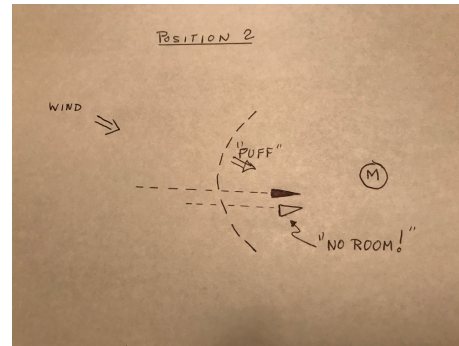
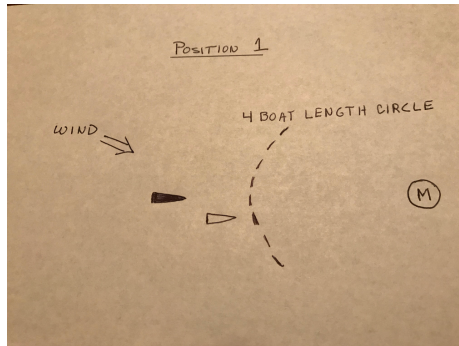


Sailing into a Problem - Getting trapped inside at a mark with no rights...argh!

This can happen most easily at the downwind turning mark. A skipper is trying to get inside a boat ahead, but fails to do so as the leading boat enters the four boat length circle. Then a big puff (which often hits the trailing boat first) pushes the trailing skipper inside the leading boat. But since the overlap was achieved after the leading boat entered the four-boat length circle, the inside boat has no rights. The inside boat often commits a foul in attempting to go inside anyway! Notice how this occurs in the two diagrams below:



Avoiding the Problem - Go outside the leading boat at 5-6 boat lengths from the Mark.

The trailing skipper must bail out from the overlap attempt at 5-6 boat lengths from the mark and set up outside the leading boat. Then if a puff comes, the trailing skipper will be safely outside the leading boat and can safely round the mark without fouling the leading boat.

