



### Hints for a successful 2005 SSS racing season

1. Read the Sailing Instructions! Every year they are modified. Skippers are responsible for knowing the Sailing Instructions and any changes to the Instructions that may be presented at the skippers meeting.
2. Completing a Membership Application and joining the SSS for the year is cheaper than paying individual race entry fees, since the race fees for the whole season are covered by your annual membership fee. However, **you still need to complete a Race Entry Form for each race you enter.**
3. Remember that **the entry deadline for each race is the Wednesday evening** before the race. If you can't get to the skippers meeting, **mail your entry early** and check the website [www.sfbaysss.org](http://www.sfbaysss.org) **before** the deadline to be sure it arrived! If you try to check in Saturday morning and you're not on the Race Committee's list, there's nothing they can do about it.
4. **Get your 2005 PHRF (or MPHRF) certificate!** To enter an SSS race, you must present a current certificate, even if you generally sail with a one-design fleet. Contact the YRA or BAMA to apply for a certificate. **Make sure the SSS actually has your valid and current PHRF certificate** – SSS does not have access to the YRA files, so having one "on file" with YRA does not meet SSS requirements.
5. Be sure you know whether your boat is a SPORTBOAT or not, using the formula shown in the Standing Sailing Instructions. **If your boat is a SPORTBOAT you must sail in the SPORTBOAT class.** SPORTBOAT includes, but is not limited to, the Moore 24, Melges 24, Antrim 27, Santa Cruz 27, Express 27, Olson 30 and Hobie 33. There is an easy to use SPORTBOAT calculator available on the SSS website.
6. Be sure to **sign and date** the Race Entry Form. And check that you've filled in or circled every applicable item.
7. Remember that if you do not finish within the time limit or withdraw from a race for any reason **you must contact the race committee as soon as possible** by VHF radio or by telephone. Refer to the additional sailing instructions for each race for the radio channel or phone number.
8. **Come out and volunteer on Race Committee.** For those who are competing for the season perpetual trophy, volunteering for Race Committee will still count toward your season score. Refer to the Standing Sailing Instructions for more details on scoring.