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Hello fellow SSS sailors. I am your new commodore for the 05-06 seasons. I would like to welcome you to another fun year of racing. For the upcoming years we, on the board will do our best to continue the SSS tradition of providing exciting and challenging bay and ocean racing for short handed sailors. Along with informative and educational lectures and seminars on our sport. As a matter of fact we would like to grow the lectures and seminars into something bigger and better. If you have any suggestions for topics or speakers or would like to be a speaker your self, please contact me. I believe the SSS puts more into the education of its members than any other adult sailing group. I for one have learned a great deal from others in this organization that have been willing to share there hard earned knowledge.

We get together as a group more often (per race) than most other groups. We meet for skippers meetings before every race, and then get together for the awards presentations after every race. Some of our races are destination races like the Half Moon Bay and the Vallejo 1 and of course the Trans Pac. At these we get together on the beach, or the host club or at somebodys rented house to talk about the race, have a drink and just be with one another. Then there are all the seminars for the Long Pac and Trans Pac races.

The SSS is serious and challenging racing, yet we don't have a lot of yelling and screaming nor do we have a lot of protests. When a racer needs help they may find more than one competitor coming to there aid. It is racing not for the win at any cost,(not that there's any thing wrong with that) but to have fun and challenge your self. I have found the racers in the SSS to be, welcoming, friendly, helpful and encouraging.

These are the things I love about the SSS. That and the T-shirts, and this is why I have decided it was time to give back and volunteer to help out. We always seem to be in need of volunteers, I hope you will consider taking part in a race committee, or to be a speaker at a meeting or to contribute to the news letter. This is a volunteer club. Every thing that has ever happened with the SSS has been because somebody volunteered to make it happen. You don't need any experience for any of these jobs, heck I've never been a commodore before and I didn't work my way up the ladder. So please think about helping out to keep our club going.

Best wishes for your 05 season

Phil MacFarlane