



Introduction to Sailing

part 1

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Poll "Sailing experience"

Outline

A boat

Why does it move?

Sails, sailing points

Helming and manoeuvres

Safety

Knots

+ some other information

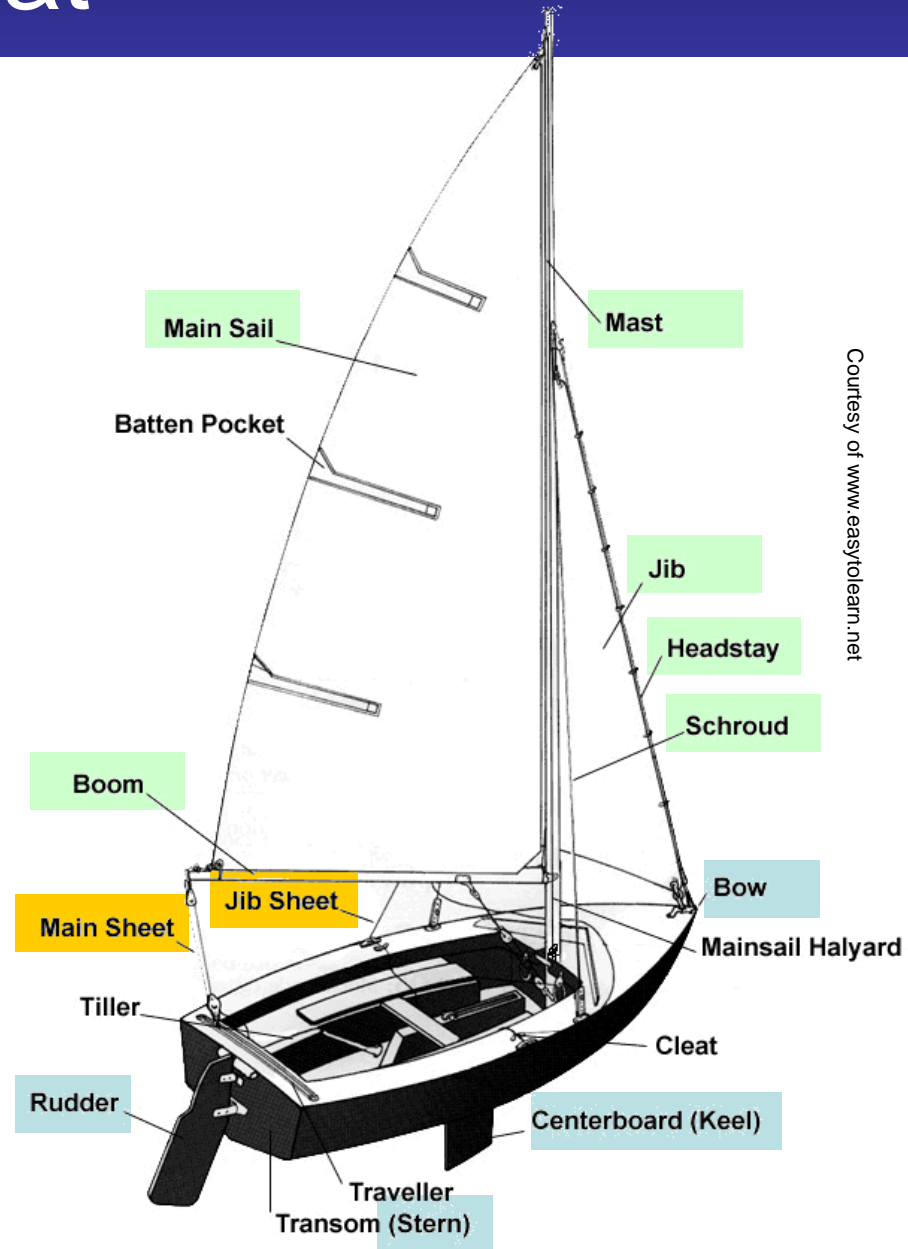
vocabulary

**please interrupt
and ask questions!!!**



A boat

- Hull
 - Rigging
 - Sheets
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- right → starboard
 - left → port
- memo trick: both have 4 letters
- what can be moved?



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Boats in the club *

* in the beginners' courses

- keelboat (Yngling)

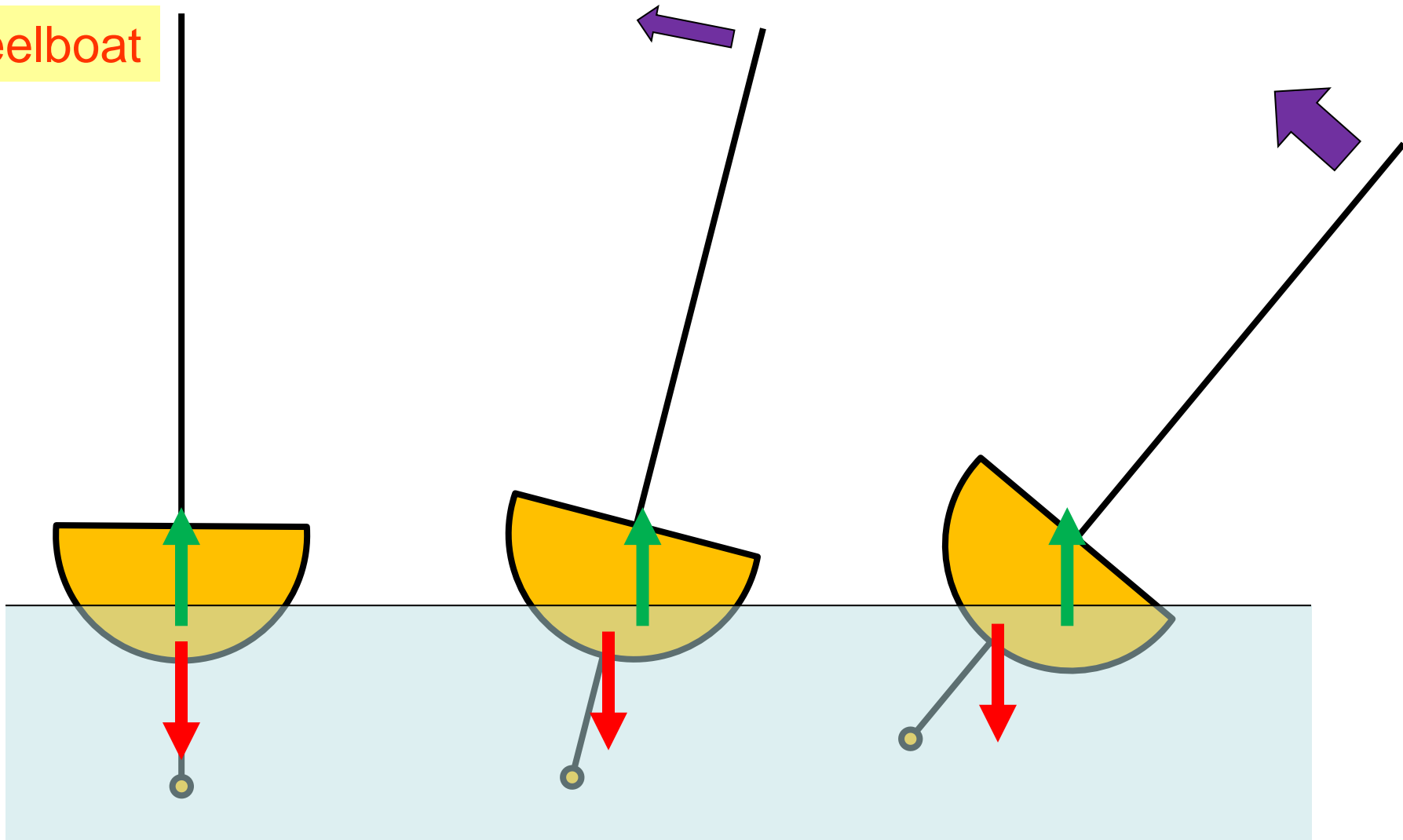


- dinghy (RS 400/500, Xenon, Laser 2)



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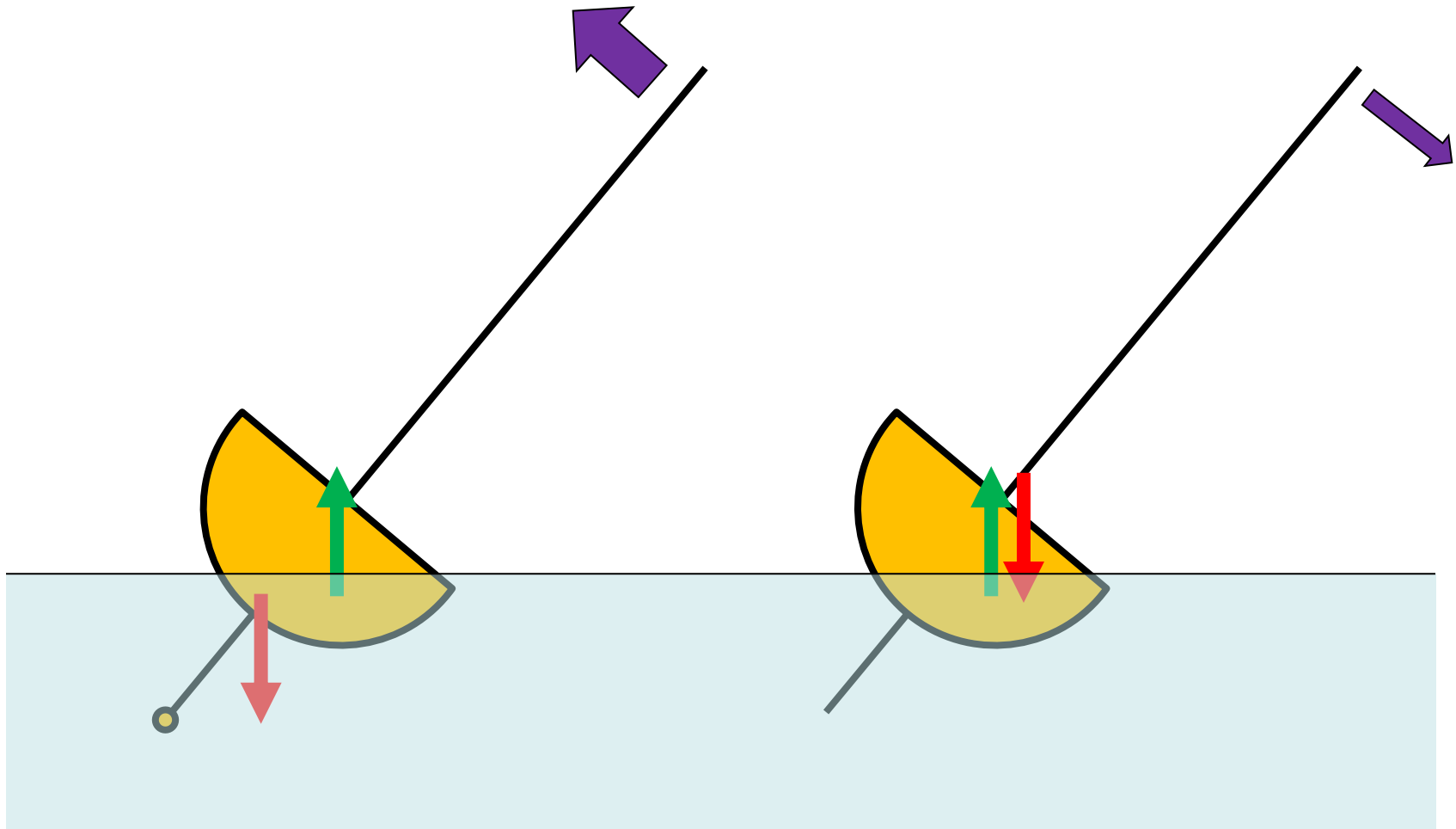
keelboat



How does a boat keep upright

keelboat

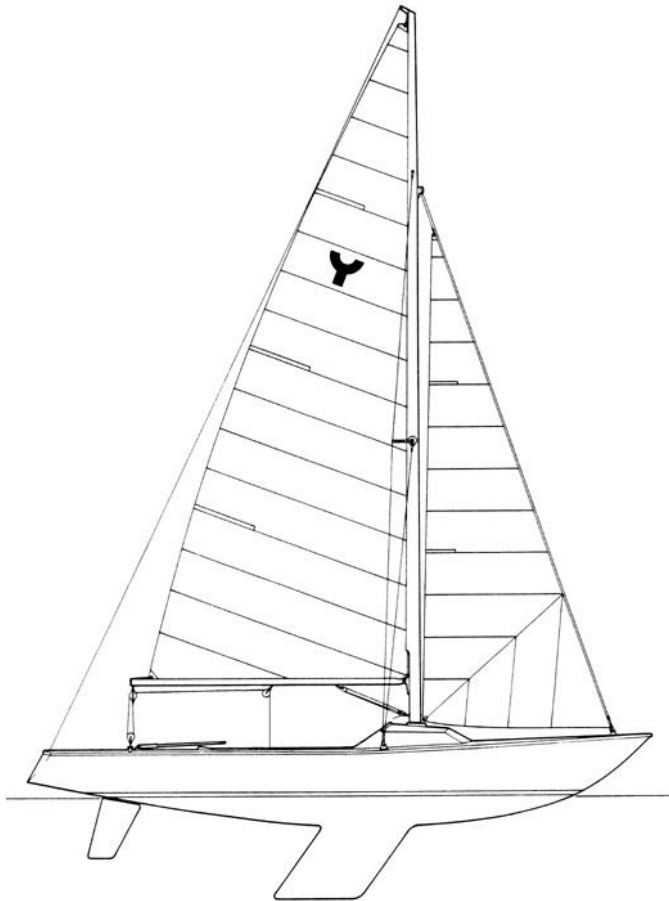
dinghy



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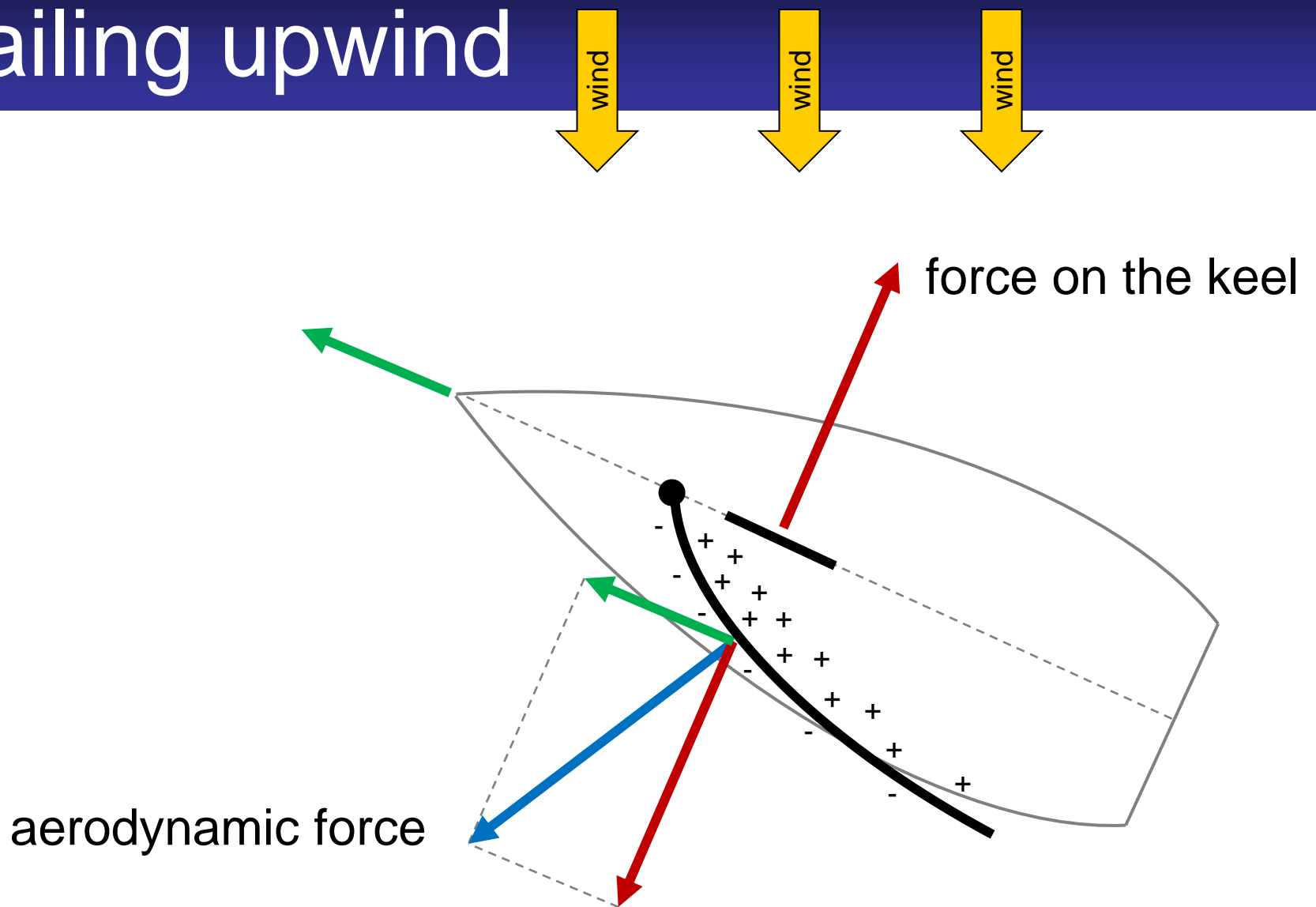


Why a boat moves?

- wind “pushes” a boat – going downwind
- but what about going upwind???

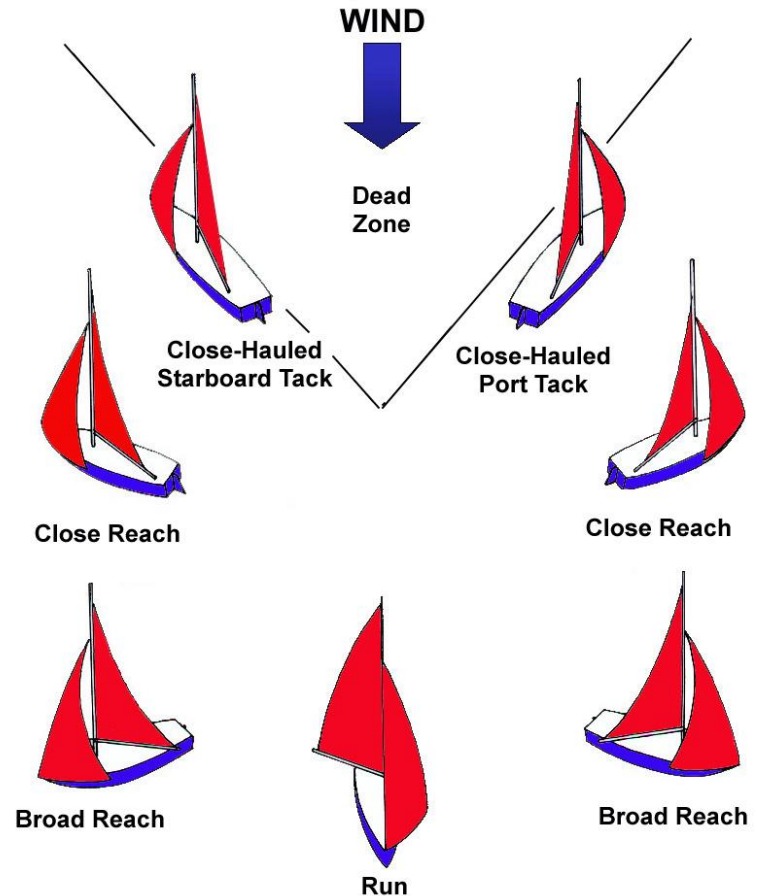


Sailing upwind



Sailing points

- close-hauled (upwind)
- close reach
- beam reach
- broad reach
- running (dead downwind)

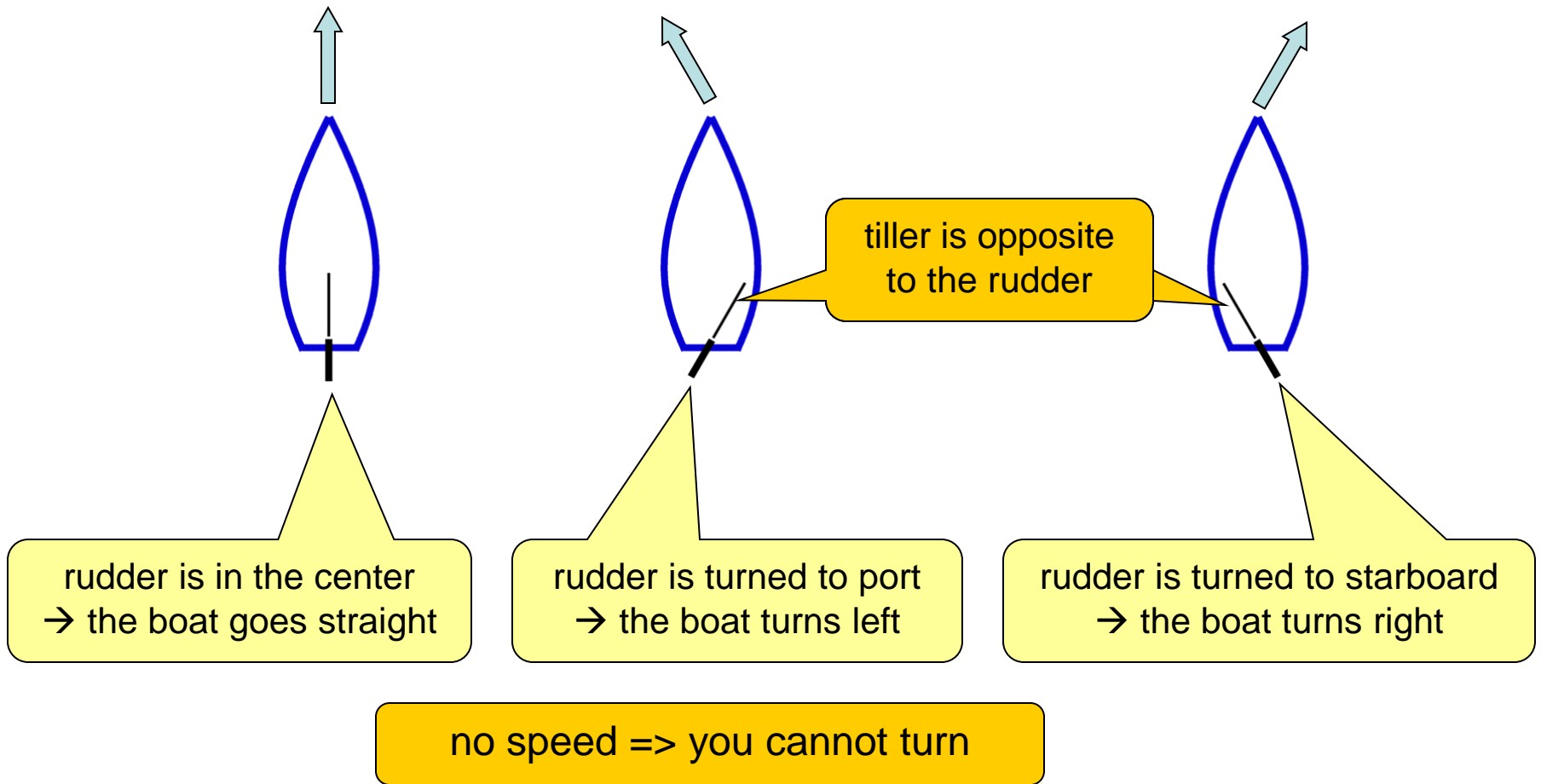


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But how to go directly into the wind???



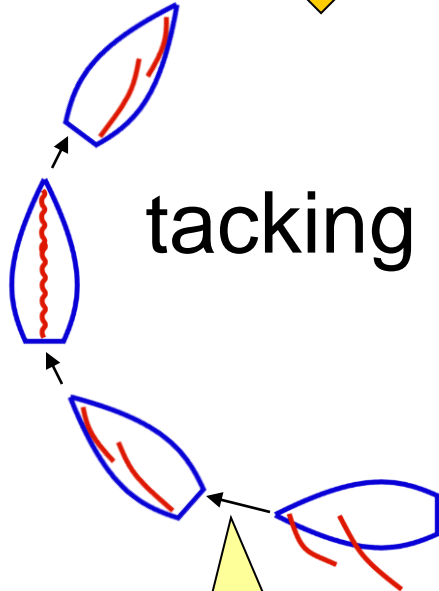
Helming



Manoeuvres

wind

wind



tacking

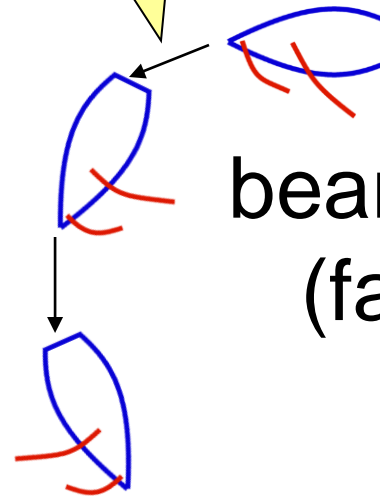
luffing up

trimming sails
(pulling sheets)

easing sails
(releasing sheets)

gybing

bearing away
(falling off)

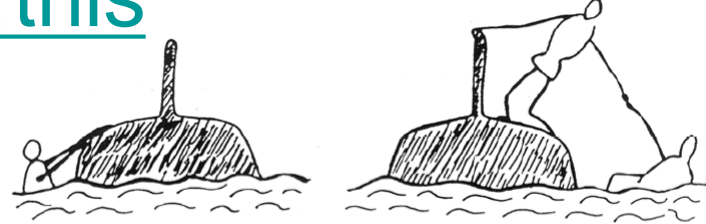
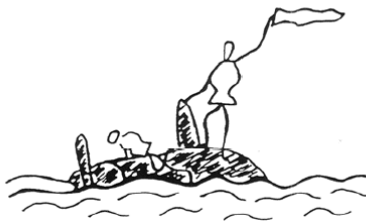


Capsizing (dinghies)

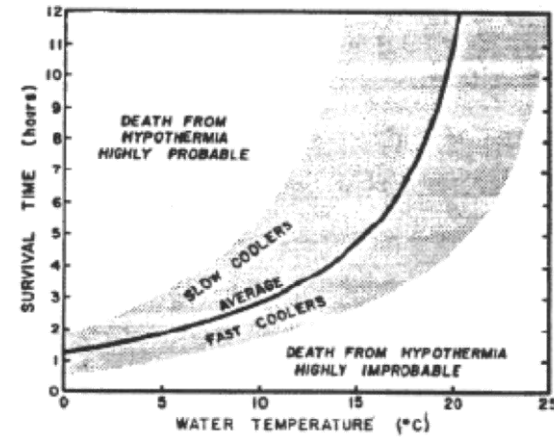
- sometimes a dinghy capsizes:



- wait for help
- ...or put it upright yourself like this



- Water is (often) cold!
- Wear buoyancy aid (lifejackets)
- Stay with the capsized boats



- Save your heat and energy



Most important knots

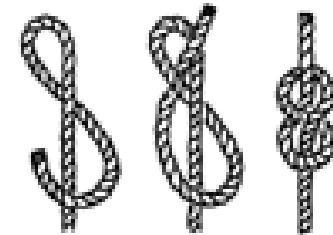
- Square knot



- Bowline



- Figure of eight



- Cleat knot



- Coiling a rope



Next lecture...

- True and apparent wind
- Trimming sails
- Spinnaker
- More on manoeuvres
 - Tacking and gybing
 - Man overboard (MOB)
 - Leaving and entering a harbour
- Priority rules
- And other things that I didn't cover today



Further reading

“*YCC Sailing Course for Beginners*” booklet:
<http://cern.ch/yachting/courses/YCCSailingCourse.pdf>



Take part in YCC activities

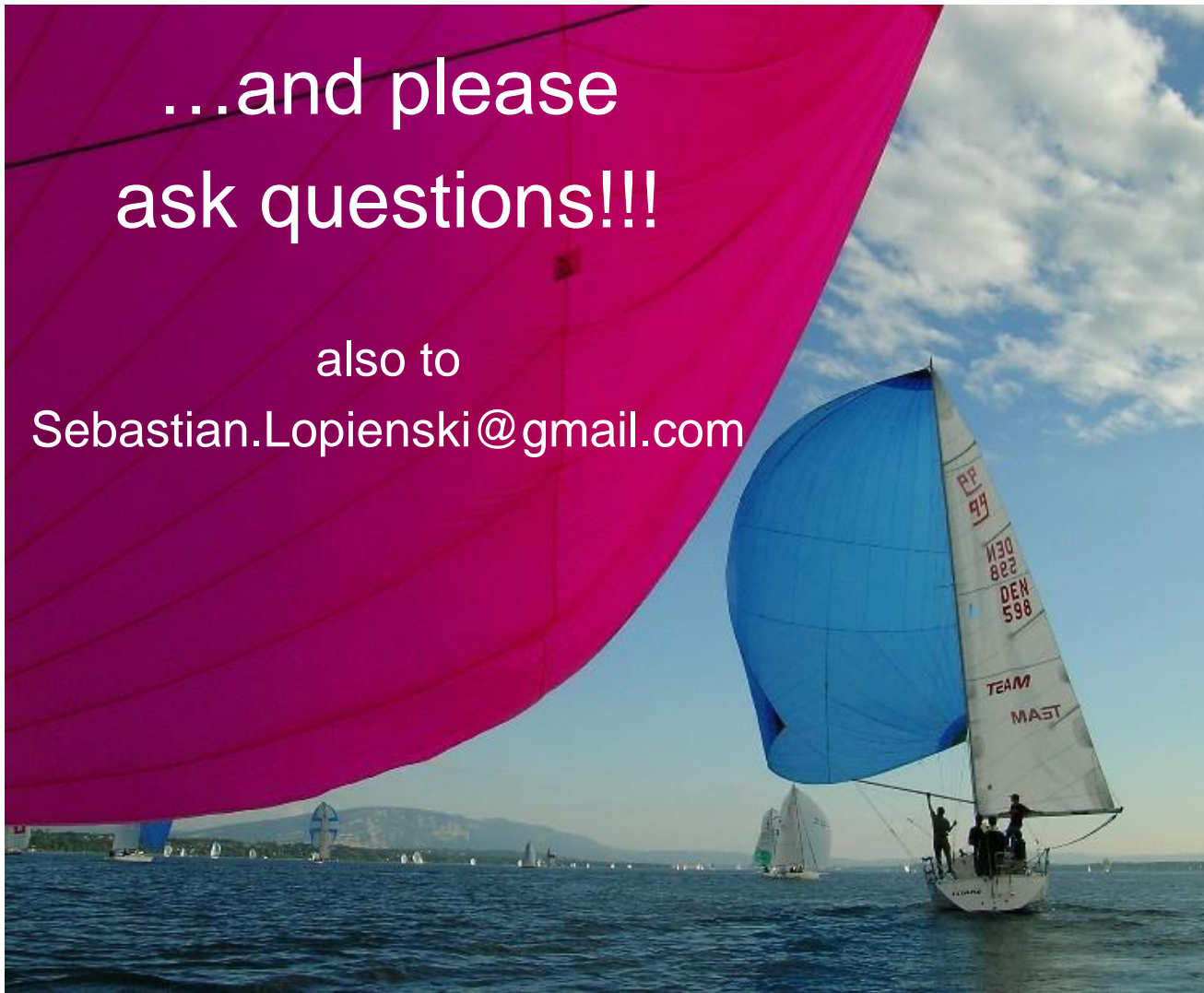
- Attend other [Theory courses](#)
- Come and sail on [Thursday practice evenings](#)
 - meet people, sail on different boats
- Participate in [Internal regatta](#)
 - best way to learn sailing, even for complete beginners
- Register to [Surveillance boat shifts](#)
 - you'll have to do two shifts before taking a sailing test
- Check the [Calendar](#) for other events
 - *Newcomers Welcome, Opening Dinner, etc.*



Thank you

...and please
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