



Women's Typhoon Racing Racing Rules Simplified

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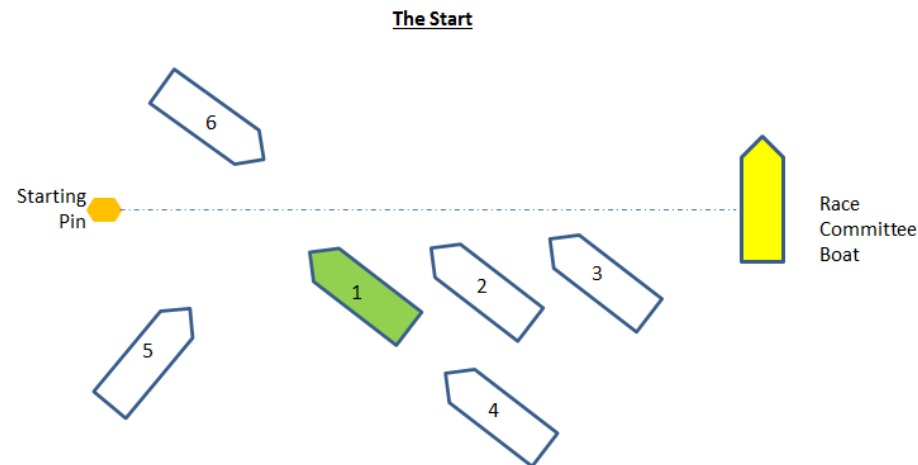
Situation	Rule	Explanation	Penalty
Over early	30.1	If any part of a boat or crew is on the course side of the starting line, that boat must return to the pre-start side before crossing back over the starting line. <i>(Example #1)</i>	It must return to the other side of the line (the entire boat and its crew) before crossing back over the starting line. It is not required to do a 360 turn.
Right of Way ("ROW") at the start			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starboard-tack boat has ROW over port-tack boat 	10	When boats are on opposite tacks, a <i>port-tack</i> boat shall <i>keep clear</i> of a <i>starboard-tack</i> boat. <i>(Example #2)</i>	One 360 turn to be completed as soon as reasonably possible.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leeward board has ROW over windward boat 	11	When boats are on same tack and are <i>overlapped</i> , a <i>windward</i> boat shall keep clear of a <i>leeward</i> boat. <i>(Example #3)</i>	Same
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat ahead has ROW over boat astern 	12	When boats are on same tack and but <i>not</i> overlapped, a boat <i>clear astern</i> shall <i>keep clear</i> of a boat <i>clear ahead</i> . <i>(Example #4)</i>	Same
Rounding Marks while in the Zone		A zone is established when the first boat is within 3 boat lengths of the mark.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When overlapped, the inside boat rounding the mark has ROW 	18.2(a)	When boats are overlapped as the first boat reaches the zone, the outside boat shall give the inside boat mark-room, unless 18.2(b) applies. <i>(Example #5)</i>	One 360 turn to be completed as soon as reasonably possible.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When not overlapped, the boat clear ahead has ROW 	18.2(b)	If the boats are not overlapped when the first boat reaches the zone, then the boat clear astern shall give the boat clear ahead mark-room. The boat astern shall continue to give the boat ahead mark-room even if overlap is established subsequent to entering the zone. <i>(Example #6)</i>	Same



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Hitting a Mark or Pin	31	A boat shall not touch a mark or pin while racing. (The exception to this rule is an inside boat with ROW that is fouled and forced into the mark; the fouled boat shall be exonerated from taking the penalty). <i>(Example #7)</i>	One 360 turn to be completed as soon as reasonably possible.



1. Example 1: Boat #6 is on the wrong side (“course side”) of the starting line. She must return to the “pre-start” side of the course before crossing back over the starting line. (Rule 30.1). Note: this boat has NO right-of-way no matter what tack it is on; it must stay clear of all other boats.
2. Example 2: Boat #5 is on a port-tack and must yield to boats #1, 2, 3 and 4 which are on starboard-tacks. (Rule 10).
3. Example 3: Boats #1, 2 and 3 are “overlapped”. Boat #1 has the Right-of-Way over all other boats. Boats #2 and #3 must yield to boat #1 because she is leeward and they are windward. Boat #2 has ROW over boat #3 because she is leeward. In this scenario, boat #3 has no rights and must yield to the other two boats. (Rule 11)

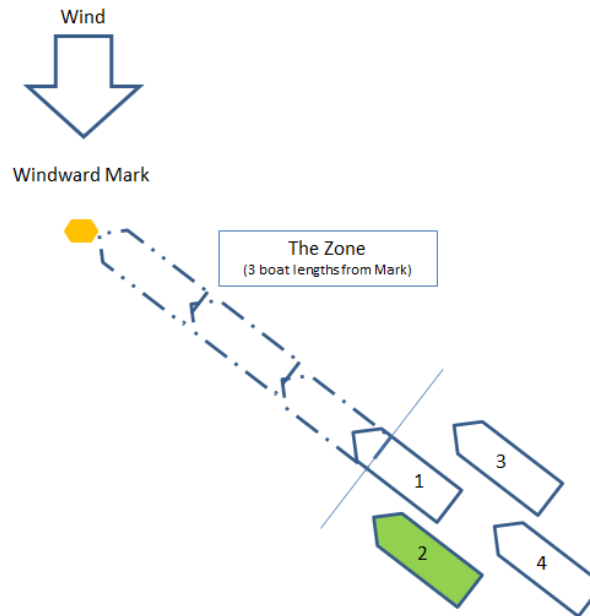


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- Example 4: Boat #4 is astern of boat #1. Boat #1 has ROW so boat #4 must keep clear. (Rule 12)

Examples Rounding the Windward Mark



- Example 5: Boat #1 has entered the “zone” (meaning it is within 3 boat lengths of the mark). Boat #2 has secured an overlap before boat #1 entered the zone and therefore secured the ROW because it is the “inside” boat. Boat #1 must keep clear of boat #2. (Rule 18.2(a)). Boat #3 has no rights and must yield to boat #1 and #2.
- Example 6: Boat #4 is clear astern of boat #1 and therefore must keep clear of boat #1. It also must keep clear of boat #2 because it is the outside boat now that the zone has been established.



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Some Sailboat Racing Thoughts

- Thou shalt always avoid contact with another boat
- When you gain the right of way, or change course, give other boats room to keep clear
- Port keeps clear of starboard
- Windward keeps clear of leeward
- Astern keeps clear of a boat ahead
- Keep clear while tacking or gybing
- Give room for inside boats to round a mark
- Give room to a boat avoiding an obstruction
- Do not barge at the start
- If you have violated a rule, take a penalty: one turn for violating these rules, one turn for touching a mark and return behind line if over early (*note: US Sailing rules require 2 turns for certain penalties but in 2014 the Typhoon modified this rule to 1 turn only*).
- It is better to give way and avoid a collision or take a penalty, than to protest.