

N.M.Y.C. NEWS

J Boats Are Coming to Naples!



These boats are over 10' long with 12' high masts and weigh 80 - 90 lbs

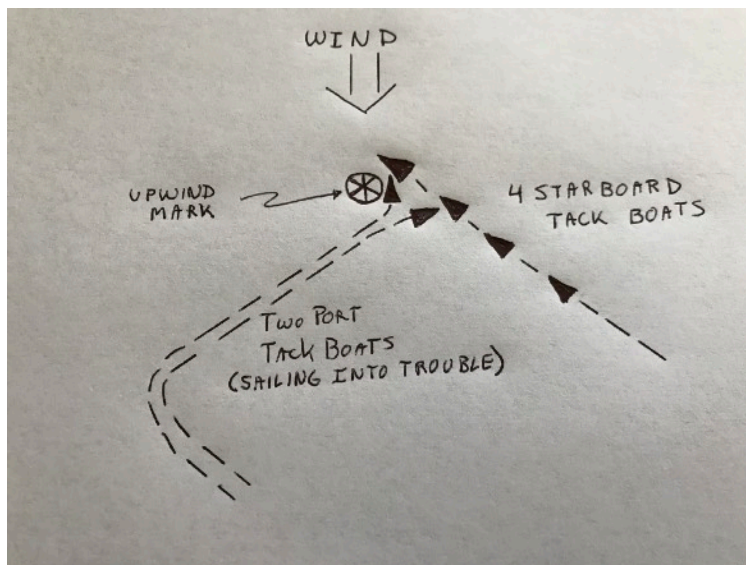
On January 25, 2020 radio-controlled 1/16 scale J boat models will be racing at the North Collier Regional Park, 15000 Livingston Rd, Naples, FL. Park at the water park lot and walk around to the pond behind the park. 10am - Noon Sponsored by the Naples Model Yacht Club (www.naplesmyc.org)

Let's get ready to race...

Come help members get ready for our club racing and special Regattas like the beautiful J Boats racing January 25th. On **December 12th at 0900** come join our work party at the North Collier pond #1. All marks will be removed, scrubbed clean, and weights and mechanics serviced. Just show up and help! We will clean the marks on pond #2 one week later on Dec. 19th.

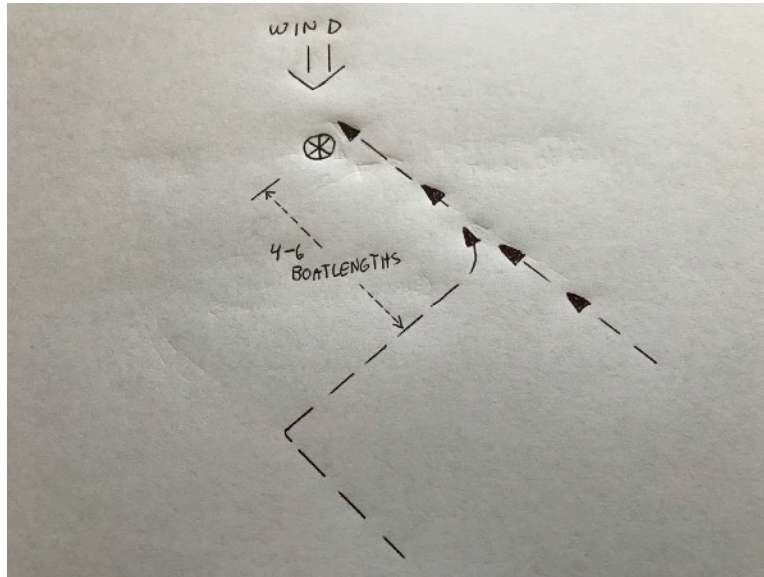
Sailing into a Problem - Approaching the Upwind Mark on Port

Approaching an upwind mark on port leaves the skipper with few opportunities to safely get around the mark without fouling another boat. The other boats approaching the mark on Starboard have right of way, so the port tack boat must avoid them because he is on port. And the port tack boat must also avoid hitting the mark. One of Two bad things usually happen. 1) The port tack boat tries to go onto starboard at the last second to squeeze around the mark. 2) The port tack boat tries to shoot a hole between two starboard boats. Both moves are very high risk and usually result in a pile up of boats. Now the port tack boat has fouled several boats. Not too many of his buddies are pleased.....



Avoiding the Problem - Plan a course to approach the mark on starboard

The smart move is to tack over onto port well BEFORE the mark (4-6 boat lengths), then sail past the lay line, and then go back onto starboard. This maneuver allows the skipper to blend in more smoothly with the Starboard tack boats, because there is no mark to avoid. Also, the skipper will have all his rights, because he has tacked onto Starboard outside the four boat length circle.



Good sailing! (Dick Hedderick 11/19)

Dues are due!

Treasurer Denny Ginsburg reports only about half of our members have paid their 2020 dues. For less than the cost of a lunch for two, you can enjoy an entire year being with other members who have similar interests to yours. This year we are scheduling more fun racing every Saturday at Pond #2 (Behind Dick's sporting goods). You will be able to race other boat classes in a low stress, fun environment.

Dues can be paid using the club web site and PayPal or you can mail or give Denny a check . Current members only pay \$30.00 and new members pay \$40.00 the first year to cover name tag cost. By the way, we do require that each of our members be an AMYA member. This provides \$2M in insurance coverage for our pond owner plus a great magazine four times a year, *Model Yachting*.