
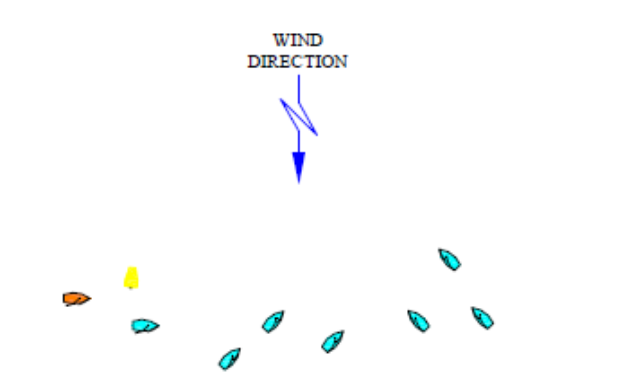
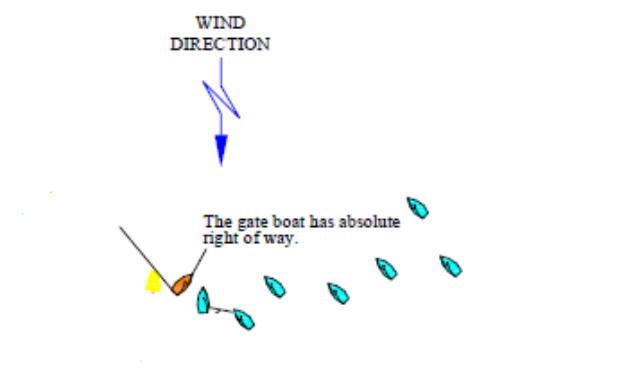

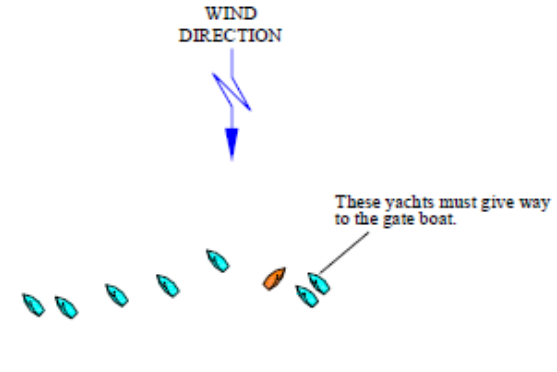
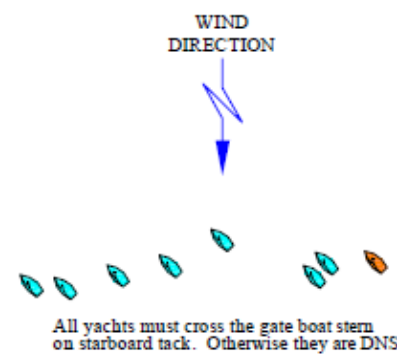


## CCYC Gate Start Procedure

Sometimes we need to use the gate start. Here is the procedure.

1. The gate boat (pathfinder) will be clearly identified by name and description at the briefing.
2. The PRO will organise for one buoy to be laid for the start.
3. The gate boat will control the timing for the start. Use the standard timings and communicate by the standard flags or by radio. (See Official Start Time below.) The gate boat will endeavour to pass near the start mark close to the scheduled start time, as follows.
4. Suggested method for gate boat:-
  - a) 5 min - Position herself just to leeward of the start mark, sailing away from the mark on an easy reach on starboard tack.
  - b) 3 min – tack onto port and head towards the start mark. Then see below.

<p>c) Less than 3 min to go - Gate boat approaches the start buoy off the breeze on port tack.</p> <p>[Other yachts keep clear downwind.]</p>	
<p>d) Less than 1 min to go - Gate boat starts to shy up approaching the start buoy staying on port tack.</p> <p>[Other yachts keep clear downwind.]</p>	
<p>e) Start - Gate boat hardens up around the start buoy to be close hauled on port tack.</p> <p><b>OFFICIAL START TIME</b> is the <b>LATER</b> of:- Designated start time OR When the stern of the gate boat clears the buoy at 90 degrees to the gate boat centreline [Gate boat must inform PRO of the actual time]</p>	

<p>f) After the start - Gate boat maintains a port tack. Other yachts can now begin to start on starboard tack (<b>after</b> the start time – see above)</p> <p>[A yacht has started when she crosses between the stern of the gate boat and the start mark, after the start time]</p>	 <p>WIND DIRECTION</p> <p>The diagram shows a gate boat (yellow) on port tack (pointing left) and a line of yachts (teal) starting on starboard tack (pointing right). A blue arrow labeled 'WIND DIRECTION' points downwards.</p>
<p>g) Gate boat maintains a port tack. Participants continue to start on starboard tack behind the gate boat</p>	 <p>WIND DIRECTION</p> <p>These yachts must give way to the gate boat.</p> <p>The diagram shows the gate boat (yellow) on port tack and a line of yachts (teal) starting behind it on starboard tack. A blue arrow labeled 'WIND DIRECTION' points downwards. A callout points to the yachts with the text 'These yachts must give way to the gate boat.'</p>
<p>h) After 5 minutes (or after all other yachts have started) the gate boat is free to either tack onto starboard tack or continue her course.</p>	 <p>WIND DIRECTION</p> <p>All yachts must cross the gate boat stern on starboard tack. Otherwise they are DNS.</p> <p>The diagram shows the gate boat (yellow) on port tack and a line of yachts (teal) crossing its stern on starboard tack. A blue arrow labeled 'WIND DIRECTION' points downwards. A callout at the bottom states 'All yachts must cross the gate boat stern on starboard tack. Otherwise they are DNS.'</p>

**IMPORTANT NOTE**  
Yachts which start early have no advantage, unless the gate boat is slow.