

Sailing and Maneuvering for the YCC

some notes by Luigi Gallerani Here some practical notes, that comes from my experience in sailing boats, expecially at the YCC

Each sailor has always his own different approach and most of the time, all of them are equally valid and good.

The notes, are NOT intented to replace in any form the procedures described in ycc sailing courses, the procedures required for ycc exams, or to teach how to do to other sailors

Are just notes to share

a possible way of sailing my way of sailing My way of hoisting the main and the jib on the Y



lift the boom up release the Vang Disconnect the TACK POINT shackle!

main fully up, then with the CUNNIGHAM you add tension, and reconnect the tack point schackle.

Hoist the jib, getting the dyneema halyard in the hook, only there you tention the backstay

My way to depower the Y after mooring at the buoy





DINGHY RE-ENTRY MANOUVER... some cases







Wind from the Entrance (E)





Laser... the unknown traveller



a bit open, keeps the main more into the center, and the mast is less bended when going upwind. LITTLE WIND... Easy the traveller! I also want it open in very strong gusty wind. More wind and general sailing conditions, we want it close.

Approach while sailing (accosto)

approach such that a crew can jump from a boat to the other



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first boat SLOWS down and KEEP close reach

approaching boat set the speed with the main, and does most of the manouvering Approaching boat get closer and from the bow the crew can pass an object or a member. then bear away

Find an empty water area, and sail CLOSE REACH



BEST DOWNWIND

Fleet navigation - The formation



Fleet navigation - From Line to Formation





With this sequence, the leading boat becomes the last one after the gybe:

- Before the gybe the leading boat can in beam reach switch position to keep leadership
- always 2 gybe are performed to avoid in the line the leading become last

Inchino a Vela (bow while sailing)



to homage someone usually watching from ground or other boat*

Sail upwind to close to the ground/ person you want to homage

Fast stop, one long whistle and jib down (FAST) standing still for few seconds everyone on board is standing

Another whistle, jib up and bear away

*mandatory when approached by a military/war vessel

wind

Inchino a vela, with the full fleet !

point to homage

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2, Inchino: all together they put jib down and jib up again, here is it critical to be not perfectly into the wind, so leading boat should find the good alignment

3: The LAST boat bears away after it, and the other ones follow getting again in LINE

1: boat sailing in line, than tack together to be into the wind in formation Anchorage, (afforcate, appennellate)









Anchorage position marker and recovery system





Cynese Gybe



usually happen when the centre of sail is very unbalanced so the boat turns itself into a gybe

and the forces are much greater than the ones compensated by the rudder.

Keeping the center of sail in the center of the boat shold avoild that.

Man Overboard - QuickStop



This is recommended by ORC after 20 years of investigation. If fits perfectly with small boats in low wind (less 24m). Large vessel in strong wind and modern sailing foling boats, also consider the "just stop the boat" and rescue by engine.

The advantage of the QuickSTOP is:

- it is always the same starting sequence whatever is the wind: MOB!, TACK!

- Can be (should be) performed alone, without touching the sail forgetting about boat performance Radio on Board

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