

Sailing 4 July 2010

Aggregate Series 6

Storms were already in Northland with them forecast to be in Auckland late in the afternoon. At the start there was light drizzle, which stayed with us, and light easterlies, which made setting a course difficult.

A couple of buoys were shifted to get a short start line close to the path at the western end. A downwind finish was set and the bottom mark was put away from the start so that race starts could be made without interfering with the races in progress. This allowed us to get through the 20 races required for the 10 members who had turned up as fast as possible before the wind and rain increased.

In fact the last round did have some heavy gusts but the heavy rain didn't come.

Geoff McGill top scored with 4 wins. Neil Purcell, Kevin Webb. Ivan Fraser and John Dowler each had 3 wins.

I would like to say that it was a good day's racing, but I can't, it was cold and miserable and I only won one race.



Seasonal Series Referees:

After discussion with the race committee it has been agreed that each member must alternate the race type that they referee. I will be recording which race type that each member has refereed last and this will print on the handicap sheet. If they last refereed a handicap race then they can only ref a scratch race, and vice versa. The divisional race can only be refereed by a member one time in four.

Clubrooms:

The leasing arrangements are going through in AAFL's favour. They play from August through December so they will put up their posts this month. Parking may get to be a problem again.

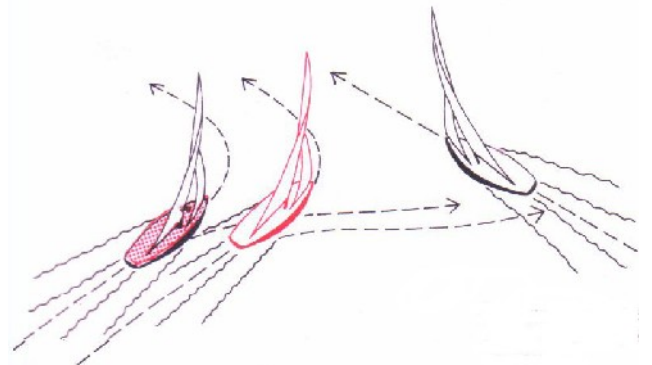
Rules 19 and 20:

The definition of an obstruction includes other boats that one is required to keep clear of or avoid. This means that a boat on starboard tack is an obstruction to a boat on port tack if it cannot be passed.

Rule 19.2, Giving Room at an Obstruction, has a sub-section:

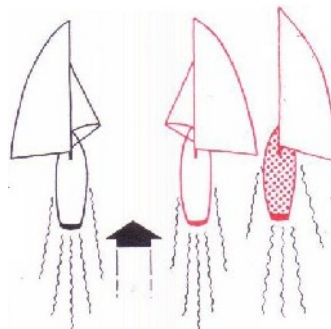
(b) When boats are overlapped, the outside boat shall give the inside boat room between her and the obstruction, unless she has been unable to do so from the time the overlap began.

Rule 20, Room to Tack at an Obstruction, allows a close-hauled boat to call for room to tack from other boats on the same tack to avoid an obstruction. The obstruction may be a boat that they have to keep clear of.



The black boat is an obstruction that the red boat must keep clear of. Even if pink (on the left) can clear black she must respond if red calls for water to tack (rule 20).

If they both go behind then red must give room to pink to do so (rule 19.2b).



On a downwind leg port tack boats must keep clear of starboard tack. Black is an obstruction to red. Pink (on the right in the diagram) must give red room (rule 19.2b) if black moves to the right.

Next Week(s):

July 11: Winter Series continues.

July 18 and 25: Winter Series continues.

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