



# From the Bridge!!

**A FUNNY THING** happened to us last Saturday! Prior to the start every time we looked at the starters mast to see which course we were supposed to be sailing, the light and variable wind blew the flags “end on” to us and we could not read them. So, bearing in mind, firstly, the high esteem in which we hold our fellow sailors and, secondly, the fact that friendship does not cease until the 5 minute flag hoists, I asked Jim what course we were sailing. “A2” he replied with great certainty.

Due to the fact that we were leading the fleet by a considerable distance at the Wedding Cake, we headed off to West Bank and thence to the finish.. As we neared Soldiers Point, we noticed Avante definitely heading to Salamander Bay mark. “He must be wrong” we said! He wasn’t! Jim and I were the only ones sailing A2, the rest of the fleet sailed A3. The moral of the story is obvious.! Read your own flags!!

**SAFETY INSPECTIONS:** Several racing fleet yachts have not had their safety inspections completed, and a couple have not paid their subs for the year! Race by all means but don’t expect any points or trophies for your efforts!!! Ring Jim or Bill Haskell (49847055) and have an inspection ASAP

**CAR STICKERS.** We now have a supply of smart looking PSYCH stickers to enhance the appearance of the rear window of your pride and joy. Only \$2.00 each at the bar. Promote our Club!

**ANOTHER** Rules hint. I have always had a problem determining my left hand from my right! This is compounded when Port and Starboard come into play. So, Ever since I sailed Dinghies I have had PORT and STARBOARD written on the boom of my boat. (on the appropriate side of course!) In the heat of the moment, when I am about to be T boned by a much bigger yacht, I just glance upward, and start yelling if appropriate.

**ON** the same subject. If the tiller is in your left hand and you are sitting on the windward side of your yacht. YOU HAVE RIGHT OF WAY.

## THE RULES

**Rule 10** When boats are on opposite *tacks*, a *port-tack* boat shall *keep clear* of a *starboard-tack* boat.

**Rule 12** When boats are on the same *tack* and not *overlapped*, a boat *clear astern* shall *keep clear* of a boat *clear ahead*.



The boats are on opposite tacks. Thus **rule 10** applies and Blue (the port tack boat) shall be penalized. **Rule 12** does not apply.

Happy Sailing.

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