



Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon

SYSCO

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Founded in 1978, the mission of the Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon (SYSCO) is to provide Columbia River sailors the opportunity for racing, cruising, and recreating at modest cost. SYSCO currently has over 135 members and is Oregon's largest sailboat racing and cruising club. Its membership is comprised of a number of level, one-design, and handicapped fleets, of many different types of boats. The "small" in "Small Yacht Sailing Club" represents the minimal cost to join and enjoy club benefits; self-righting monohulls or trimarans of any size are welcome. Membership dues are only \$120 per year and fund a full year of racing, cruises, educational events, and monthly newsletters. SYSCO has no initiation fees, and members pay no entry fees for Club-sponsored races. SYSCO-sponsored races consist of level, one-design, cruising class, and handicapped competition in three weeknight series in the spring and summer (five or six weeks long), plus several weekend regattas. While the Club takes buoy racing seriously, SYSCO is also known for fun and innovative races including the fiasco-style Dual Bridge Duel, the infamous race/cruise rally to St. Helens, the SYSCO Short-Handed Soaker, as well as the Crew Overboard Challenge. SYSCO is not just about racing; the Club is equally focused on engaging the sailing community. The Club's cruising events include a week-long trip to the Columbia River delta in late July and casual weekend excursions throughout the summer and fall. Social and educational events include Fleet Night in January and the Race Clinic in March. For more information please visit www.syscosailing.org, or drop us a line at membership@syscosailing.org.

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SYSCO Fleets and Racing Options

SYSCO offers a variety of racing options. If you would prefer not to fly a spinnaker, the Cruising Fleet races on Thursdays and registrants are divided into several classes (e.g., Cruising A, Cruising B, etc.) based on relevant factors such as ratings for the type of boat, the observed performance of local boats, and the number of registrants. Three or more boats of the same model can race as a One-Design Fleet. SYSCO currently has nine one-design fleets. Skippers can request to race boat-to-boat in Level Fleets formed based on the factors described above. This option is especially useful for racers that want to fly a spinnaker and do not have a PHRF-NW Rating Certificate. Finally, racers that do have a certificate can request to race using PHRF handicap correction.

Members of SYSCO are also members of the Fleet that they typically race within. Fleets are an important part of SYSCO. Fleets are responsible for serving as the race committee on their assigned dates. Fleets often socialize together and hold other activities such as boat work parties. The boats listed in each Fleet below are examples and not exclusive of other types of boats. One-design Fleets are shown in bold with a fleet designation in parentheses. In some cases these Fleet assignments serve mostly to organize race committees and placement in divisions for individual racing events may be different.

Fleet A: Sport Boat Class, PHRF 135 and faster: **J/105 (A1)**, **Melges 24 (A2)**, Mumm/Farr 36 and 30, J/109, Flying Tiger 10

Fleet B: Displacement Boat Class, PHRF 135 and faster: New York 36, Thomas 35, Beneteau 36, Olson 29 and 30, Olson 34, J 29

Fleet C: **PHRF 136-160:** Cascade 36, C&C 34, J-30, Santa Cruz 27, S2-34

Fleet D: PHRF 161-185: **Martin 24 (D1)**, **Merit 25 (D2)**, **J-24 (D3)**, **Moore 24 (D4)**, Cal 9.2, Kalik 30, Pearson 34, C&C 30, Beneteau 29

Fleet E: **PHRF 186-214:** Erickson 32, Catalina 30, Hunter 30, Tartan 30, Cal 29, SJ-28, Morgan 27, T-Bird, Capri 25, C&C 27, Islander 28, Santana 23

Fleet F: **PHRF 215-239:** Albin 7.9, Cal 2-24, Cal 27 and 28, MacGregor 26, Ranger 23 and 24, Catalina 25, 27, and 28, Pearson 26, C&C 25

Fleet G: **PHRF 240-277:** San Juan 26, MacGregor 25, Hunter 25, Cal 22 and 23, Santana 20

Fleet H: **PHRF 278 and slower:** Cal 20 (H1), Catalina 22 (H2), Ranger 20 (H3), Venture 21 (H4)

Fleet I: Multi-hulls: F-24, F-27, Corsair (x)

Cruising Fleet: any boat that wishes to race without flying sails (spinnaker)