

Oct / Nov 2019

SMALL YACHT SAILING CLUB OF OREGON

# STARTING LINE



Mount Hood in her full beauty as Myst prepares to round the windward mark.  
Photo by Dena Kent Photography

# FROM THE FRONT

## ANNA CAMPAGNA - COMMODORE

October and November are not sailing months for me and Phil. Our J/24 (Bite Me, a.k.a. the shark boat) comes out of the water at the end of September, and our Pacific Seacraft is too slow for racing on Sundays. Occasionally Phil or I will be asked to guest crew on somebody's boat, but typically fall and winter are for us a time to harvest the bounty of the garden, put up tomatoes, do some culinary foraging (wild mushrooms and quince) and go traveling.

This year we are going to travel Italy by car from tip to toe! We will start at Lago di Como and end up in Sicily, staying with friends and family along much of the route. Perhaps in January, lacking anything exciting to report about sailing, I can tell the story of our journey. We had a swell conclusion to the 2019 racing and cruising season with the annual Tropical Party, the OCSA Awards party in November that packs in a cocktail party, a great buffet, and awards given away in countless categories.

A big thank-you always goes to our Trophy Czar, Jim Shaw, for nailing it yet again with his trophy selections and careful attention to the details of three sailing series involving some 95 boats! You can see the results of the 2019 Summer Twilight Series in the Commodore's letter, later in this newsletter. I continue to be amazed by how hard SYSCO volunteers work, behind the scenes, to put on so many serious and fun sailing competitions and cruises on the river throughout the year.

As the season winds down, these same volunteers will be planning the racing calendar for 2020. Stay tuned to [sailpdx.org](http://sailpdx.org) for

information on the racing calendar and some excellent pre-season social events and educational opportunities.

As your Commodore again for 2020, I hope to ramp up our drive to Grow the Sport, and I urge all SYSCO sailors to look for opportunities to help us get ordinary Portlanders to experience sailing! Among the Saturday Beer Can races this year will be two dates specifically geared toward this goal. June 27 (RCYC Fly Your Flag Beer Can) and July 11 (SYSCO Grow the Sport).

I'm giving you ample notice to have those conversations with casual sailors you know, or those friends who comment on your cool SYSCO Sailing branded shirt - *You, too, can learn to sail!*

Please steer them to [me](http://me), or [sailpdx.org](http://sailpdx.org) - Passion Yachts - Island Sailing Club - OWSA - Fleet Night or The Pray for Wind Party, where they can meet up - crew-up - learn to sail.

Help us grow the sport that we all love so much!

*- Anna Campagna*



SYSCO Commodore, Anna Campagna, on the bow of Pancho as Phil Campagna, Pancho engineer, darts up and down the river abandoning the race for lack of wind.

# FROM THE REAR

**MICHAEL MORRISSEY, REAR COMMODORE**

---

## Sailing on Sunday

Sailing on Sunday (SOS) is in full swing and is as healthy and fun as ever. For those not familiar with SOS, it is open to all boats for a \$15 registration fee (for the whole season!) and run by the Corinthian Yacht Club (CYC) by volunteers. The season runs from mid-October to the beginning of March. There is usually a two-start format, the first at 1300 hrs for the PHRF boats and the second for all the other boats racing Level. It's a great way to train a new crew, sharpen your own skills, or just introduce friends to sailing.

Since most of the boats are in the Cruising, Level and PHRF classes, it's also a great opportunity for one-design sailors to get experience on larger boats. After we purchased our boat several years ago, we found SOS a great way to ease into sailing without the pressure of series racing. We would have crew try different positions, look at sail settings, and try sharpening our sailing skills from setting and dousing the chute to getting used to sailing in a current. It is also a delight to see the variety of boats gather for the start on a crisp Fall day.

Five years ago, there were some marvelous racing machines out on the water such as Riva, Panama Red, Anam Cara. It was thrilling (and sometimes intimidating) to be on the starting line or same leg of the course with these vessels. Every once in a while, you might even get ahead of them on a lucky puff that you would remember the rest of the week. This year's SOS races have tended toward light air in wonderfully dry conditions (so far), so it has been great practice for the Spring Series (minus the current). Portland Yacht Club (PYC) opens its doors after every SOS event for skippers and crews to gather to argue about what side of the course was best. It's a wonderful setting overlooking the marina and the river and a good way to finish out a Sunday afternoon.



Inching toward the finish line during a light air SOS. Photo by Michael Morrissey



# FROM THE REAR

**MICHAEL MORRISSEY, REAR COMMODORE**

## Changes for the 2020 SYSCO racing

Fall is always a time to reflect on the racing season for the SYSCO Board members, to discuss what worked, what could be improved, and what additions could be made. The biggest change for the 2020 season will be the addition of a Spring Series race. Traditionally, there was a bye-week early in the season to give space for the Oregon offshore races held in early May. On the suggestion of CYC officers, there will be no bye-week, so we will continue racing every Tuesday and Thursday until the beginning of July when a vacation bye-week occurs between the Summer and Twilight series.

The Short-handed Soaker is changed to just a Soaker (no short-handedness required) so get your water guns ready. The big event this next season will be the Ranger 20 Nationals held at the beginning of August. The fleet is hoping that 25 or more Rangers will show up for the event.

Grow the Sport will change this year and will be moved to a Saturday Beer Can event with a strong publicity push to get more sailors out on the water. The elephant in the room is the imbalance of the Tuesday and Thursday fleets. No simple solution here, and it has effectively been table for next year. Hopefully we can get more PHRF, Level, Martins and Merits out on Tuesday nights to raise the numbers to a more even split.

- *Michael Morrissey*



Beautiful skies and smooth water on a Sunday sail. Photo by Michael Morrissey



Thanks to all the volunteers who participated at the 2020 Portland Boat Show.

# RACING REPORT

## GREGG BRYDEN - RACE CAPTAIN

Wow, the 2019 SYSCO race season is in the record books. It's all over except for the trophy awards. Thanks to everyone who joined us at the OSCA Awards Party on 2 November to celebrate the many hard-fought wins garnered by some of the best sailors in the PNW.

**SYSCO Commodore's Trophy** is awarded to Oliver Kunz, Hot Dog, Cal 20. Best overall performance in a large fleet.

**SYSCO U.S. Sailing Sportsman of the Year** -- Doug Schenk and Eric Hopper for their valor, bravery, and quick thinking in connection with rescuing a sinking race boat and crew while serving on race committee, and for rendering assistance to more than one Race Committee boat in trouble.

**SYSCO Sailor of the Year** is awarded to Scott Stevenson for stepping up on countless occasions to provide an excellent Race Committee platform, and for all the contributions he makes to SYSCO and other clubs, especially for opening his boat to many new sailors in the area.

**The Columbia Crossings Cup** is awarded to Pamela Sesar, skipper of Misty, Cascade 36 for being first over the finish line on the long course of the Dual Bridge Duel.

Once again, I have to thank the legion of dedicated volunteers that keeps SYSCO racing so excellent. I'm looking forward to SYSCO 2020 racing. Feel free to contact me at [race\\_captain@sycosailing.com](mailto:race_captain@sycosailing.com) with your ideas on how we can keep making SYSCO racing the best.

-RC Gregg

SYSCO Spring Tuesday				
Fleet	First	Second		
Melges 24	MYST	APEX		
PHRF A+B	Lolita	Wildfire		
Martin 24	Bad Habit	Apple Pi		
Level	Misty			
PHRF C	Junkyard Dog	ELIXIR		
Merit 25	OB1	Kestrel		
SYSCO Spring		Thursday		
Fleet	First	Second	Third	Fourth
J-24	Deadbeat	Bite Me		
Cal 20	Hot Dog	Checkride	Gwaihir	Coho
Cruising B	River Weasel	Vaporware		
Cruising C	Aventura	Blewstreak		
Ranger 20	Thunder Pig	Papagayo	Four Sail	
Catalina 22	Paula Jean			

# UPCOMING EVENTS

---

## March 21

RCYC Frostbite Regatta

## April 4-5

PYC Opening Day Regatta

## April 9

WSC Opening Day

## April 11-12

CGRA/NWICSA Rainier Cup Regatta

## April 18

SYSCO COB Challenge

## April 25-26

YBYC Spring Regatta

**Fleet Night** on February 18, 6:30-8 pm at Willamette Sailing Club  
**Pray for Wind Party** on March 8, 3 to 7 pm at Portland Yacht Club  
**SYSCO Race Clinic** on Thursday, April 9th at the Food Innovation Center  
 Visit [sailpdx.org](http://sailpdx.org) for details.

## Complete Calendar

1/5-3/15, Sun	CYC Sailing on Sunday Series
2/9-2/16, Sun	VLSC Frostbite Series
2/16-4/5, Sun	WSC Winter Race Series
3/8-3/29, Sun	VLSC Spring Sunday Series
3/23-9/28, Mon	ISC Monday Night Racing Series
3/31-5/19, Tues	VLSC Spring Tuesday Series
4/20-5/25, Mon	WSC Spring Laser Series
4/21-5/26, Tues	SYSCO Spring Evening Series
4/22-5/27, Wed	WSC Spring Fleet Series
4/23-5/28, Thur	SYSCO Spring Evening Series

FEATURING

# SAILING ENTHUSIAST | PHOTOGRAPHER

## DENA KENT

---

View all of Dena's shots of the 2019 season at  
[www.denakentphotography.com](http://www.denakentphotography.com)





# SYSCO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

---

OCTOBER 7TH, 2019

---

Attendees: Gregg Bryden, Michael Morrissey, Bruce Newton, Scott Stevenson, Jeff Eastes, Lynn Eastes, Denny Damore, Thomas MacMenemy, Jan Burkhardt

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Michael Morrissey at 7:00 pm

Racing report: Gregg Bryden

- Racing season has wrapped up. Pancho is out of the water. Pancho is in pretty good shape. There are a few maintenance items, such as bottom paint, that need to be done. The outboard motor is in good condition.
- Trophy list is wrapped up for the upcoming awards party. For the newsletter, we will publish the awards list.
- OCSA calendar meeting is October 29<sup>th</sup>. Before that time, SYSCO needs to determine which events we will be running and the proposed dates. Discussion about events:

Grow the Sport: Are we going to do this again? Last year Bruce spearheaded it, and it was a great deal of work. We need a volunteer to take the lead if we are going to repeat it (Bruce is willing to assist the lead person). We barely had enough boats this year, so if we do it again, we will have to get more boats.

Action: Michael and Anna will represent SYSCO at the calendar meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Action: Denny will take the Grow the Sport list and reach out to the people who participated and see if we can get some of them to do Sailing on Sunday

- Denny proposed that we eliminate the bye week for the Delta Cruise and the Offshore week. Denny argues that it no longer makes sense to have these bye weeks because very few SYSCO racers participate in either event. There were only two boats who were racing who participated in the Delta Cruise.

Action: The Board expressed support for the Race Captain to schedule races for Offshore Week. The Board felt the midsummer rest week should be retained for 2020 because of the Ranger 20 Nationals is being held that week.

We need to reassign fleets to different nights at some time because there is a very disproportionate number racing on Tuesday versus Thursday. This is in the Notices of Race, so will have to be finalized by Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.

Action: Gregg will send out a more definitive proposal to the membership about moving fleets between Thursday and Tuesday nights and request comments..

- Discussion about SYSCO specific special awards for the Awards Banquet
- US Sailing Association Sportsmanship Award
- Commodore's award
- SYSCO Sailor of the year award



# SYSCO BOARD MEETING MINUTES CONT'D

---

OCTOBER 7TH, 2019

---

Membership Report: Jan Burkhardt

- No change 118 members – \$280 additional revenue from late fees
- Discussion about late fees. A significant number of individuals pay SYSCO dues late and pay the \$10 late fee. We have not seen an increase in our membership numbers in several years. Discussion about the fact that fees are included in the bylaws. Denny suggested changing the bylaws to allow for fee increases or decreases without it having to be approved by members. Denny suggests that fees should be at the discretion of the Board members. He suggests changing this at the member meeting. Do we need more revenue? No, we just want members to sign up earlier. The bylaws change would allow for more flexibility for the Board to raise or lower fees, depending on the need.

Action: Anna, Gregg, Michael will decide whether to propose a bylaw change that would remove the fee structure from the bylaws. If there is proposed change it would need to be voted on by the membership at the November General Meeting.

Treasurer Report: Scott Stevenson

- Currently SYSCO has in the bank: Checking \$3280, Savings \$5130 for a total of \$8410
- We should be able to put about \$1500 in the Pancho Emergency Reserve (savings) this year

Action: None

Newsletter/Webmaster/Marketing report No report this month

Other Business:

- Denny is trying to meet with PYC about the Pray for Wind event. Last year we did it in February, which was dictated by PYC. Denny would prefer to do it in March. Bruce suggested that April might be a better time since it is much closer to the sailing season. Consensus of the group was to try and get dates in April, with March as the second choice.

Action: Denny will meet with PYC and request dates in April, with March as the second choice.

# SYSCO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

---

NOVEMBER 4TH, 2019

---

Attendees: Anna Campagna, Jeff Eastes, Bill Sanborn, Michael Morrissey, Scott Stevenson, Gary Bruner, Warren Dalby, Jan Burkhardt, Bruce Newton, Dennis Damore, Kris Amundson, Heidi Brown

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Anna Campagna at 7:00 pm

Update on OCSA Party: Bruce Newton was congratulated on an excellent OCSA party. Kris and Heidi prepared all of the baskets. The new format was well received. There were 170 people in attendance. Next year, the party will be held at PYC. This was an OCSA board decision. PYC will waive the rental fee. The 2020 party will be earlier next year on October 17th, 2020.

Action: None required

## Racing report:

- OCSA calendar meeting took place
- Fleet night is scheduled for Feb 18th, 2020 at Willamette Sailing Club
- Spring Series will now be 6 weeks long
- The only off week will be 7/5-7/11 between Summer and Twilight series
- Grow the Sport - we still need a point person if we are going to do this event
- Discussion about having Grow the Sport as a Beer Can Race
- Discussion about holding Beer Can races on Sundays but decided Saturday is a better fit
- PYC introduction to Racing with chalkboard and on-the-water training will be held on 3/28
- Discussion about shifting fleets in order to better balance Tuesday and Thursday nights. Identifying the best fleet to move is fraught with concerns. This will need to be determined before the December 1 deadline for the Racebook
- Page 23 of the racebook will be updated for the SYSCO fleet list which is mainly used to determine Race Committees.
- Cal 20s representative volunteered extra RC duties if needed
- 7/28 will be The Short-handed Soaker. Will change to just The Soaker race.
- SYSCO barbecue will be June 30 and July 2.

# SYSCO BOARD MEETING MINUTES CONT'D

---

NOVEMBER 4TH, 2019

---

## Membership Report: Jan Burkhardt

- No change 118 members
- Discussion about the need to change the bylaws to allow the board to change fees, etc. This will require a vote of the membership to change the bylaws. Michael made a motion to put this before the membership. The board needs control for emergency situations and should be able to have the flexibility to handle financial issues
- We need to have a special meeting to vote on the bylaws change and there must be a notice to general membership of 7-50 days.
- We need to communicate better about signing up for SYSCO membership on time. A fair number of boats wait to the last minute, paying the late fee. This can be problematic for the Race Captain in scheduling fleets and start sequence.
- A special SYSCO general membership meeting will be held in January 2020 to have the membership vote on these changes.
- For January 2020 meeting, we will have Phillip Martindale who will do the 2020 Race to Alaska be a guest speaker
- A mid December email will go out about this special membership meeting

## Treasurer Report: Scott Stevenson

- Currently SYSCO has in the bank: Checking \$1547, Savings \$5132 for a total of \$6677
- We should be able to put about \$1100 in the Pancho Emergency Reserve (savings) this year

## Officers for 2020

- The same officers will continue in their roles for 2020. A motion for approval was made by Bill Sanborn and seconded by Denny. Unanimous approval
- Discussion about 2 year terms

## Newsletter and Website

- We will skip November and December newsletters and start again in Jan 2020
- New web host has been very successful.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm