
N.M.Y.C. NEWS

The Season Begins...



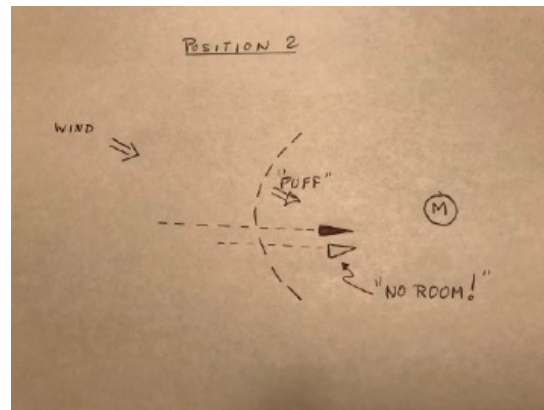
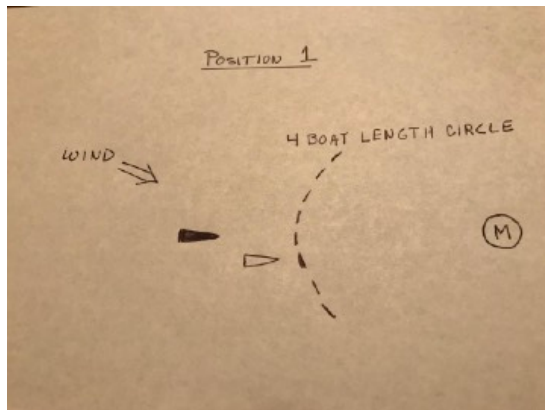
It's finally time! For months full-time residents of FL have had put up with fickle winds, crushing humidity and pond weeds. The winter time is the best time for all club members to go over every servo connection, shroud fitting, sheet and turning block in your boat. Don't forget to bring a fully-charged battery for the boat and new AA's for your transmitter.

Your Racing Director, **Jack Knoblauch** has put together our 2020 Race Program (12/21/2019 revision). It lists all the race dates, RD and ARD's, as well as fun race and tuning dates. You should have received your copy via email. It is on our club web site also. Now is a good time to review our **Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions: Winter Series 2020**. This is on the web site also.

Racing to the windward mark, these four EC-12's show a remarkable balance between wind direction, keel and rigging pressure and a steady rudder.

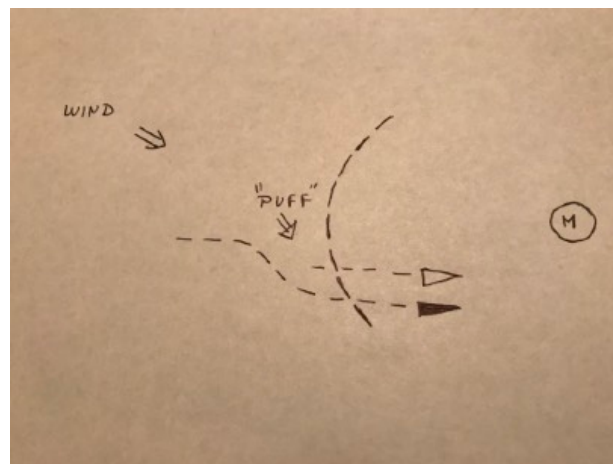
Sailing into a Problem - Getting trapped inside at a mark with no rights...argh!

This can happen most easily at the downwind turning mark. A skipper is trying to get inside a boat ahead, but fails to do so as the leading boat enters the four boat length circle. Then a big puff (which often hits the trailing boat first) pushes the trailing skipper inside the leading boat. But since the overlap was achieved after the leading boat entered the four boat length circle, the inside boat has no rights. The inside boat often commits a foul in attempting to go inside anyway! Notice how this occurs in the two diagrams below:



Avoiding the Problem - Go outside the leading boat at 5-6 boat lengths from the Mark.

The trailing skipper must bail out from the overlap attempt at 5-6 boat lengths from the mark and set up outside the leading boat. Then if a puff comes, the trailing skipper will be safely outside the leading boat and can safely round the mark without fouling the leading boat.



Dick Hedderick 12/19

Other Interesting Information

Have you visited the club web site lately? Our entire 2020 season race schedule is there along with RD and ARD assignments. The classified section has several new listings - check it out!

DF-65 Tuning Seminar - January 6, 10:00 am at North Collier Regional Park pond.

Seawind Tuning Seminar - January 7, 10:00 am at North Collier Regional Park pond.

Soling Tuning Seminar - January 8, 10:00 am at North Collier Regional Park pond.

DF-95 Tuning Seminar - January 17, 10:00 am at North Collier Regional Park pond.