

Beer Can sailing is fun, or at least it is supposed to be. Since this Keel Fleet event is held in the evening, and there is no Race Committee, and no chase boats, safety needs to be the prime concern, not just fun. In a recent Beer Can event, a collision with significant damage occurred, and no one stopped to help the damaged boat. I have spoken at length to both the skippers involved, as I typically do after collisions at AYC. After those conversations, I am motivated to ask our members to remember several things about sailing in the Beer Can event.

1. Please stop to help a damaged boat, and check on the other boat after a collision. Rule 1.1 is so much more important than getting to the dock first.
2. Avoiding collisions is everyone's responsibility, whether cruising, sailing Beer Can, or racing.
3. The beer can course which allows rounding the mark from either direction https://www.austinyachtclub.net/wp-content/uploads/AYC_BeerCanCourse.pdf is different than our normal "NASCAR" style of "just turn left" sailing events, and it can be fun. But not all our members are as familiar with the proper and safe way to do this kind of rounding. Not knowing the rules for this type of rounding can end up with unsafe mark roundings.
 - a. Rule 18 Room at the mark is not relevant in the Beer Can course – see Rule 18.1.
 - b. A boat which has rights (e.g. starboard) but is changing course (when rounding a mark) must give time & opportunity for the other boat to keep clear - see Rule 16.1.

To improve safety of the Beer can event, I have asked the Keel fleet to post better documents about the Beer Can event, showing the list of Rules and explicitly providing an annotated diagram showing the proper and safe way to round the marks, both online and on the notice board downstairs. I truly hope this will help preserve this fun event, and keep us safer.

PRC will again provide RC training, on Saturday September 7th. Please sign up with either Kurt Carson or Jim Casto. We will have sessions on motorboat driving & docking, anchoring, scoring, RC equipment, flags & start sequences. Each fleet should send representatives, as we prepare for RC duty in the Indian Summer & Fall series.

The "scoring strategy team" is behind schedule, I have not made progress.

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