

MARCH 2023

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SMALL YACHT SAILING CLUB OF OREGON STARTING LINE



Photo by Dena Kent

March Madness

Is March a crazy month for you? It is for me in spite of the fact that it is the month to which I look forward after the typical January/February long nights and wet days. It's the month when we start to see flickers of spring here. Crocus, daffodils, and tulips are budding out. I see new growth on the hydrangeas. I can consider taking the ficus tree out of the house and on to the deck for some real, direct sunshine and fresh air without the threat of snow – uh, except for this year. While admiring the emerging flowers I'm gearing up for the upcoming racing, teaching clinics, getting ready to pull Three Stooges, the Cal 20, from the Garlic Barn in Hillsboro, and anticipating all the myriad of other prep work on the boat and within the fleets to kickstart this year.

Are you ready? Did you attend the Race Management Clinic? You can get the PDF on [SYSCOsailing.org](https://syscosailing.org) under resources. Are you up for attending the SYSCO Race Clinic on the 25th? What about your boat? Have you checked the rigging and put a new bottom on it? Is all the winter crud off of it? What about your crew? Are they writing the race schedule in their phones? Do you need new crew? We can help you get connected. The point is not to be a Last Minute Louie or Louise. Get started now. If you need specific questions answered or are uncertain about races or boat prep, don't hesitate to email the commodore and if we don't know, we'll find someone who does.

Alright a couple of notes:

- The sale of Pancho to Vancouver Lake Sailing Club is a done deal and the new mark boat is ready to splash in a week or so. It needs a name. Send your ideas to commodore@syscosailing.org.
- Wanna drive the new boat? We will likely have a mark boat training in April. Look for it on [SYSCOsailing.org](https://syscosailing.org) or sailpdx.org.
- SYSCO Race Clinic is March 25 at 10:00 a.m. at PYC.
- SYSCO Crew Overboard Race is April 1. Sign up at Sailpdx.

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DENNIS DAMORE – COMMODORE

- SYSCO Spring Series start for Tuesdays on April 18 and for Thursdays on April 20. THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 48 HOURS AHEAD OF THE RACE!

That's it for now.

See you on the river,

Denny Damore

SYSCO Commodore



Photo by Michelle Bennett

RACING REPORT

DENNIS DAMORE-INTERIM RACE CAPTAIN

Help! *

Help! We need somebody
Help! Not just anybody
Help! You know we need someone
Help!
When we were younger, so much younger than today
We never needed anybody's help in any way
But now these days are gone and we're not so self assured...
Help!

With all due respect and apologies to the Beatles, we need someone to be SYSCO Race Captain. Michelle Bennett, who BTW has close to 40 years of volunteering for every kind of flag officer and committee chair in almost every club on the river, has had to step down for personal reasons. It was a difficult choice for her because she never backs down from a challenge, but health and family come first in my book, and I'm sure in yours, where sailboat racing is concerned. She's done a ton of the heavy lifting over the past several months and so whomever steps up to this position will have a significant amount of the pre-season work out of the way. Plus, Gregg Bryden is the rear commodore (previously Race Captain and Commodore), I have held down the Race Captain position for 2 years, and Philip Martindale has been the Thursday night coordinator for 3 years. The support pool is huge.

What is the job? At this point it is primarily ensuring that there is a fully staffed race committee for all the SYSCO races. The Tuesday (Brian Haveman) and Thursday (Philip) coordinators are the first line of communications to the fleets. They coordinate RCs. If for some reason there is a hole in the lineup that they can't coordinate, those needs get bucked up the chain to the Race Captain. There are some other races like the St. Helen's Race and Cruise where the RC finds a couple of people to just start the race or do a more complete race committee on something like the Crew Overboard. But the bulk of the race committee coordination is handled by the Tuesday/Thursday coordinators. There's also race result reporting to Gary Whitney.

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DENNIS DAMORE-INTERIM RACE CAPTAIN

The position takes a person who can juggle details and make some contacts either by phone or email. The mark boat is handled by someone else. The scoring by Gary is as noted above. I estimate the time commitment of 1 to 2 hours per week (4+ hours per month) starting mid-April until the first week in September.

Will you help? Without a Race Captain... well, I perish the thought. Drop me a note at commodore@sycosailing.org

See you on the river,

Denny Damore

Former, and Now Interim, SYSCO Race Captain



Photo by Anna Campagna

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SYSCO'S New Mark/Safety Boat Needs a New Name!

Now is the time for all good Sailors to get creative! In addition to retiring Pancho III the boat, the SYSCO Board feels that it is time to update the name of our new Mark/Safety Boat. This is ***your club boat*** so please send us your *great* boat name idea *for the ages* (i.e., don't bother sending us any Boaty Mc anything). Email your perfect entry to Commodore@SyscoSailing.org.

Sponsor SYSCO's new mark boat!

Our yet-to-be-named Mark Boat is looking for a sponsor to help defray the cost of moorage, fuel, and maintenance. For the mere sum of \$500 per year, you can get the name of your business/website on one side of our beautiful Boston Whaler that gets lots of eyeball time on the water. We will also recognize your sponsorship on our website, in newsletters, and other SYSCO communications. For more information contact Commodore@SyscoSailing.org.



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SYSCO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 9, 2023

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Zoom meeting 5:30 pm

Attendees: Sloan Kimball, Denny Damore, Cheryl Watson, Melissa Cearlock, Michelle Bennett, Mark Salhomes, Jacqueline Pitter, Bruce Newton, Rick Samuels, Gregg Bryden, Dan Petrin, Brian Haverman, Michael Morrissey

Commodore's Report:

Communication/Website: Melissa Cearlock is the person responsible for the website. Anna and Melissa consulted on the website and while we may do a major overhaul in the future, it will not happen immediately.

New Mark Boat – Poncho: The new boat has been purchased and the old Poncho is sold, although the deal has not been cash finalized. That is expected shortly. New Poncho needs a name. It is basically the same boat with a bigger engine. The bench seat was changed out for more height to allow for the larger, 20 gallon, fuel tank. The Poncho team has been working on the gear. The target date for launch is the Wed before April 1st. Poncho training will be in April. Michelle requested April 8th. Sloan will check with Scott and the insurance company to make certain we have insurance coverage for the new boat, and not the old.

Race Management Clinic: This went well with 40 people in attendance. It was a 2 hour session led by Dennis with demonstrations by Gregg and Michelle. The PDF of this meeting is already published.

Pray for Wind: Went well, but changes in process and marketing are projected for next year.

Safety at Sea: It is scheduled for March 19th in Vancouver and is currently fully subscribed.

Lifesling Zoom: This is an RCYC and PYC event. Date March 15

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Sailing on Sundays – Chili Cook-off: After the last Sailing on Sundays race, March 12. Bill Sanborn is driving the event at PYC.

Crew Overboard (April 1): Michelle is coordinating this race committee.

Treasurer's report: See attached Treasurer's report. There is a 4-6 week lag between when people pay SYSCO dues and when Regatta Network sends us the money. So we will often have an underestimate of our members.

Vice Commodore/Race Captain's Report:

Fleet Captains are partially in place. PHRF still needs a person.

RC Duty will be finalized and posted.

Membership Report- sent out by Carisa earlier, appears below.

"We have 3-4 new members to vote on

1. Shancy Holland, full member, Pick Pocket Catalina 22, reports racing and sailing for 20+ years, she is on OWSA board and in charge of Education at OWSA.

2. Scott Jones, full member. Ratty, a Ranger 20. 3 years sailing, 1 year racing.

3. Jan Steinbock, associate member. Has sailed for 9 years and raced for 7 years. No boat.

4. On Your Mark, which is a 501c 3 that owns Wild Women signed up for a SYSCO membership. It lists Karen Anderson's address, and Edie Felix's email address, tho neither of their names appear on the membership. I don't know if this is a problem, or if our bylaws require a person, but I am happy to look into it. We took their money for a full membership. It doesn't look like they have signed up this way before. They need to be voted in, so not sure if you want to do this during the meeting, or get a reading of the bylaws first.

We currently list 62 members. A LOT signed up before the late fee, 20! So that works."

All four were voted upon and approved.

Fleet Reports

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Cal 20 (Michelle Bennett) - All good. Fleet on track for 12 or so boats to race.

Melges (Brian Haveman) - One boat, A Demaine, is leaving the area, but two new ones will be racing.

J-24 (Denny) - Island Sailing Club has another J-24 bringing their total to 4. Three are registered for Spring Series.

ISC (Denny)- Dennis met with Stephen Frankland and Peter Albertson regarding the upcoming season. They are on board for racing and RC duty.

OWSA (Michelle Bennett) - Their spring basic sailing classes are coming up.

Level - No report

J-105 (Denny) - Free Bowl of Soup is up for sale. They are moving to a larger boat. That will leave 3 J-105s unless the new owner is from Portland/Vancouver.

Ranger 20 (Jacqueline Pitter) - All quiet

Merit (Michael Morrissey/Bruce Newton) – They have two boats: Goldrush and Monster Z. Fleet lost Rio, which was sold to a person up north.

PHRF - No report

Respectfully submitted –

Cheryl Watson

SYSCO Secretary

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SYSCO 2023 Account Balances - As of 2/28/2023

Account	1/31/2023 Balance	2/28/2023 Balance
Bank Accounts		
SYSCO Checking	2,640.26	3,526.65
SYSCO Reserve	14,102.01	6,602.52
TOTAL Bank Accounts	16,742.27	10,129.17
OVERALL TOTAL	16,742.27	10,129.17

Category	Jan Budget	Feb Budget	Mar Budget	Apr Budget	May Budget	June Budget	July Budget	Aug Budget	Sept Budget	Oct Budget	Nov Budget	Dec Budget	Total Budget
Income													
SYSCO Membership													
FULL	3,400	4,200	1,000	1,800	210	130	130	130	-	-	-	-	11,000
ASSOCIATE	100	100	100	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400
Membership Income	3,500	4,300	1,100	1,900	210	130	130	130	-	-	-	-	11,400
SYSCO Misc Income	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200
SYSCO Race Income	-	-	-	-	200	200	200	200	200	200	-	-	1,200
SYSCO Bank Interest	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	10
INCOME	3,701	4,301	1,101	1,901	411	331	331	331	200	201	-	1	12,810
Expenses													
SYSCO Admin Expense	800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	800
SYSCO Association Expense	225	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	225
SYSCO Bank Chgs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SYSCO Boat Show Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SYSCO CC Dry Storage	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	100	100	1,000
SYSCO Credit Card Fee	130	170	40	110	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	450
SYSCO Donations, Ads	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SYSCO Fleet Events	15	15	15	15	20	20	20	20	15	15	15	15	200
SYSCO Insurance	-	-	3,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,400
SYSCO Meeting, Clinics, BBQ	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	2,000
SYSCO Membership, Burgees, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SYSCO Pancho, Moorage, Fuel, etc.	-	-	500	250	250	250	250	250	250	-	-	-	2,000
SYSCO Race Income Expense.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SYSCO Racing, Marks, PRO, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SYSCO Trophies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,500	-	4,500
SYSCO Website	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Total Expenses	1,350	265	4,035	455	1,350	350	350	1,350	345	95	4,615	115	14,675
Net Income	2,351	4,036	(2,934)	1,446	(939)	(19)	(19)	(1,019)	(145)	106	(4,615)	(114)	(1,865)