

# “The Mast Abeam Advocate”

Official Newsletter of the Singapore SB20 Association

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## CLASS CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Dear Sailors, Dear Friends -

We are counting down to the SB20 2025 World Championships in Singapore! We are only 8 months away and preparations are in full swing. Every SB20 in Singapore needs to be on the water - all the boats at Raffles Marina, the whole SSF fleet, SAFYC as we welcome sailors from all over the world! There are still boats looking for teams and teams looking for boats! Let us know if we can help in any way! If there is anyone who does not (for whatever unimaginable reason!) planning to race in January - do let us know and we will make sure someone else covers for you!

The logistics, social agenda and race organisation are coming together step by step, but a lot of work remains - it's all hands on deck! Top priority right now is to get our boats in order. Our resident master of the rules of the seas Mr. Ewan McEwan is leading the effort of measurement and one-design compliance. During the summer months, we will organise a program to get every boat ready, compliant and measured. Spare parts, glass fiber (including repairs service!) and sails are as always available from Constant Wind!

Back at base Raffles Marina, the fleet is now back together, with all the boats home from the Dubai adventures, including two new boats 'The Incident' (3802) and Team Tara's new boat (3800). We just completed the Mayhem Regatta this past weekend, which caps off the spring circuit together with Club Racing. It was fantastic to see new names on the podium! All details are of course available in the regatta report, which you read at your own peril.

We are also looking forward to the inaugural SB20 Singapore Youth Championships in June! This great initiative is a testament that the future is bright for the class and for sailing in Singapore. I am sure that our own youth teams will be podium contenders for the youth trophy (and perhaps even the main trophy too!) next year!

We are also welcoming new owners! Sea U Later is now under Sebastian Zilms ownership and Xtra Mile 2 has recently joined Steve Kennedy's and Hi-Techs growing fleet - where it will be well looked after until it finds a new owner! The backbone of the class are active owners who get their boats out on the water - and we need more of them! Let us know if you want to become one.

We have a busy year ahead and I look forward seeing many of you down on the dock in the weeks to come!

Your Class Captain,

Magnus

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## SB20 Association of Singapore 2024/25 Racing Schedule

1 Jun 2024	<b>National SB20 Youth Championship 2024</b>	up to 5 W/L	Universities / RM	13:00
2 Jun 2024		up to 5 W/L	Universities / RM	13:00
8 Jun 2024	Squall Cup (1/3)	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00
22 Jun 2024	Squall Cup (2/3)	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00
6 Jul 2024	Squall Cup (3/3)	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00
20 Jul 2024	<b>RSYC Regatta</b>	up to 5 W/L	RSYC	13:00
21 Jul 2024		up to 5 W/L	RSYC	13:00
17 Aug 2024 (TBD)	<b>SMU Western Circuit Regatta</b>	up to 5 W/L	SMU / RM	13:00
18 Aug 2024 (TBD)		up to 5 W/L	SMU / RM	13:00
31 Aug 2024	Autumn Series (1/4)	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00
14 Sep 2024	Autumn Series (2/4)	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00
28 Sep 2024	Autumn Series (3/4)	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00
12 Oct 2024	Worlds Tune up Series (1/3)	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00
3 Nov 2024	Worlds Tune up Series (2/3)	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00
16 Nov 2024	Worlds Tune up Series (3/3)	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00
30 Nov 2024	Transit to One 15	Transit	SB20 Ass'n / RM	
7 Dec 2024	<b>2024 Singapore National Championships</b>	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / One15	12:00
8 Dec 2024	<b>2024 Singapore National Championships</b>	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / One15	12:00
10 Jan 2025	<b>Asia Pacific Championships &amp; Asian Grand Slam</b>	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / SSF / One15	13:00
11 Jan 2025				
12 Jan 2025		up to 5 W/L		
	OneDegree15 Fun Race #1 & #2	Fun Race	SB20 Ass'n / One15	12:00 and 15:00
18 Jan 2025	<b>SB20 World Championships - Singapore</b>			13:00
19 Jan 2025		up to 4 W/L		13:00
20 Jan 2025		up to 4 W/L		13:00
21 Jan 2025		up to 4 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / SSF / One15	13:00
22 Jan 2025		up to 4 W/L		13:00
23 Jan 2025		up to 4 W/L		13:00
24 Jan 2025		up to 4 W/L		13:00
25 Jan 2025		up to 4 W/L		13:00
1 Feb 2025		A-PAC Return/Fleet Sail One15 to RM	Transit	SB20 Ass'n / RM



### SB20 SGP 3361 FOR SALE!!!

One of the best maintained and fastest boats in the fleet for sale, fully kitted out and ready to compete locally and internationally. SGP 3361 has been continuously upgraded with new standing & running rigging, sails (options available), hull & rudder fairing, bulkheads and trailer. The boat has great pedigree - is the reigning National Champion, Reigning APACs & Grand Slam Champion and just took home the Mayhem Regatta! The boat is sold with requirement to participate in the Worlds 2025 in Singapore!

Contact: Magnus 85718170

# Charter Rates for SB20 (Apr 2024 - Mar 2025)



SB20 Charter Rates	
Per Day Charter	\$400
2 - days Charter	\$760
3 - days Charter	\$1085
5 - days Charter	\$1720
7 - days Charter	\$2290
Per Month Charter for training only	\$2400*
<p style="text-align: center;">*Price exclude launching and recovery fees 2 way boat launching/recovery fees are approximately at \$100 including GST</p>	
<p>* Charterer will be assigned the same boat for all the events</p>	
<p>Teams representing Tertiary Institutions and Government agencies will be given 20% discount off the published rates</p>	

# SB20 Charter Rates Apr 2023 - Mar 2024



## Terms & conditions

- A damage deposit of SGD 500 is required.
- If a deduction from the damage deposit due to damage is incurred (amount decided by SSF), it will require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the charterer will be permitted to use the boat again.
- In the event of any damages or loss of any items, the member shall be responsible for the repairing/replacement cost of the said damages or loss.
- Any remaining deposit will be refunded within 10 days after the final event. - Charterer **MUST** be a member of the Singapore SB20 Class Association.
- All rates displayed above are subjected to 8% GST.
- SSF reserves the right to use the boats during non-event days.
- Charterers taking part in the events do so at their own risk. SSF, its associates, and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury, or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

**\*\*Any race venue besides Raffles Marina, there will be a delivery charge for the delivery of charter boats.**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Delivery Charge for 2 ways</b>
RSYC	\$500
One 15	
CSC	\$1000
SAFYC	

**SB<sup>20</sup>**  
**Singapore**

# CREW MEMBERSHIP

The SB20 association requires all boat owners to be paid up members and all sailors who compete in more than two club races per year to be paid up crew members of the association. This covers various expenses over the year and goes towards racing costs and social events.

## BENEFITS

- Club racing
- Post racing - dock refreshments
- Subsidised social events

**\$50/yr**



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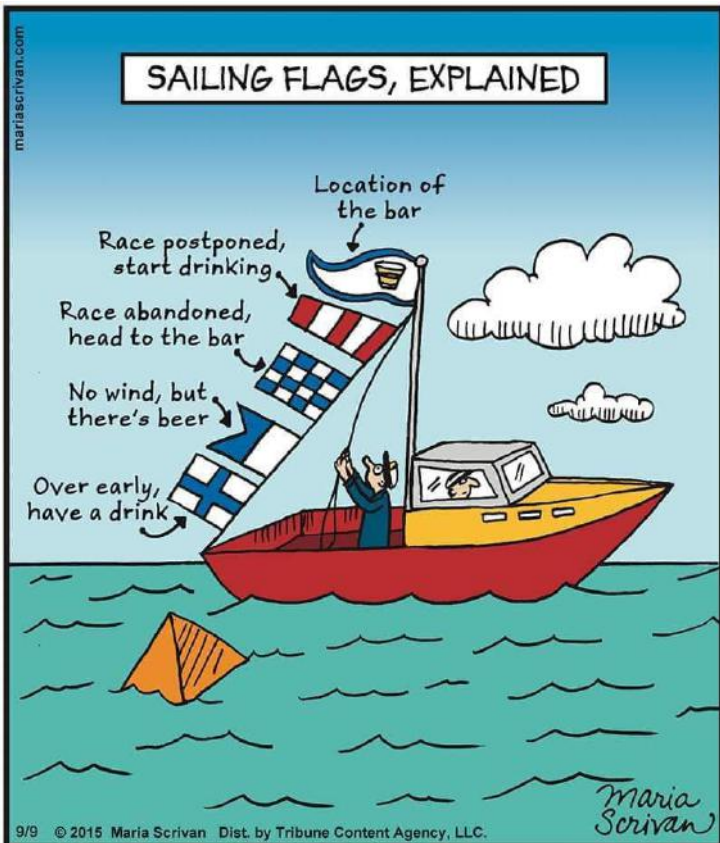
# National Youth Championships 2024

Jun 1 - 2  
Raffles Marina

Please let us know if you are able to join:

- Need a team / boat?
- Willing to use own boat and take on young sailors?

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# World Championships Logo Competition

Back in February we put it out there for our sailors to design the official logo of the 2025 World Championships. There were some fantastic efforts and some very interesting outputs from AI thanks to Freddie Hall.. Fair to say that the human generated responses were more 'logo-like'. Congratulations to Lenice Yeo from NUS who pocketed \$100 cash for her efforts and thank you to all who took the effort to submit their designs which were all more than worthy.



(Winning Design: Lenice Yeo)



(Ang Quan Xian)



(Darrell Lim)



(Alex Jane Tan)



(Chow Ye See)



What AI comes up with when you prompt it with: 'Angry Hungarian hitting two top marks...'

# Mayhem Regatta 2024

Day one of the Mayhem regatta started with the inaugural (but not the first) edition of the 'SB20's fattest man contest'. When it comes to expat men on scales, it is one of the items on the schedule that draws the biggest crowd. It was all about proving yourself on arrival and that's what these fellas did - the local contingent had to settle for jockeying for the lower positions as Freddie Hall who weighing in at 200kg and counts monthly pickle ball as his exercise regime took out the honours - with the light conditions forecast the extra weight was not going to be an advantage.

In a first, our Internationally recognised Race Officer Jonathan Kwek called for a skippers briefing at 1030 and at 1130 when no skippers had attended decided to just go start the racing. We believe this is a Guinness World Record for the lowest attended skippers briefing in sailing history, at least equalling the previous record of zero set at the 1944 Summer Olympics. (Guinness have yet to respond).

Johnathon had the last laugh however, when in another 'first' he had decided that the leeward gate would be placed downwind of the finish meaning for the first time in SB20 racing we would round the bottom marks and finish upwind. This was all outlined in the sailing instructions which of course nobody had read.

With less than 15 minutes to the first warning signal, the seasoned crew of 'The Incident' recently returned from a successful World Championship campaign in Dubai and sporting a new boat were enjoying a pre race beverage.

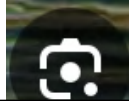
Panicking, the Sidewalk Cafe team who had cleverly rigged up earlier raced to the dock - running fashionably late as usual.

'The Incident' however had forgotten to rig up much to the amusement of the Sidewalk Cafe team.

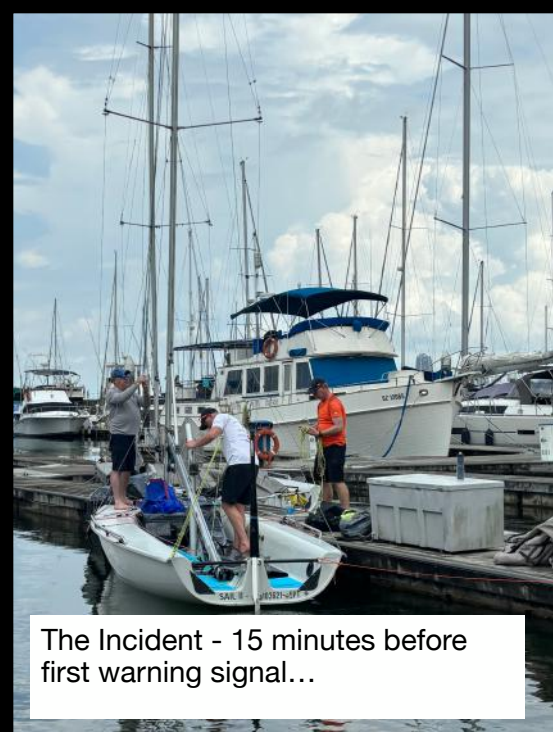
"Suffer in ya Jocks"  
- Daryl Kerrigan



Congratulations to Freddie Hall (pictured) for winning the second inaugural SB20 weigh in







The Incident - 15 minutes before first warning signal...

Let the Mayhem begin!

Miraculously and perhaps to the disgust of Jonathon, all 8 boats made it to the start line with the outgoing tide pushing the fleet over the line. Sidewalk Cafe having a good start off the line at the favoured boat end and with the plan to go right allowed the fleet to cross to the favoured right hand side and settled into 3rd place with the returning teams of Tara and Fugazi showing that their World Championship experience had given them an edge pulling away comfortably. Sitting in 3rd place, SWC dropped their spinnaker as they crossed the finish line only to realise that they should have attended the skippers briefing or at least read the sailing instructions. Thanks to the sportsmanship and amusement of the finished teams, they were able to get around the last gate and finish upwind learning a valuable lesson - not to leave their radio on the dock.

The following races were much the same with Tara and Fugazi having some battles at the front and the occasional cameo from Sidewalk Cafe who were only really allowed a sniff when Tara briefly tried to catch ikanbillis with their spinnaker.



I digress...

'The Incident' who had rigged in somewhat of a hurry and were missing sensible man - Ben Gunn (an actual Gunn but also his real name) had hoisted the spinnaker at the top mark of the first race only to realise they had made the mistake of letting their esteemed skipper (usually Ben's job) tie on the spinnaker halyard (please refer to the later article on how to tie a bowline). Unfortunately the knot wasn't up to Opti Junior level and didn't hold, allowing the spinnaker halyard to go head over biscuit and down the mast like a rat down a drain pipe. This turned out convenient as they only had 3 killkennys to last them the day anyway - a blessing in disguise.

Heading back to the dock (bar) with their tails between their legs, it quickly became irrelevant that they hadn't read the sailing instructions or attended the skippers briefing.

Day over for 'The Incident' who I hear are considering changing their boat name to 'The Incidents'

Thanks to the awesome race committee who set fair courses and did well to get 9 races in





New owner of 'Sea You Later' **Sebastian Zilm** showed glimpses of brilliance and led the fleet to the top mark in race 3 scoring their first podium race finish. It would have been a second place had they not messed up their final spinnaker set. Sebastian finished one point off a podium finish in his first outing with the new boat - a great effort and sign of more to come. **Nigel Harvey**, the Sydney Hobart veteran and self confessed contender tragically sailed Scumbag well, kindly bringing out relative beginners to the SB20 and father and son duo **Pete and Tom**. The starts were tight and tide helping boats over the line, the top boats in Fugazi and Tara scored OCS's on day 1 to keep the results tight. **Dean Othman** and team of **Haireel** and **Joelle** were consistent over both days and set up another first in their first ever podium regatta finish with super consistent sailing. **Chloe Seah's** NUS team sailed well and were in the mix all regatta.



Day 2 saw the Incident free of incidents and showing the form we are more accustomed to with a bullet in the first race putting the fleet on notice. They went on to finish 2nd on the day to eventual and habitual regatta winners Tara sailed by the big name, finely tuned crew of **Agoston Sipos, Freddie Hall** and **Magnus Ekblom**.



Fugazi sailed by **Ewan McEwan** with his crew of **Darrel Lim** and **Keegan Tan** put in one of their best local performances to finish second overall and really hit some form heading into our locally hosted worlds in January 2025.

Thanks to **Jonathon** and the RM team for another great event!





**Don't quote me but...**  
**"3 bottles of water, 3**  
**cans of Guinness and a**  
**lighter, thanks"**  
**Anonymous Skipper's**  
**pre racing bar order**



### SB20 Mayhem Regatta 2024

Results are final as of 14:40 on May 19, 2024

Overall

Sailed: 9, Discards: 1, To count: 8, Entries: 9, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Boat	Sail Number	Skipper Name	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	Total	Nett
1st	Tara	3361	Agoston Sipos	Magnus Ekborn, Freddie Hall	1.0	1.0	(10.0 UFD)	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	20.0	10.0
2nd	Fugazi	3609	Ewan McEwan	Darrell Lim, Keagan Tan	2.0	(10.0 UFD)	1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	27.0	17.0
3rd	2nd Mojo	3227	Dean Othman	Haireel, Joelle	(5.0)	3.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	39.0	34.0
4th	Sea U Later	3035	Sebastian Zilm	Coos Riesmeijer, Leeshir Heng	4.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	(6.0)	5.0	6.0	4.0	41.0	35.0
5th	Sidewalk Cafe	3407	Steve Kennedy	Ben, Sam	3.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	(10.0 DNC)	10.0 DNC	10.0 DNC	10.0 DNC	53.0	43.0
6th	The Incident	3802	Daire O Reilly	Tan CK, Myles Perrin	(10.0 DNC)	10.0 DNC	10.0 DNC	10.0 DNC	10.0 DNC	1.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	58.0	48.0
7th	Walababy	3271	Chloe Seah	Adrian Chan, Ashley Kuah, Tang Yang Heng	(10.0 DNF)	6.0	4.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	6.0	5.0	10.0 DSQ	58.0	48.0
8th	Scumbag	SGP	Nigel Harvey	Peter, Thomas	6.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	(10.0 RET)	10.0 DNC	10.0 DNC	10.0 DNC	10.0 DNC	74.0	64.0
9th	Sinbad	3294	Bronwyn Rose	Mark Rose, Akram Fakhfakh	(10.0 DNC)	10.0 DNC	10.0 DNC	10.0 DNC	10.0 DNC	10.0 DNC	10.0 DNC	10.0 DNC	10.0 DNC	90.0	80.0

# Sailor Profile - Sebastian Zilm

**Name** (any nicknames we should know?)

Sebastian Zilm (Seb)

**Where are you from?**

Germany, Neuruppin (north of Berlin, the town at the snake lake, Ruppiner See. Find it on google maps, do you see the snake? Eye and mouth is north, tail end south.)

**How did you first get into sailing and why did you join the SB20 fleet?**

My uncle brought his small boat to the lake and we sailed it up and down from head to tail and back. Later, and until today, my Dad kept his boat there (built in the 80's with a wooden mast!). Since moving to SG in 2008, I joined a friend at Keppel Marina on regular turns around Singapore and across to Bintan, as well all the way up to Phuket. I started sailing SB20 in 2020 during a course at SAFYC. After which we practiced a few times and then sailed it to One 15 to participate in the Apac's 2021 - a humbling experience ;-). Since then continued to charter and/or join as crew with Nick/Zorro or others when possible.



**Are bananas ok on boats Yes / No?**

Yes! I would eat the banana myself and through the peel at Sidewalk Café so that they don't sit there like a potato! ;-)

**What would be your favourite 'pump up song' to crank just before hitting the start line?**

Gravity - Boris Brejcha

**What other sports do you play?**

Tennis and swimming, climbing, gym (from time to time)

**What places have you sailed?**

Germany, Spain, US, SG, ID, MY, TH

**What are you looking forward to about 2024 SB20 racing?**

To continue learning from all of you and improving as crew or skipper. To participate in many races. And to live the dream of participating at the Apacs & Worlds in 2025. And most importantly helping my son Leo (12y now) to develop his own love for sailing while learning together and having fun!

## 2023-24 Champions:

Western Circuit	1st	2nd	3rd
	Purple Patch	Tara	Fugazi
Autumn Series	1st	2nd	3rd
	Sidewalk Café	Walababy	Sinbad
Middle East Championships	1st	8th	18th
	Glasgow Kiss	Tara	The Incident
December Shoot Out	1st	2nd	3rd
	Sidewalk Café	Zorro	Couta
Nils Cup	1st	2nd	3rd
	Purple Patch	Sidewalk Café	Pocapena
Asia Championships	4th	11th	14th
	Rental Car	Glasgow Kiss	Tara
World Championships	4th	11th	14th
	Rental Car	Glasgow Kiss	Tara
Singapore Regatta	1st	2nd	3rd
	Sidewalk Café	Monkey Boat	Wallababy
Spring Cup	1st	2nd	3rd
	Purple Patch	LumiNUS	Sinbad
Mayhem Regatta	1st	2nd	3rd
	Tara	Fugazi	2nd Mojo



Most useless things of all time



You know hes a sailor when:



**SB20 Chat Groups:**

- 1. Events/Activities 📍 <https://chat.whatsapp.com/36say5UKryWLVvkl0Elh7y>
- 2. Find a skipper/charter/crew 📍 <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HUjyxwuDQU1INQ04AcbMEj>
- 3. Chat for everything else 📍 <https://chat.whatsapp.com/CON7PjPJlzk96pdnkITQyf>

**Sailor.... or just German? (On the theme of German Sailors)**



# 'Rules Reality' with Ewan Mc Ewan

## SB20 Rules Reality

### What is Keeping Clear?

This question might seem to have an obvious answer, though you might want to think again as it's one of the toughest rules in the book - let me explain:

Imagine a typical situation going upwind, two boats one on port tack and one on starboard tack. They are on a collision course.

The port tack boat bears away and passes the starboard tack boat's stern missing by a couple of centimetres. Was the port tack boat keeping clear?

Nobody would penalise the port tack boat. There was no contact, right!

What about if the situation is the same though this time the port tack boat passes a couple of centimetres across the bow of the starboard tack boat, was the port tack boat keeping clear? Probably not.

So, as you can see keeping clear means different things in different situations and it means more than just avoiding contact.

What if the port tack boat feels that they were keeping clear and starboard tack boat felt that they weren't keeping clear, what happens in that situation? Well, here we can refer to case law as Case 50 tells us that if the starboard tack boat has 'a reasonable apprehension' that there will be a collision and they alter course to avoid a collision, even if it wasn't actually required to avoid a collision, then the port tack boat gets penalised.

Further, when boats are on the same tack how do we judge if the windward boat is keeping clear? This is quite tricky because often, though not always, the boats will be flying gennakers.

Let's go to the rule book and see what it says, here is a link to World Sailing where the rule books and associated documentation are free to download:

<https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/racing-rules-of-sailing/>

On page 7 you'll find the Definitions. These are rules and Keep Clear appears at the bottom of the page. Here it is reproduced in quotation marks:

**"Keep Clear** A boat keeps clear of a right-of-way boat

- (a) if the right-of-way boat can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action and,
- (b) when the boats are overlapped, if the right-of-way boat can also change course in both directions without immediately making contact."

So, as you can see when we have two boats overlapped on the same tack the second part of the definition applies. We have a nick name for this; 'wiggle room'.

If the leeward right of way boat can't change course in either direction without making immediate contact then the keep clear boat hasn't kept clear!

Now conditions make a huge difference. Add waves, gusts and strong winds and what would be considered keeping clear in flat water with a modest breeze would certainly not be keeping clear in

meter high waves and gusts of a strong breeze.

The more difficult the conditions the more room you need to give to keep clear. The term 'room' in this context is time, space and opportunity.

Additionally, if you look through the Case Book, you'll find numerous mentions of the term 'seamanlike', though how do you judge this? Have a look at Case 103 which helps:

### CASE 103

The phrase 'seamanlike way' in the definition Room refers to boat-handling that can reasonably be expected from a competent, but not expert, crew of the appropriate number for the boat.

At a Grade 1 Match Race event with the top teams in the world pretty much anything goes until it starts getting dangerous. In club racing we need to give much more room to allow people to respond to an opportunity to keep clear.

Increasingly as you move up the peaking order of any fleet the rules are used in a more combative mode. One of the joys of sailboat racing is the interaction between rules, tactics and boat handling – if you ever get the chance to watch a top team race, you'll be amazed at what the competitors can do with the boat to work with their team mates to hinder their opponents and win!

Ewan McEwan  
May 2024

Note:

One of the foremost Team Race events in the world is The Wilson Trophy hosted by West Kirby Sailing Club, on the Wirral near Liverpool, UK. Here – if you are interested here is a video of the 2019 event:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tikbN30yfGQ>

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

9-12AM OR 1-4PM

# JUNE SAILING CAMPS

Camp 1: 10th - 13th June  
Camp 2: 17th - 20th June



**BOOK NOW!**

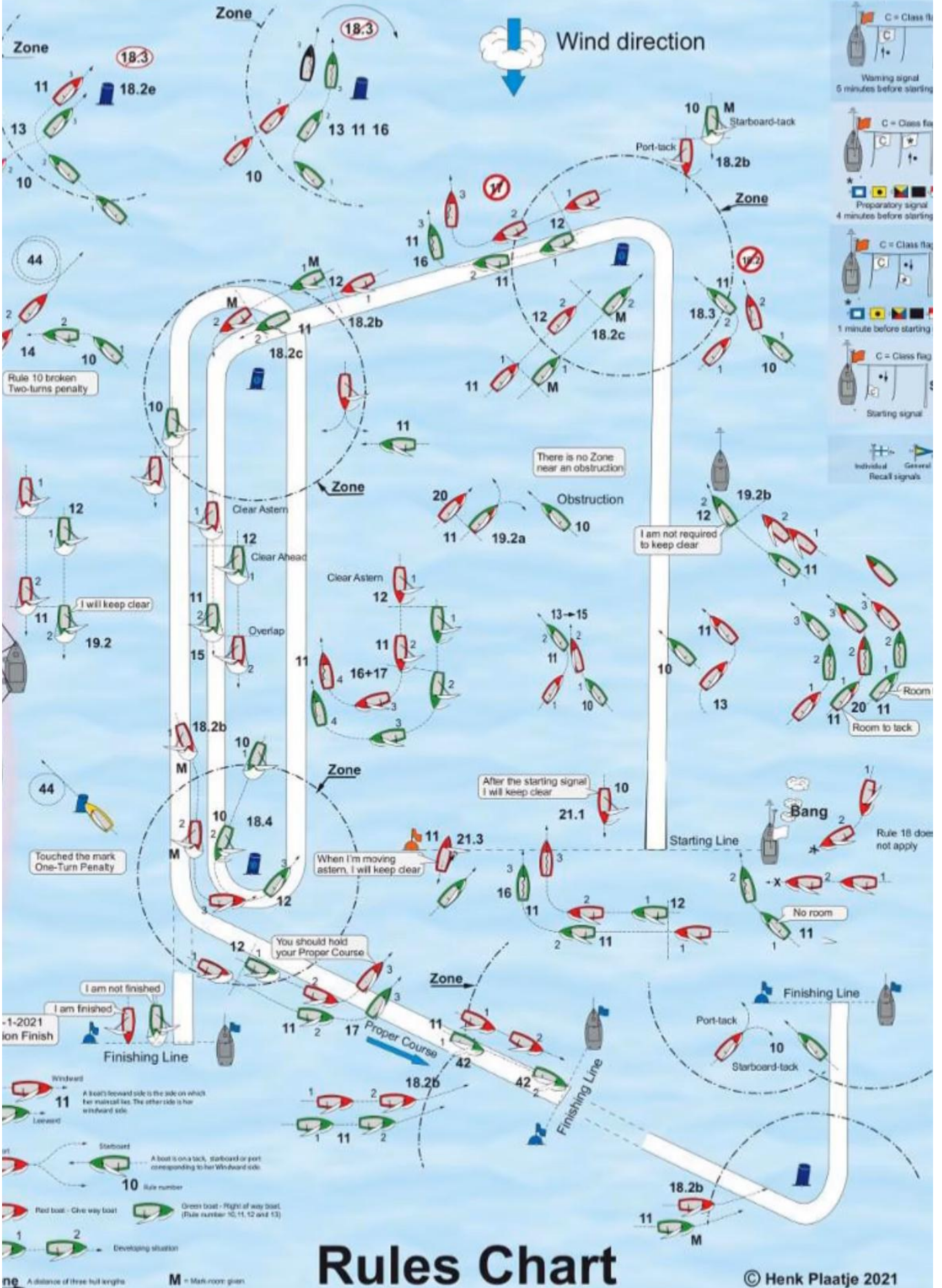
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## Rules Chart

