

Fair Winds

THE CREVE COEUR SAILING ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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October 2019

WINTER SOCIAL, February 2

(All Race Days begin at 2pm)

Race Day 1 April 28

~~**Race Day 2**, May 5 (Cancelled — Flooding)~~

~~**Race Day 3**, June 2 (Cancelled — Flooding)~~

~~**Race Day 4**, June 9 (Cancelled — Flooding)~~

~~**Race Day 5**, June 23 (Cancelled — Flooding)~~

Race Day 6, July 7*

Race Day 7, July 21*

NAVAL BATTLE, July 28*

Race Day 8, August 4*

RUBBER CHICKEN RACE AND PICNIC August 18

Race Day 9, August 25* (additional race day)

Race Day 10, September 8*

Race Day 11, September 22*

Race Day 12, October 6

Race Day 13, October 20

FALL BANQUET, November 16

BOATYARD CLEANUP DAYS

(All Boatyard Cleanup Days begin at 8am)

April 6

May 4

June 1

July 6

August 3

September 7

October 5

BOARD MEETINGS

January 28

February 25

March 25

April 22

May 20

June 24

July 22

August 26

September 23

October 28



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2019 Dockside Dates

Commodore's Corner

Hello everyone,

THIS HAS BEEN A STRANGE YEAR WITH THE WEATHER.

First we had the flooding that caused us to cancel five race days early in the season. Then we had some nice weather at the end of July and into August when the weather is usually hot with no wind. On August 25 we had heavy rain right up until 1pm, then the sky cleared up and we sailed. On September 8 we had good strong wind before the race, then the wind died right at race time. So let's forget about trying to forecast the weather, just come out and sail.



We still have several race days left in this season. Plenty of time to qualify with 12 races.

We had our annual naval battle on July 28. That is always a good day to bring family and friends out and try to soak others with water guns. We then had our Rubber Chicken Race and picnic on August 18. Ed Humble came in first place on the race and **Don James received our precious Rubber Chicken Race Trophy for bringing in all the chickens.** Everyone had a good time. Afterwards, we had our pot luck picnic and again everyone had a good time.

I would like to thank everyone that has come out and helped on boat yard days, installing the dock and helped with the picnic. Good teamwork makes all these tasks much easier.

Our final event of the year will be our Fall Banquet on November 16 at Sybergs Restaurant. We will be mailing out invitations sometime in October. Be sure to respond back as quickly as possible so that we can get an accurate count on those attending. We will send out email reminders as it gets closer to that date.

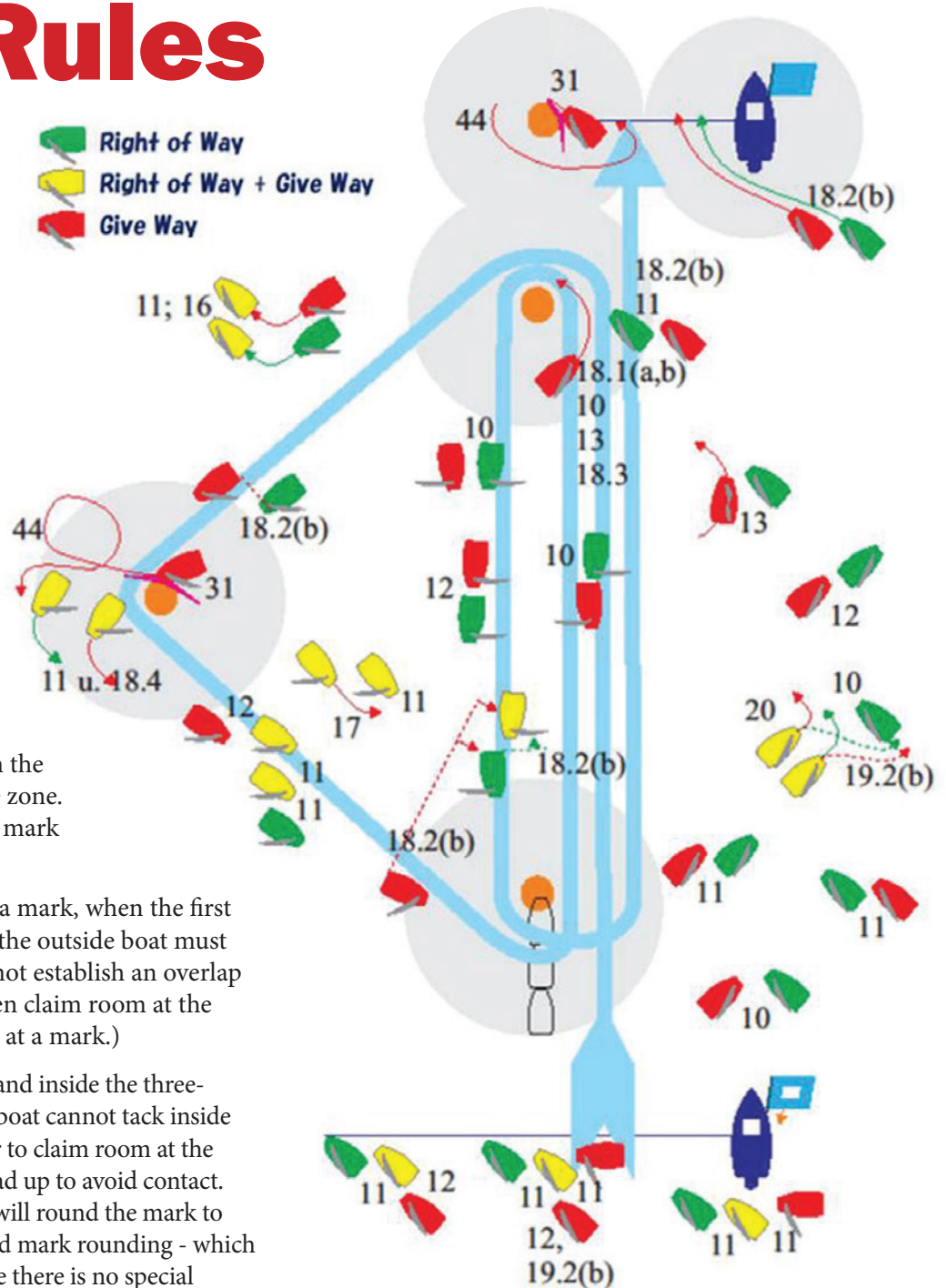
Good Sailing,

Chris Linneman

COMMODORE



Racing Rules



Room at the Mark

Bill Kline

An occasional furlball results when a number of boats approach a mark at the same time. The Racing Rules of Sailing establish right of way and obligations in Rule 18. The Rules provide for a three-boat length radius “zone” at a mark. A boat is considered in the “zone” when any part of her hull is in the zone. The hull length of the boat nearest to the mark sets the size of the zone.

If boats are overlapped and approaching a mark, when the first boat reaches the three-boat length zone, the outside boat must give room to the inside boat. A boat cannot establish an overlap inside the three-boat length zone and then claim room at the mark. (A faster boat can't force its way in at a mark.)

When approaching a weather (top) mark, and inside the three-boat length zone, a close-hauled port tack boat cannot tack inside a close-hauled starboard tack boat in order to claim room at the mark, if the other boat must bear off or head up to avoid contact. Note that this rule applies when the boats will round the mark to port. Rule 18.3 does not address a starboard mark rounding - which is often the case at Creve Coeur Lake. Since there is no special rule about tacking inside the zone at weather mark to be left to starboard, the generic overlap rule applies for mark room.

At a jibe mark, an outside boat must give mark room to an inside overlapped boat. The inside boat must jibe and cannot force the outside boat away from the proper course to the next mark.

Approaching a leeward mark, a windward boat must keep clear. If overlapped before the three-boat length zone, an outside boat must give mark room to an inside overlapped boat.

In light air, boats often stack up at the marks. The rule for room at the mark still applies and the boat furthest outside must allow enough room for all boats inside to round the mark. If contact is made or an inside boat(s) must alter course to avoid contact, the outside boat(s) must do a penalty turn for not allowing enough room. Boats sailing in a gaggle will be going slower and hydrodynamic effects between hulls will tend to draw boats together. Don't force your way inside and always allow enough room!