

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING  
RACE RULES SIMPLIFIED  
Tuesday, June 05, 2007

Reading all the complaints about the complicated 'new' rules, which really aren't new any more, am I missing something?

**Quite simply:**

1. Port keeps clear of starboard.
2. Windward keeps clear of leeward
3. The boat astern keeps clear of the boat ahead.
4. A boat tacking keeps clear of one that is not.
5. Avoid collisions.
6. If you gain right of way or change course, give the other boat time to keep clear.
7. The inside boat(s) at two boat lengths from the mark is entitled to room to round the mark.
8. A boat that is backing up or not racing keeps clear.
9. If you have violated one, take a penalty

**This covers 95% of the situations out there.**

With regard to the starting system, I have noticed that when the first signal goes up you do need to be ready to race.

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**Chris— Re: 'butt 954 and others, Chris Welsh (et. al Here is a copy of my original email to Scuttlebutt: Feel free to use it. I wrote it in frustration of folks complaining about how difficult the "New" rules are. Don**