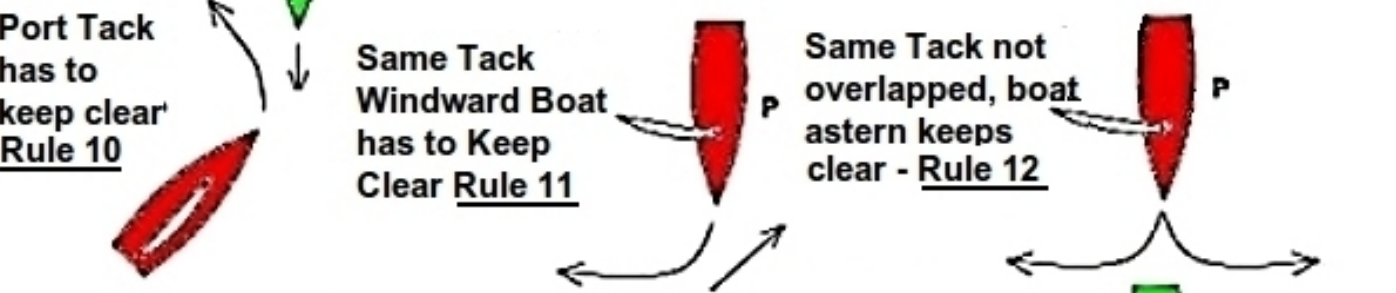
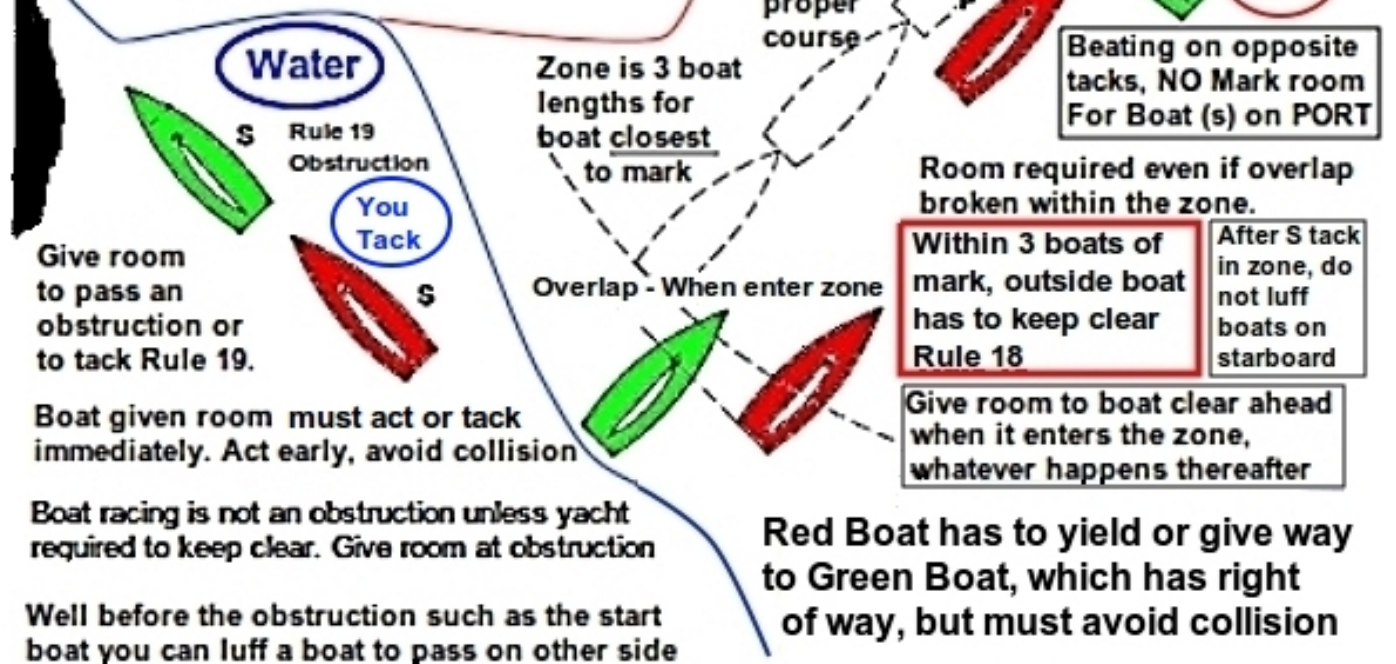


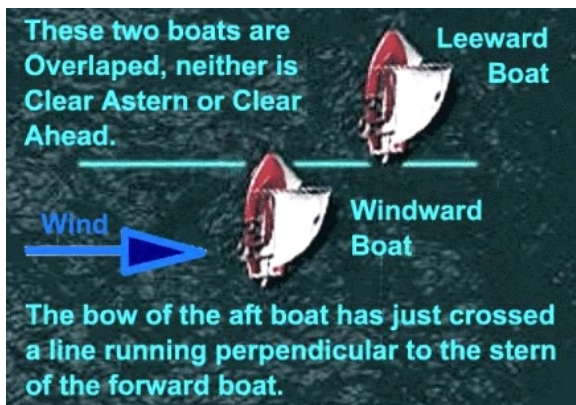
RACING RULES OF SAILING

Wind Direction



BUT Boat WITH RIGHTS must act early to avoid collision





Windward boat When boats are on the same [tack](#) and [overlap](#) each other, the [windward](#) boat shall [keep clear](#) of the [leeward](#) boat ([Racing Rule 11](#)).



Overtaking Boat When boats are on the same [tack](#) and don't [overlap](#) each other, a boat that is overtaking from behind shall [keep clear](#) of the boat that is [clear ahead](#) ([Racing Rule 12](#)). It must change course to avoid running into the back of the other boat. If the boat from behind continues to overtake the other boat and they become [overlapped](#) then the windward-leeward rule switches on where the [windward](#) boat must keep clear of the [leeward](#) boat.

Tacking When you're tacking, you must [keep clear](#) of all other boats from the time your boat passes head to wind until it is on a close-hauled course ([Racing Rule 13](#)). Look around before you tack to make sure you don't tack in the way of another boat.

Turning Whenever you are the right-of-way boat and want to turn, you must give the other boat a chance to [keep clear](#) ([Racing Rule 16](#)). You cannot make an abrupt turn that allows no opportunity for the other boat to stay out of your way.

Room at Marks - When a boat reaches the [three-length zone](#) from a [mark](#) or [obstruction](#), it has to give boats [overlapped](#) inside it [room](#) to round or pass the [obstruction](#) ([Racing Rules 18 & 19](#)). The zone width is defined by the boat **nearest** to it. The outer edge of this zone is three boat lengths from the [mark](#). This Rule is, however **NOT** applicable at starting [marks](#), and between boats on **opposite** [tacks](#) at the [windward](#) mark. A Port Tack yacht has no rights at marks, and cannot tack within the zone to claim rights. If tack completed inside zone, give yachts on starboard, when they entered the zone, room for their proper course.

On the Same Tack - If a boat clear astern becomes overlapped within 2 boat lengths to leeward of a boat on the same tack, she shall not sail above her **proper course** while they remain on the same tack, overlapped within that distance, unless in doing so she sails astern of the other boat. This does **NOT** apply if the overlap begins while the windward boat is required when tacking, to keep clear. When a boat acquires right of way, she shall give the other boat [room to keep clear](#), unless she acquires right of way because of the other boat's actions.