

Eggemoggin Reach Regatta

RULES OF THE ROAD:

It is your responsibility, as captain, to understand that you are subject to the Navigation Rules of the Road and that you do not automatically become the STAND ON vessel simply by virtue of your participating in this marine event. This is especially true in meeting, crossing or overtaking situations between event participants and vessels constrained by their draft on their ability to maneuver. Failure to conduct yourself in the above manner may result in your being banned from participating in this event in the future.

THE GENERAL RULES:

1. The COLLISION REGULATIONS apply to everyone.
2. Everyone must comply with these rules and avoid collisions, even if in the right of way.
3. All vessels keep a lookout for other vessels.

RULES OF THE ROAD (UNDER SAIL)

1. Starboard Tack has right of way and shall STAND ON over a sailing vessel on Port tack, which must GIVE WAY.
2. Windward shall give way to the vessel on Leeward.
3. Overtaking (coming from behind and passing) must GIVE WAY. The Overtaking rule applies regardless of whether the vessel being passed is propelled by power or sail.
4. Port Tack and unsure of windward vessels' tack, shall GIVE WAY to the Windward vessel.

RULES OF THE ROAD (UNDER POWER)

1. A sailboat, whether operating under sails and engine or under engine alone, must abide as a powerboat.
2. Two powerboats meeting on a reciprocal course must alter to starboard.
3. Two powerboats crossing, the vessel on the right is in the RIGHT. The GIVE Way vessel (on left) must pass astern.

SAILING VESSELS must GIVE WAY to vessels:

1. Not under Command
2. Vessels Restricted in their ability to maneuver, such as a towing operation.
3. Vessels constrained by their draft
4. Commercial Fishing Vessels