

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING RACE RULES SIMPLIFIED

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These are the simplified rules for TWC racing on Wednesday nights.

Quite simply:

- 1) Avoid collisions.
- 2) Port keeps clear of starboard.
- 3) Windward keeps clear of leeward
- 4) The boat astern (overtaking) keeps clear of the boat ahead.
- 5) A boat turning (tacking or jibing) keeps clear of one that is not.
- 6) If you gain right of way or change course, give the other boat time to keep clear.
- 7) The inside boat with an overlap at the mark is entitled to room to round the mark.
- 8) A boat that is backing up or not racing keeps clear.
- 9) A capsized board shall not take an action that hinders another board.
- 10) If you have violated one of the rules—take a board 360 penalty

This covers 95% of the situations that you will come across on Wednesday Nights.

With regard to starting— when the first signal goes up, you do need to be ready to race. This means you are advised to get to the start-line 15 minutes before your class flag.

These rules are intended to ensure that the best competitor wins through individual racing skill, good fortune and quality of equipment alone and not as a result of procedural devices or legalistic argument. Racing in a manner that can be considered to be dangerous or a threat to the safety of other competitor's will not be tolerated. All disputes under the rule shall be conducted under these principles.