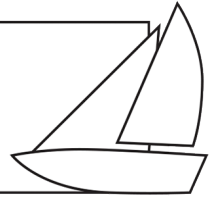


# SYSCO Delta Cruise July 30 - August 7



## INVITATION TO CRUISE

**INVITATION:** SYSCO invites all sailors to join in some or all of a cruise to the Columbia River Delta

**DESCRIPTION:** The Columbia River runs through a well-defined gorge as it passes thru the Coast Range toward the ocean. A line drawn between Bradwood and Cathlamet marks the end of the River as it then fills into several channels between low Islands that form the Delta area (see chart #18523) with the main dredged channel along the North shore. The River then joins several other smaller rivers forming four bays in the Astoria area, and finally, it drains into The Pacific thru the Columbia River Bar. Our journey is into the islands of the Delta area, and across the Bays to Astoria.

**DATES AND TIMES:** Each boat may follow its own Float Plan. We meet on the last Saturday of July (30 July this year) at Martin Island, and your cruise officially begins when you join the raft up there. Sunday we will motor, sail, or get towed to Cathlamet where we get showers, have a major party, refresh ice, and resupply for Warren Slough. Monday morning on the dock is always a lot of discussions of what time do we depart Cathlamet for crossing to Devils Elbow at Horseshoe Island, and for 2022 a high tide of 7.2 feet is at 5:27 PM so our goal is to be thru Devils Elbow by 4:30. We will then arrive at the lonely piling (aka: "SYSCO's Out-Station") in Warren Slough for a major raft up.

### THIS IS NOT A STRUCTURED CRUISE

Each boat follows their individual Float Plan and has the option to choose where they want to spend their time.

**CAUTION:** Be aware of water depth when leaving the Main Channel of the river and know that there is a typical 5 to 7 foot tide change. Over time the river has moved the bottom sand and charted depths of the area are not always current, and some buoys have not been relocated to where they should be, or have been removed. We have learned the safe routes for transit with a 6 foot keel, after our surveys made during low tide with dingy and kayak.

*Join us for the Sunday, July 31 Potluck Party in Cathlamet!*

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