

Lake Townsend Yacht Club

TELL-TALES

July 2026



LTYC



Climb Aboard!

Membership Benefits Await!

When you join Lake Townsend Yacht Club, not only are you joining a friendly, welcoming and supportive sailing community, you're gaining year-round access to training, racing, social events, club sailboats, and so much more - an incredible value at a truly incredible price. Only \$125 for new members and renewals, and \$62 in conjunction with learn to sail classes! And, yes, these rates include **EVERYTHING** below!

Social Fun Sailing

- On the fourth Saturday of each month, we have a Sail-A-Bratton! There is no set time or agenda. This is a day of just cruising and having fun. Club members are present who may either invite you to go sailing on their boat or give you advice about sailing your boat or a rental. It's a great time to practice and improve your sailing or racing skills.

Competitive Fun Sailing

- On the second Saturday of each month, the club holds its regular LTYC race series! A course is established, race-around-buoys are set, and the Race Committee administers the race from the club signal boat. There is a preset captain's meeting on the day of the race which details race specifics and launch and start times. Typically, three races are held the day of the event.

Education

- Sunfish Sailing Saturdays. On the fourth Saturday of each month spring through fall, members can sign out one of the club's Sunfish and sail and learn on the lake with a seasoned sailor.
- Members enjoy many opportunities to hone sailing skills and contribute to the club's success by volunteering to lead or assist with LTYC's sailing education classes, kids sailing camp and LTYC-sponsored regional High School Sailing Team activities and events.
- Members can take advantage of ongoing club seminars and training for beginning and intermediate sailors.

Other Benefits

- Members enjoy free food, drink and camaraderie at all club socials following racing events. Racing participation is not mandatory, but volunteer assistance on race day is both encouraged and appreciated. It's also an awesome way to get to know club members!

Members have access to all club fleet boats and club fleet boat launches, free of charge! Club boats include five Sunfish (first quarter 2026), three Flying Scots, two Wayfarers and a Tanzer 16. All are ready for use, mast up and on trailers.

For more information, see the [club sailboat usage policy, agreement, and reservations](#) in the Members' Cove on the LTYC website.

Membership Renewal

New Membership

Sunfish - The Birth of a Classic

The History and Evolution of the Sunfish Sailboat

The Birth of a Classic

The Sunfish story began in **1952**, when **Alex Bryan and Cortlandt Heyniger**, founders of Alcott Inc., designed a small, easy-to-sail boat called the *Sailfish*. It was little more than a flat wooden board with a sail, but it captured the spirit of simplicity and fun. Seeking to improve comfort and performance, Bryan and Heyniger introduced the **Sunfish** in **1959**, featuring a molded fiberglass hull and a distinctive lateen rig — a triangular sail mounted on two spars. This design made the boat more stable, easier to handle, and accessible to beginners.

Design Refinement and Popularity

Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, the Sunfish became a phenomenon. Its **lightweight hull**, **simple rigging**, and **affordable price** made it the perfect entry point for recreational sailors. The boat's portability — easily car-topped or trailered — helped spread its popularity across lakes, bays, and beaches worldwide. Alcott's partnership with **AMF (American Machine and Foundry)** in the late 1960s brought mass production and global distribution, cementing the Sunfish as one of the most recognized sailboats ever built.



Racing and Class Organization

As the Sunfish community grew, so did competitive sailing. The **International Sunfish Class Association (ISCA)** was formed to standardize racing rules and promote events. The boat's one-design principle — meaning all Sunfish are built to identical specifications — ensured fair competition and emphasized skill over equipment. By the 1980s, Sunfish racing had become a fixture in sailing clubs and regattas worldwide, with championships held across the Americas, Europe, and Asia.

Technological Advancements

Over time, subtle improvements enhanced the Sunfish without compromising its simplicity. Manufacturers introduced **foam-filled fiberglass hulls** for buoyancy, **aluminum spars** for durability, and **modern sail materials** for better performance. The rudder and daggerboard designs evolved for smoother handling, while color and graphics options gave sailors a chance to personalize their boats. Despite these updates, the Sunfish retained its original charm — a testament to the enduring brilliance of its design.

Cultural Impact

The Sunfish became more than a boat; it became a symbol of accessible sailing. Generations learned to sail on Sunfish at summer camps, resorts, and sailing schools. Its image — a single sailor gliding across calm water under a bright triangular sail — came to represent freedom and simplicity. The boat's influence extended beyond recreation, inspiring countless sailors to pursue larger boats and lifelong maritime adventures.

Sunfish - The Birth of a Classic

Why the Sunfish Is So Easy to Sail

Effortless to Learn

One of the Sunfish's greatest strengths is its **simplicity on the water**. With only one sail, a daggerboard, and a rudder, even first-time sailors can learn the basics in minutes. The lateen rig is forgiving — it depowers easily in gusts and responds smoothly to adjustments. Its light-weight hull makes launching and beaching effortless, while the open cockpit design keeps everything intuitive and uncluttered.



Confidence for Beginners

The Sunfish's stability and responsiveness give new sailors confidence to experiment and learn. It reacts predictably to wind and steering, teaching the fundamentals of balance, sail trim, and direction without overwhelming complexity. Because it's small and manageable, mistakes are easy to correct — making it the ideal classroom for understanding how wind and water interact.

The Perfect First Boat

For anyone beginning their sailing journey, the Sunfish offers the perfect blend of **fun, safety, and skill-building**. It's affordable, durable, and requires minimal maintenance. Whether gliding across a quiet lake or catching a breeze along the coast, the Sunfish transforms learning into pure enjoyment. It's not just a boat — it's a gateway to a lifelong love of sailing.

A Boat That Grows With You

Perhaps the most remarkable quality of the Sunfish is how it remains rewarding long after the beginner stage. As sailors gain confidence, the Sunfish reveals new layers of performance — subtle sail-trim techniques, balance shifts, and racing strategies that keep the boat engaging for decades. It's rare for a sailboat to be both a gentle teacher and a lifelong companion, but the Sunfish manages this effortlessly.

A Universal Sailing Language

Because so many people learn on Sunfish, it has become a shared cultural touchstone in the sailing world. Sailors from different backgrounds, ages, and skill levels can instantly connect over stories of their first Sunfish ride. This universality makes the boat not just a vessel, but a community builder — a small craft with an outsized impact on the sailing world.

Enduring Joy on the Water

Ultimately, the Sunfish endures because it delivers pure, uncomplicated joy. Its design invites curiosity, rewards experimentation, and encourages exploration. Whether sailed by a child on their first breezy afternoon or an experienced sailor rediscovering the pleasure of simplicity, the Sunfish continues to embody the essence of sailing: wind, water, and freedom.

Early Sailfish Photo of Kennedy Family sailing provided by Phil Andrews

Sunfish 101

A great sunfish video guide to rigging, sailing and de-rigging and storing on of the world's most popular small sailing vessels. These videos will get you comfortable with the ins-and-outs of the Sunfish, be it one of the club's fleet, or one you've purchased or are borrowing.

[Sunfish Video 1 of 3 Rigging](#)



Sunfish Rigging Part 1: Mast and Sail



[Sunfish Video 2 of 3 Rudder, Launch and Tack](#)



Sunfish Rigging Part 2: Rudder and Launching

[Sunfish Video 3 of 3 De-Rigging and Storing](#)



Sunfish Rigging Part 3: De-rig & Storing

Sunfish Sailing Saturdays!

LYTC is pleased to offer **Sunfish Sailing Saturdays** for experienced sailors, held on the **fourth Saturday of each month** from now through October. These sessions are designed not as formal lessons, but as relaxed, skill-building opportunities hosted by seasoned Sunfish sailors who enjoy sharing their knowledge. Participants will have the chance to spend dedicated time on the water honing already established sailing skills in a supportive, low-pressure environment.



Sunfish Sailing Saturdays provide a structured yet flexible format where attendees can practice a variety of on-the-water drills aimed at improving boat handling, sail trim, balance, and overall confidence. Sailors are encouraged to work at their own pace, revisit familiar techniques, and challenge themselves with new maneuvers. Alongside skill practice, there will be plenty of time simply to sail for fun — enjoying the responsiveness and simplicity that make the Sunfish such a beloved boat.

In addition to time on the water, each session will include hands-on opportunities to refine essential boat-care skills such as **rigging, launching, de-rigging, and proper covering and storage**. These fundamentals are key to keeping the boats in excellent condition and ensuring smooth sailing experiences. Experienced hosts will be available throughout the day to offer guidance, answer questions, and demonstrate best practices for maintaining the club's fleet.

The club's **five Sunfish** will be available for use, and sailors are welcome to bring their own boats as well — participation is **unlimited**, making these Saturdays a wonderful chance to gather a large community of Sunfish enthusiasts. Whether you sail a club boat or your own, the focus is on camaraderie, shared learning, and enjoying time on the water with fellow sailors who appreciate the unique charm of the Sunfish.

Sessions will run from **10:00 a.m. to approximately 3:00 p.m.**, allowing plenty of time for rigging, practice drills, open sailing, and end-of-day de-rigging. Sailors may come for the full session or drop in for part of the day, depending on their schedule. The relaxed format makes it easy for participants to tailor the experience to their interests and comfort level.

Sunfish Sailing Saturdays are expected to be very popular, and **early signup is strongly encouraged**. These gatherings offer a rare opportunity to sharpen skills, enjoy time on the water, and connect with a vibrant community of sailors who share a passion for the Sunfish. Whether you're looking to refine your technique, enjoy a day of breezy fun, or simply spend time with fellow sailors, Sunfish Sailing Saturdays promise to be a highlight of the season.

The link to sign up for SSS is **<https://laketownsendyachtclub.com/activities/SignUp.asp>**

Sunfish Sailing Saturdays! See you at the lake!

Perspectives From The Helm - Lessons Learned



Shared by Jim Heffernan

World champion and sail maker Mike MacNamara shares starting techniques. Part I

Pre-start Warm-up Picture the scene. It's a few seconds after the start. The smoke from the starting gun has barely left the transom of the Committee Boat. Stretching away down the line is a seemingly endless stream of Wayfarers all beating hard in unison.

Yet is it as beautifully simple as that? Look at the detail. Then it's apparent that it's only the front runners who are working hard. Behind them is a second and may be even a third rank of slower, wallowing boats already falling behind.

So, why are these boats behind? O.K., they are in dirty wind and are having to plough through confused wash but that is not enough. To see why, we have to go back a bit. Back, before the start, back even beyond the Warning signal.

These were (probably) the boats sailing aimlessly about not doing their warm-up exercises. Not the sort of warm-up necessary in athletic sports although there are some who say that sailors should warm up their muscle groups before the race. No, the warm-up we mean here, is getting used to the conditions. So that both the crew and boat are in sync with their environment and can give it their all from the start. This will involve going through a series of simple exercises.

1. By sailing hard on the wind on each tack for a few minutes, it is pretty usual to note how the boat's heading alters as the wind shifts, etc. However, this routine should also be used to get into the rhythm of the waves and wind. The sailors should be working hard at "feeling" what the boat is telling them, of course. They could even take it in turns to close their eyes to use other senses - but the other should keep a good look out!

2. There should be lots and lots of tacking, feeling how the boat is affected by the waves. Here we are trying to find out what effect they have on the boat and how long it takes to get going again if we stop. Because gybing is (usually) not needed until later in the race, it's not quite so critical but nonetheless a good few should be tried.

3. Acceleration is everything at the start. So, stop the boat and then see how long it takes to get going back up to hull speed. This obviously varies with the conditions. If it is difficult to judge, then use a mark as a fixed point.

4. If we are early at the start, we may need to stop. How can we do this? Practice letting the sails out, backing the sails. Luffing up (and therefore going over the line) is not a good option. Then see how long it takes to get going and what is the best way of doing it. Work at sheeting the sails and at heeling angles, etc.



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5. By this time the line should be laid. So, which is the best end to start? Work it out and then go and make a few starts there just to see.

6. Practice your run up to the line seeing how long it takes and the effect of waves, etc., but remember the actual start will have more boats about and so that getting there will be slower.

Whilst doing all these, keep a really good look out all around. It would be a great shame to damage your boat or even worse, to damage someone else's because you were concentrating too hard on other things. Going through this routine gives you the confidence to go into the start knowing that you can spring into action instantly because you know what is going to happen.



Those last few seconds. Sweaty hands; racing heart; shortness of breath; weakness in muscles... Sound familiar? Of course it does. Rather, it will do to every dinghy racing helm. As those last few seconds to the start tick away - taking an eternity - we are assailed by all sorts of emotions. There's hope, of course, anticipation, even fear perhaps. They're all in there squirming away trying to drive us over the edge into raw panic.

That's the panic that causes us to oversheet; to pinch, to heel over; to stop; to forget our acceleration routines - in short - that causes us to make a bad start. Yet we shouldn't have to feel like condemned people about to be shot. We

should be able to control our destinies. All we need to do is follow the golden rules. They obviously aren't foolproof but they go a long way towards keeping things cool. Stay tuned for Part II

Glve The Cool Gift Of Warm Summer Sailing!



Only \$75 to gift two people a memorable first sailing experience? How cool is that? LYTC will continue offering an affordable, three-hour Discover Sailing experience for up to **TWO** on beautiful Lake Townsend, hosted by a seasoned club sailor. This great deal will include sailing, boat and safety basics and real hands-on, on-the-water experience, designed to spark interest in this great sport and, of course, our great club and membership!

BONUS! In addition to an unforgettable three-hour experience, your giftee(s) will have immediate

follow-up access to a “Member Mentor,” who can help them chart a course for continuing club education, event participation, networking and membership!

To order this one-of-a-kind sailing experience, visit [Discover Sailing Order Form](#) to make your purchase. We will forward a copy of your gift certificate that you can print and/or email for gifting. Pay Pal, and major credit cards are accepted.

For information on gifting lessons, email education@laketownsendyachtclub.com

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The Knot-So-Serious

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by Michael Malzone



HE SAYS IT'S LIKE HANGING YOUR HEAD OUT THE CAR WINDOW BUT MUCH BETTER!



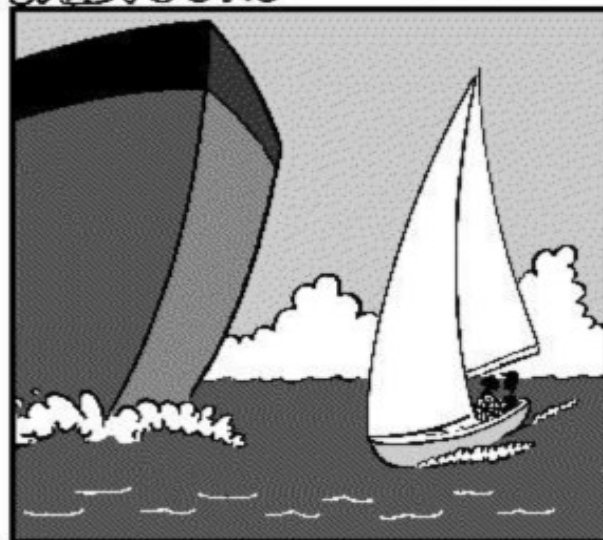
"Yes, I do think you overpacked. After all, we're sailing around the bay for a few hours."

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"NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL A LIGHT HOUSE!"



Don't worry... according to the rules they have to give way to us.

If you have a funny, send it along!

Around The Club

The year's first sailing camp was a great success! Students here, learn the basics of tacking and gybing.



Summer Saturday racing heats up! On July 11, USA day, seven boats finished 2 races. Average wind was 8.5 and out of the west. During race 2 wind speed of 14.6 was recorded. A third race was dropped from the plan due to weather concerns. This was my first experience as a PRO (i was assisted by Phil Leonard). I learned a lot. I recommend serving on race committee so you can realize all the efforts going into a race. We had three motor boats to launch, bees to remove, tanks to fuel and equipment to load. Thank you to our excellent drivers, Keith Smoot and David di Miranda, and their assistants, Nathan Champion and Trish McDermott. The course was set up quickly. Thank you Phil for determination of the mark placement. Thank you to all competitors for coming out for a fun day on the water! Cathy Leonard!

Sunfish Saturdays are getting a great and growing participation (and camaraderie)!



From The Boatyard

When and Why to Replace the Sail on Your Dinghy

Replacing the sail on a small dinghy is an important part of keeping the boat performing at its best. Over time, even the most well-cared-for sails lose their shape, stretch under load, and become less efficient at capturing the wind. Because dinghies rely heavily on precise sail shape for speed, control, and responsiveness, a worn-out sail can make the boat feel sluggish, harder to trim, and more difficult to handle in gusty conditions. Understanding when it's time for a replacement helps ensure your dinghy remains lively, safe, and enjoyable to sail.

One of the clearest signs that a sail needs replacing is **loss of shape**. A healthy sail has a smooth, aerodynamic curve that generates lift. As fabric ages, it stretches unevenly, creating wrinkles, bagginess, or a flattened profile. This distortion reduces power and makes the boat harder to point upwind. If you find yourself constantly adjusting the sheet or struggling to maintain proper trim, the sail may no longer be holding the shape it was designed for. Even small changes in shape can have a big impact on performance, especially in lightweight boats.

Another indicator is **visible wear and tear**. Sun exposure, salt, and repeated flapping (known as luffing) gradually weaken sailcloth. Look for frayed stitching, thinning fabric, small tears, or delamination in laminated sails. These issues often start small but can worsen quickly under load. While minor repairs can extend a sail's life, there comes a point when patching becomes more frequent than practical. If you're repairing the same sail season after season, it may be more cost-effective — and safer — to replace it entirely.

You should also consider replacing your sail if you notice **declining performance in specific wind conditions**. A tired sail may still function adequately in light air but become unstable or overpowered in stronger breezes. Conversely, it may feel powerless in light wind because the stretched fabric can't form the proper draft. If your dinghy feels unpredictable, harder to control, or simply less fun to sail across a range of conditions, the sail may be the culprit. A fresh sail often restores the boat's original balance and responsiveness.

For sailors who race, the timing is even more important. Competitive dinghy sailors typically replace sails more frequently because **consistency and precision** matter. A new sail provides predictable trim, better pointing ability, and improved acceleration out of tacks — all essential for racing. Even recreational sailors can benefit from this mindset: if you want your dinghy to feel lively and crisp, a new sail can make the boat feel almost brand-new. It's one of the most impactful upgrades you can make.

Finally, replacing your sail is about **preserving the joy of sailing**. Dinghies are designed to be responsive, playful boats, and a fresh sail helps maintain that feeling. When your boat accelerates smoothly, responds instantly to sheet adjustments, and feels balanced through gusts, sailing becomes more intuitive and enjoyable. If your dinghy no longer feels as spirited as it once did, a new sail may be the simplest way to bring back the excitement. In many cases, sailors are surprised by how transformative the upgrade feels.



Tips and Tactics

The Rules of the Race

Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing is one of the most rewarding parts of becoming a confident sailor, but it can also feel like one of the most challenging. Even experienced sailors occasionally find themselves wondering who really had rights at a mark, whether a boat kept clear during a tack, or how a particular rule applies in close-quarters situations. To help make the rules more approachable — and a lot more fun — each month, we'll present some short scenarios from real small-boat racing situations, complete with a diagram and a question. These scenarios will range from common right-of-way encounters to trickier moments involving mark-rounding, overlaps, and proper course. The goal isn't to test sailors in a formal way, but to spark curiosity, build confidence, and encourage friendly discussion among members. Whether you race regularly or simply enjoy understanding how the rules shape good seamanship, these quizzes will offer something for everyone.

The feature is designed to be approachable for sailors of all skill levels. Newer sailors will appreciate the clear explanations and visual diagrams that break down each situation. More experienced racers will enjoy the challenge of applying nuanced rules to real-world moments they've likely encountered on the water. We'll publish the correct answers at the end of the newsletter (page 20) helping everyone learn and stay "rules refreshed" in a relaxed, enjoyable way.

We hope this new Rules of Racing Quiz becomes a favorite part of the newsletter — a chance to sharpen your racing knowledge, compare answers with friends, and maybe even settle a few long-running "who-was-right-at-the-mark" debates. Sailing is at its best when we're learning together, and this feature aims to make that learning both fun and practical.

WINDWARD/LEEWARD

Blue is to windward of Yellow.
What is Blue's obligation?

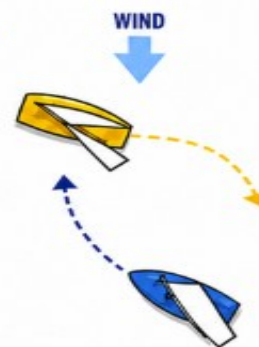
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- B. Give Yellow room to tack
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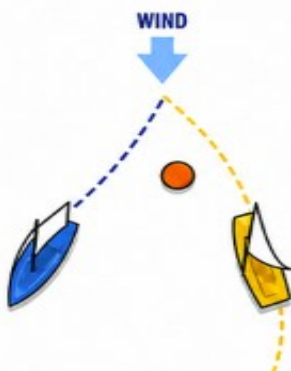
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- B. Keep clear and give Yellow room to tack
- C. Tack when clear astern
- D. Luff above Yellow first



ROUNDING THE MARK

Blue (inside) and Yellow (outside) are approaching a leeward mark. Who has right of way?

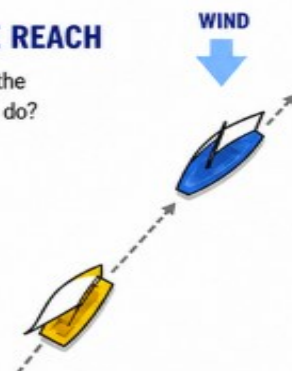
- A. Blue
- B. Yellow
- C. Neither. Keep clear
- D. The boat that arrives first



OVERTAKING ON THE REACH

Yellow is overtaking Blue on the same tack. What must Yellow do?

- A. Keep clear until properly overlapped
- B. Luff to windward and pass
- C. Bear away and pass on the outside
- D. Continue — Blue must keep clear



Share Your Sailing Story



Every sailor has a beginning—a moment when wind, water, and curiosity came together and set them on a lifelong course. Maybe it was a childhood summer camp, a friend's invitation, or the simple thrill of watching sails fill on a breezy afternoon. However your journey started, it's part of the rich tapestry that makes our club such a vibrant community. We'd love to hear how you first found your way to sailing and what drew you back for more.

Of course, no sailor's story is complete without a favorite boat. Whether you swear by the simplicity of a Sunfish, the elegance of a Wayfarer, the speed of a Laser, or the comfort of a cruising keelboat, your preferences say something about the sailor you've become. Tell

us which boats have captured your heart and why—was it the feel of the helm, the challenge of the rig, or the memories made aboard?

We're also inviting you to share the adventures that have shaped your time on the water. Maybe you've weathered an unexpected squall, discovered a hidden cove, or enjoyed a perfect afternoon race where everything just clicked. Big or small, triumphant or humbling, these stories remind us why we sail and what keeps us coming back to the lake again and again. Your experiences inspire new sailors, strengthen our community, and celebrate the spirit that makes our club special. Send us your stories—funny, heartfelt, daring, or reflective—and we'll feature them in upcoming newsletters. Let's fill our pages with the voices of the people who make this club more than a place to sail. It's your turn at the helm; we can't wait to hear what you have to share.



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Calendar of Events

25 JUL, SAT

- Social Sailing
- Sunfish Sailing Saturday

29 JUL, WED

- 1pm XTreme Teen Sailing Event

31 JUL, FRI

- Intermediate Sailing Class (Day 1/3)

1 AUG, SAT

- Intermediate Sailing Class (Day 2/3)

2 AUG, SUN

- Intermediate Sailing Class (Day 3/3)

6 AUG, THU

- 6pm Board Meeting

8 AUG, SAT

- Dog Day Races

14 AUG, FRI

- Adults Sailing Class 5 (Day 1/3)

15 AUG, SAT

- Adults Sailing Class 5 (Day 2/3)

16 AUG, SUN

- Adults Sailing Class 5 (Day 3/3)

22 AUG, SAT

- Blackbeard One-Design (BSC) (Day 1/2)
- Social Sailing
- Sunfish Sailing Saturday

23 AUG, SUN

- Blackbeard One-Design (BSC) (Day 2/2)



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Board meetings are open to all members. They are held virtually, via, Zoom the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to attend, see the club calendar for times and reach out to membership@laketownsendyachtclub.com for a zoom link.

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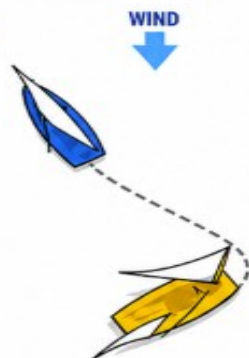
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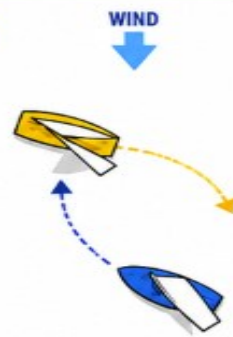
ANSWER: C

A windward boat must give a leeward boat room to keep clear. (Rule 11)

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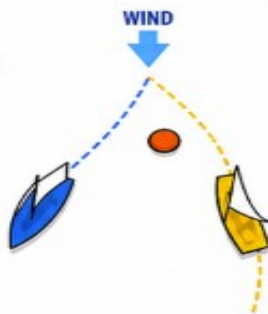
ANSWER: B

A boat to leeward of an overlapped boat must keep clear and give the windward boat room to tack. (Rule 11)

ROUNDING THE MARK

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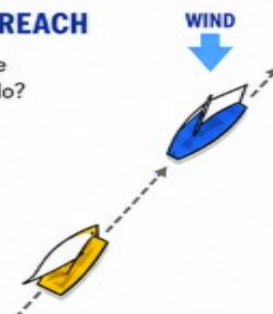
ANSWER: A

When approaching a mark on the same tack, the inside boat has right of way. (Rule 18.2(b))

OVERTAKING ON THE REACH

Yellow is overtaking Blue on the same tack. What must Yellow do?

- A. Keep clear until properly overtaken
- B. Luff to windward and pass
- C. Bear away and pass on the outside
- D. Continue – Blue must keep clear



ANSWER: A

A boat clear astern must keep clear of a boat clear ahead until it is properly overtaken. (Rule 12)

Thanks to Phil Andrews for suggesting this feature.