



Singlehanded Sailing Society ♦ P.O. Box 457 ♦ Alameda, CA 94501
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Dear 2004 SSS Sailors,

Welcome to the 2005 season! This is your invitation to join SSS for another enjoyable year of shorthanded sailing. The race dates are set, the sailing instructions are printed, and your officers are ready to make sure this year is exciting and rewarding for you. We know you'll want to participate in all of this year's events, so make it easy on yourself (and on us) by joining up for the entire season.

The competition includes three ocean races and five that stay inside the Gate. There is something for everyone from the novice to the experienced trans-oceanic solo sailor. The season starts with the fun yet challenging Three Bridge Fiasco, peaks in the middle with the 400 mile LongPac, and ends with the typically mellow Vallejo 1-2.

The Board strives to classify the boats in each race as fairly as possible. We continue to offer the non-spinnaker Class 5 which is designed to appeal to novices to shorthanded sailing and to people who just want to have a more relaxed sail. The SPORTBOAT class returns for a second year, using the same definition as the YRA Sportboat class. Finally, we've changed the class flags to a more logical sequence. Be sure you know which flag to look for at your warning signal!

Most SSS meetings are held at the Oakland Yacht Club. Thank you to the Bay Area Yacht Clubs who assist us in our programs: the Oakland YC, the Corinthian YC, the Golden Gate YC, the Richmond YC, the Vallejo YC, and the Half Moon Bay YC. Without the use of their race decks, committee boats, and other facilities there would be no program for you to compete in. Remember to thank them too.

The SSS Web page www.sfbaysss.org provides you with all the forms, late notices about events, and of course race results. It also has a direct link to the SSS discussion group on www.sfsailing.com.

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The success of SSS over the years is a result of the efforts of members and individuals who step up to work on committees, events, and races. If you decide to sit out a race, give the Race Chair a call: we can always use an extra person on the race deck. If you have a sailing experience you would like to share, fire off an e-mail to the Newsletter Editor; we would all like to read about it. Even better, why not give a presentation at one of our meetings. Did you snap some photos during the last race? Let's get them up on the website! If you have ideas to make the SSS better, give any of us a call – we will listen.

Fair Winds, Safe Sailing, and Lots of FUN!!!

-- the Board