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Hi SUS

You have been provided with a new SUS website. The site has a similar look and feel to the current site and you should have no difficulty navigating around it. There are, however, some major changes. Among these are --

A document library, which is intended to contain in one place the various documents which are now scattered throughout the site. The library will contain documents such as -- party flyers, lead skipper data sheets, membership application, activity calendar, member orientation class (MOC) booklet, etc. Looking for documents will be like thumbing through an old-fashioned library catalog drawer.

Another major change --

A revised Sailing Event process for skippers and crew to indicate their availability or request for a specific sailing event. This area is an upgrade to the old "Crew Posting" process.

You will be asked to create your own personal Sailor Profile consisting of your name, e-mail, phone numbers, etc. Thereafter, you will not have to type this information again. In order to enter a request, there will be one page where you will be asked to enter the type of activity, the date of the event, and your message (which can be as simple as "I am available" or "I am looking for crew"). You will then have the choice of e-mailing your entry to the Sailing Event Director or to post your entry to the website.

Each entry will apply to only one single event date. That means if you want to sail three different weekends, you will make three different entries. For each -- choose an activity, enter a date, enter a message -- done. Your name, e-mail, etc. will travel along with your e-mail or your posting to the website.

When you first read the detailed instructions on the website for how to get into this process, you will moan and groan. But it is not as complicated as it reads. You should be able to create your first posting to the website within a few minutes. Subsequent postings will only take seconds.

Separately, in order to get the site to you timely for the season, there are still some cosmetics and middle of the night typos to be fixed.

We hope you find the new site useful. Thank you..... ~~~_/)