



Dave Perry on Advanced Tactics

We know we're supposed to tack on the headers, sail in clear air, and round inside. What does it take to actually do it? If you've never been to a [Dave Perry](#) event you're in for a treat. Dave's inimitable style and energy are unmatched and even transcend the Zoom medium. There's only one Dave Perry.

Session 1: Upwind & Downwind Tactics

Upwind Tactics

How hard can it be? After all, there are only two choices: Keep going or tack. After a quick review of the fundamentals of upwind strategy we'll explore how to respond (*on that rare occasion...*) when you're unsure of what the wind will do next. We'll explore positioning versus rivals to create opportunities to gain while minimizing potential losses.

You'll learn tactical positioning across the fleet, and how to attack and defend in one-on-one battles. We'll explain how to manage your lane off the starting line using tactical "modes;" explore both sides of lee-bow tacks; and dissect the Tack-or-Cross confrontation. Finally, we'll discuss how decisions are made during the race, with examples of race-winning communication.

Downwind Tactics

We turn downwind and explore reaching and running tactics. In the reaching segment you'll learn the tactical challenges of implementing reaching strategy. We'll look at how to attack, how to defend, and how to extend. We also explore the tactical considerations of inside vs outside reaches as well as special considerations in mixed fleet (handicapped) racing. Then we explore Running Tactics. We'll show parallels to and critical differences from Upwind Tactics.

We'll examine the dynamic changes to the size of our playing field and how to predict and take advantage of changing wind pressure and wind shifts so you don't end up out of bounds. And with the trailing boat now attacking with wind shadows, we'll look at ways to attack from behind and defend from ahead; and how critical it is to plan ahead.



Session 2: Starting, Rounding & Finishing Tactics

Starting Tactics

Starts can be chaos, but a good start can set you up for an even better finish. We provide a structure to help you make order out of the frenzy so you'll get consistently good starts: on the line, on time, at speed, near the favored end and going the right way. In Starting Tactics we teach how to execute your approach, how to create and defend your space (and how the rules work in that tactical situation), and how to get off the line with speed in the first row. We'll also share a collection of techniques for better downspeed boat handling and acceleration that make the tactics work.



Mark Rounding & Finishing

We explore the many tactics for fast and smart windward and leeward mark approaches, roundings and exits, including leeward gates and finishing line tactics. You'll see how advance planning and positioning can pay big dividends as the crowds converge at each rounding.

This segment will include a variety of common scenarios and will review the rights and obligations of each boat as the situations evolve. You'll leave with an understanding of mark rounding priorities that will allow you to quickly assess any situation.

Single Session Advanced Tactics Class

A bit of everything in two hours: Upwind Downwind Starts Marks. We cover an array of topics from the two session class but not in as much depth or detail.

Fees

Tactics Webinar (2 x 2 hour sessions): US\$3000
Single Session (1 x 2 hour session): US\$2000