

Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon
PO Box 5502 Portland OR 97228
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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 that 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 (USSA). 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 Spring Regatta, SYSCO One-Design Regatta, and SYSCO St. Helens Race & Cruise (a two-day event). Racing fees for those events are included with your SYSCO membership.

SYSCO general meetings are educational, with guest speakers and presentations, with a general exchange of racing and cruising ideas. Our general meetings are open to all, and serve as an opportunity for us to meet and catch up.

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.

If SYSCO sounds like the group for you, 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 sailboat.

Regular Membership dues are \$70.00 per year.

Associate 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) do not own a sailboat.

Associate Membership dues are \$25.00 per year.

Name _____ Spouse/Partner _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address(es) _____

Home Telephone _____ Business Telephone _____

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 no more than eight hours of Club duty, if asked by any of the officers. Specifically, though, I would like to devote my volunteer time to:

_____ Fleet Captain _____ Annual Banquet _____ Race Management/Committee

_____ Protest Jury _____ Cruising _____ Pancho Maintenance

_____ Newsletter _____ Boat Show Booth _____ General Meeting Program

Other _____

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 of the benefit and rights of Club membership.

Date: _____

Signature _____