](http://syscosailing.org).

SYSCO and Columbia Crossings invite all boat skippers of one-design, level and cruising class fleets to compete on the Columbia River. The regatta will be a benefit for Columbia Riverkeepers. BBQ on the lawn at Tomahawk Bay after the races.

We also have the SYSCO Race & Cruise to St. Helen's August 25 - 26, 2012. SYSCO extends a cordial invitation to its members and their guests to participate in this fun race and cruise event on the Columbia River.

Fair Winds!

Michael Nance, Commodore

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# Race Committee Volunteers

By Warren Dalby (Race Committee)

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our race committee volunteers this season. Without your efforts, the rest of us would not have been able to enjoy the fun of racing.

To all the skippers who were willing to take their boats out and anchor them in the middle of a beehive of sailboats, thank you.

To all the crew who worked hard to get the details right, thank you.

To the Pancho helpers who collectively set and retrieved hundreds (at least it seemed like hundreds) of marks, thank you.

To those of you who did race committee twice or even three times, thank you.

To the volunteer who did race committee six times, thank you.

To those of you that jumped in at the very last minute, thank you.

And to Rich Jones who was there every time to orchestrate all of it, I thank you. Without our race committee volunteers, there would be no racing.

**THANK YOU!**



# SYSCO July 2012 Meeting Minutes

## From the Board

Attendees: Warren Dalby, Michael and Liz Nance, Lynn and Jeff Eastes, Bill Sanborn, Jim Sinclair, Rich Jones.

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Michael Nance July 2, at 7 p.m.

## Treasurer Report

The budget summary was submitted in writing by Tod Bassham, Treasurer, who was unable to attend this meeting. Sysco has 100 members, which is 15 fewer members than last year. There is a discrepancy between the number of memberships and the number of boats racing. Generally, one membership entitles the owner to one race registration. If an owner has two boats, an entry fee must be paid for the second boat.

Rich Jones has not been paid since the Solstice Regatta.

## Membership

Two new sailors joined in June. The Committee unanimously approved memberships for Mark Tolan and Jeffrey Crass.

## Poncho

There are no current issues with Poncho. All is working well.



## Program

Randall Poff was unable to attend the meeting but submitted a report in writing. It has been hard to put together a program monthly due to low attendance. The plan is to combine efforts between several yacht clubs and put on a quarterly program. PYC will allow Sysco to use their facility. This combined effort will likely result in better attendance.



## Vote

The motion was made to proceed with the combined programs. Sysco will send an email to the other club representatives. The motion was approved unanimously.

## Old Business

Bill Sandborn gave the cruising report. The Delta cruise is to Martin Pond then on to Cathlamet, then to Warren Slew. This cruise starts on July 28. Cruisers will return on Tuesday. There will be a Labor Day cruise to Beacon Rock. This will be a Saturday through Monday cruise. Jim Foster is in charge.

## Barbeque

Stephanie Rice is signing up people to help with the barbeque. She will be coordinating the barbeques this year.

## Ordering Commodore Burgees

Commodore, Vice Commodore and Past Commodore burgees have been ordered.

## PRO (Principle Race Officer)

Race Committee participation this year has been great.

Weekend regattas have been poorly attended. The group discussed the poor attendance and why this is occurring. A number of members have expressed concern about the races tying up the entire weekend. There was some discussion about stopping weekend races and resurrecting cruise/races or, having the races

on Saturday only, starting after 2 p.m. with no 5 p.m. limit.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.



# Beacon Rock Cruise

By Bill Sanborn

As the fill in Cruise Guy, I was asked by Jim Foster to talk up his plan to lead a Beacon Rock Cruise over the Labor Day Weekend. Jim said that he was tired of fighting current and the Rail Road Bridge to get home, so he wants to go up river. SYSCO has cruised there many times in the past and Washington Parks have made some improvements to the docks and facilities. And it always involves a hike to the top of the Rock for a great view of the Gorge.

Contact Jim via Email [trimaranjim@yahoo.com](mailto:trimaranjim@yahoo.com) or call at (503) 954-9843. If Jim finds some blackberries, your in for a real treat.

