

Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon

PO Box 5502, Portland, OR 97228

www.syscosailing.org

— MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION —

The Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon (SYSCO) was formed in 1978 as a non-profit organization to promote one-design and level class sailboat racing and cruising, primarily among boats in the 18 to 35-foot range, and to educate its members in racing skills through a program of racing, educational sessions, and club meetings.

SYSCO believes that the best and fastest way to learn to sail is through racing. Racing gives the sailor a continuous input of ways to sail faster and to handle the boat more safely. SYSCO also provides guidance in the rules of the road, teamwork, and sportsmanship. As the river becomes more crowded, these factors become more important. SYSCO believes the most important thing about sailing is that it be fun and safe, and that the best way to achieve these goals is through racing. SYSCO conducts race management clinics and race rules/tactics clinics annually.

SYSCO emphasizes one-design racing because it is easier for a novice sailor to understand one-design racing, as opposed to a handicap system. And, one-design racing lowers the cost of racing your boat, while providing a true test of sailing skills instead of boat ratings. SYSCO is a member of the Pacific International Yachting Association (PIYA) and the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing). SYSCO is recognized by the Oregon Corinthian Sailing Association (OCSA), and maintains contact with other racing clubs in the Pacific Northwest to coordinate racing schedules. As part of its own racing program, SYSCO sponsors two series of evening races (Spring Series and Summer Series), SYSCO Solstice Regatta, and SYSCO St. Helens Race & Cruise (2 day event). Racing fees for those events are included with your SYSCO membership.

The Board of Directors meets monthly to handle club business. Fleet captains are voting officers, and members are always welcome. In addition, SYSCO hosts a Fleet Night in January, to allow the members of each one-design, or level fleet, to meet and elect a fleet captain, and learn about SYSCO racing. In February, SYSCO hosts Chateau SYSCO, a social and educational event. In March, SYSCO provides a race clinic to get new and experienced racers ready for the season. And, finally, in October, the SYSCO Annual Awards Banquet celebrates the end of the season and honors the competitors and volunteers that make it all happen.

SYSCO is very proud of its monthly newsletter. The club uses every opportunity to communicate with the membership by email, and encourages each member to receive the newsletter by email.

SYSCO sponsors a number of cruising events, including many weekend cruises to destinations along the Willamette and Columbia rivers. One traditional cruise, the "Delta Cruise", occurs mid-summer when members spend a week cruising and exploring the lower Columbia River delta area, and various sloughs, channels, and protected bays along the way.

SYSCO is a do-it-yourself organization. Members are encouraged to volunteer for work projects, committees, and race committee duty. Volunteers are always needed for mark boat maintenance, membership, social, newsletter, and many other club activities.

If SYSCO sounds like the group for you, submit your application on-line at syscosailing.org, or complete and sign the attached application and return it, with your check, to: SYSCO, PO Box 5502, Portland, OR 97228. Your application will be presented to the Board of Directors at its next monthly meeting.

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— MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION —

Regular Membership is open to any person and spouse or domestic partner who:

- 1) Are over 18 years of age;
- 2) Reside in the same household; and,
- 3) Own a ballasted keel sailboat, or a trimaran or a power boat.

Associate Membership is open to any person and spouse or domestic partner who:

- 4) Are over 18 years of age;
- 5) Reside in the same household; and,
- 6) Do not own a boat as in (3) above

Regular Membership dues are \$85.00 per year.

Associate Membership dues are \$25.00 per year.

Name: _____ Spouse/Partner: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Boat Model/Length _____ Boat Name _____

Sail Number _____ Years you have sailed _____ Years you have raced _____

I understand that membership requires that I agree to undertake up to eight hours of Club duty per year. Please select two (or more) choices from the list below:

- ☐ **Banquet Planning:** Planning, decorating, clean up, etc.
- ☐ **Boat Show:** Running the SYSCO booth, answering questions, promoting SYSCO, etc. in 3-4 hour shifts
- ☐ **Fleet Captain:** Organize fleet race committee duties and communicate with individual level fleet members, etc.
- ☐ **Mark Boat:** Running Pancho during races, setting marks, etc.
- ☐ **Membership Data:** Accepting memberships & renewals, record keeping & communication. Membership book creation and publication.
- ☐ **Newsletter:** Organizing and publishing the monthly online newsletter "The Starting Line"
- ☐ **Pancho Maintenance:** Simple repairs, refueling, launching and retrieval of the mark boat. Care of marks.
- ☐ **Race Committee:** Helping to run races during the spring and summer series or regattas on weekends.
- ☐ **Secretary:** Voting member of the board. Taking minutes at board meetings, general correspondence.
- ☐ **Social Events Chair:** Chief organizer/task delegator for events that involve SYSCO provided food/drink. Other events include Fleet Night, Chateau Social, season-ending barbeques, and caterer/venue decisions and duties for the annual Awards party.
- ☐ **Treasurer:** Voting member of the board. Control of SYSCO funds, creating a budget, writing checks, etc.
- ☐ **Website:** Keep SYSCO website running efficiently, update information, publicity, etc.

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP: I certify that I meet the requirements of membership, as set out above, and hereby apply for membership in the Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon. Upon election to membership by the Board of Directors, I agree to abide by the Club bylaws and, in return, I expect to enjoy all the benefit and rights of Club membership.

Complete form and submit with payment to any board member or send to the mailing address above.

Date: _____ Signature: _____