

## Simplified Racing Rules of Sailing

- A Boat on **Port** Tack keeps Clear of a Boat on **Starboard** Tack
- **The Windward Boat keeps Clear** of the leeward Boat
- **The Boat Astern Keeps Clear** of the Boat Ahead
- A Boat Tacking or Jibing Keeps Clear of the Boat Ahead
- **When you have right of Way, or When you change Course** give other boats time to keep Clear
- **Always Avoid collisions**, the racing rules are designed to prevent collisions
- **The inside Boat at 4 boat lengths from the mark** is entitled to room to round the mark.
- **Do not barge in at the start**
- **If you have violated a sailing Rule, take a Penalty**
- **It is better to give way to avoid a collision, or take a penalty than to protest**