

ASK Dave, virtual seminar on the 2021 -2024 racing Rules of Sailing Saturday, March 6 beginning sharply at 7pm

Link to our Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89562455769?pwd=N3FjUWthRmtEMVZGeUdDc1FHU2NLUT09>

Pre-read Material

A. The Zoom classroom...tips from Dave.

You have likely been spending time in the Zoom Room these past few months. I have been doing online rules talks with everyone from high school kids to the US Sailing Team. I am going to do everything I can to make us feel like we are all sitting together talking rules... and as those of you who know me know, I like to have a lot of laughing and interaction when I teach, so let's all do what we can to make that happen! Just because we are sitting at home doesn't mean this can't be fun, as well as highly educational!

To that end, here are a few thoughts...

- 1) If you are new to Zoom, simply click the link in the invitation, and your computer will prompt you on what to do. It may need to download Zoom which takes only a few minutes and very few clicks, and is free. This would not be a great seminar to call into on the phone; please find a laptop if at all possible. If new to Zoom, I suggest you start the joining process about 20 minutes before the session begins.

Even if you already have Zoom, I recommend upgrading to the latest edition; they have added some cool features to enhance the experience.

- 2) **Wear a FUN hat** – you will be keeping your cameras on the whole time. You can even have some fun creating a Virtual Background or using the fun Video Filters (in Zoom, lower left next to the camera icon is an up arrow; click that and find virtual background and video filter. Note that it does not work on older computers or older versions of Zoom.)

- 3) **Zoom thoughts...**

By now you are probably getting pretty good at using Zoom.

Here are some thoughts (especially useful for those who have not used the Zoom platform much)...and don't worry, we'll take a little time at the beginning to make sure you know your way around the Zoom Room!

- a) **have your cameras on when you join the session**, so be dressed appropriately ;>)

Note: if you want to go “off camera” from time to time for whatever reason, you can simply turn your camera off by clicking the camera icon in the lower left of your

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screen. When you do that, your “profile page” will show. If you have not inserted a picture in your profile, then just your name will appear.

BUT, it is really fun to insert a photo (and easy) – just go to your Account page and then Profile. The trick is, it needs to be a small photo, so you may need to downsize your photo size (750 pixels on the height seems to do the trick) – easy to do in Paint on your PC, or Photoshop on your Mac.

b) **there are times you will be UNMUTED** (so please do your best to have your area as quiet as possible...thanks) – obviously if your dog starts barking or your phone rings, then please go on mute until it is quiet again.

If you are **MUTED** and you want to unmute yourself, or vice versa, just **click the microphone icon** (lower left on your screen). When you are muted, there will be a red diagonal line across the microphone icon.

c) Throughout the session, I will be giving you plenty of opportunities to ask me questions, just as if we were sitting in the same room. The best way to do this is to “raise your Zoom hand”.

“Raising Your Hand” - in Zoom you can “raise your hand” so I can see that you have a question or comment. In the latest Zoom edition, go to the **Reactions** icon at the bottom of the screen, and in there is a button that says “Raise Hand”. When you raise your hand, the button will then say “Lower Hand.”

In older versions, go to the **Participants** icon at the bottom of the screen and click on “Raise Hand.” That button does not change, so to lower your hand, click the same button.

If for some reason you do not see the “raise hand” or “Yes” and “No” buttons at the bottom of your Participants Box, you have to go to your Zoom account page (first page) and click on Settings (a little cogged wheel in the lower left corner) and scroll down to **Non-verbal feedback** – and turn that switch ON. If you join the meeting 15 minutes early, you can see if you have those buttons, and you’ll have time to leave the meeting, turn that switch on, and come back in.

If I am not calling on you (perhaps I am not seeing your hand up), just come off mute and say “Hi Dave...this is Mary...I have a question (or whatever).” Then I will say “Hi Mary...great, what’s your question?” That way you’ll know I heard you and I am listening to you.

d) another way you can ask questions is in the **Chat Room**. You can send a chat to a specific person, or to “everyone”. If you pose a question to “everyone”, very often someone in the group knows the answer and they will reply. It is like having multiple

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streams of knowledge flowing at the same time. During my presentation I will not be looking in the **Chat Room**, so if you want to ask me a question, please “raise your hand.”

e) **I suggest you have a notebook and a pen** for taking notes, and a piece of paper handy to write down any questions/confusions that pop into your head or any things I am saying that you don't understand. Then please don't be shy about asking me to address them (most the others will be thankful you did!). **A key to getting better at something is to never let a question or an uncertainty go unanswered or unresolved!**

f) you will need to know how to toggle back and forth from “**Gallery View**” to “**Speaker View**”. It is a button on the upper right of your screen (upper left on an iPad).

“**Gallery View**” shows everyone's video in equal boxes filling the screen. There are 25 boxes to a screen, so there will be several screens of us. You can toggle from screen to screen using the arrow halfway down on the right or left of the screen.

“**Speaker View**” makes whomever is speaking fill the screen (you will be viewing the speaker). There are times I will be telling you to switch to “**Speaker View**”, for instance when I am going to go to my whiteboard to move boats around.

g) When I **share my screen**, you may see 2 or 4 little video boxes on the right of your screen, and they may be blocking some of your screen. To minimize those video boxes, at the top of the stack of boxes are four little icons. Click on the left-most one and they will all disappear. If you want to see me, click on the second icon from the left. You can then drag me to the upper right corner of your screen.

Or at the top of the screen you will see a button called “**View Options**”. Click on that, and then click on “**side by side mode**”. That will split the video boxes from what's on my screen, and you can even adjust the size of the two sides by grabbing the slider bar between them.

h) I am encouraging you all to have some fun with the Zoom controls:

I love the “**Reactions**” icons – **Thumbs up** and **Applause** (clapping hands). Please be sure you know where those are (usually right along the bottom controls on the right, but on an iPad they are in the upper right (click on the three little dots/More). **Have some fun with those** – if someone says something cool, give 'em a clap. If I say “how you all doing?”, give me a thumbs up (if doing good...). The thumbs up or the clapping hands will pop up on your video box for a couple of seconds and then go off.

Let's all try to be in the Zoom Room by 6:45 Saturday evening so we can work out any bugs anyone may be having, get to know each other a bit, and **start on time**.

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B. Review the 2021-2024 racing rules, Part 2, When Boats Meet, and review the changes in the 2021-2024 rules. At the following link you will find:

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/the-racing-rules-of-sailing-2021-2024/>

- the new 2021-2024 *Racing Rules of Sailing* with all the new text in red.
- Dave Perry's paper listing all the significant changes in the new rules.
- A link to download the new US Sailing Rules App, which has the rule and appeals book in it for FREE for US Sailing members, plus a large Resource section and other cool features.

THANK YOU for reading this far! That tells me you are psyched to learn more about the new rules and the rules in general! And be sure to be wearing what I asked you to wear in the Pre-read above ;>)

See you Saturday, March 6!
Dave

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