



# MEMBER HANDBOOK



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Welcome Aboard!

Originally founded in 1968 as the Texas A&M University Sailing Club and re-named in 2012, the Aggie Yacht Club (AYC) promotes the sport of sailing at Texas A&M by teaching Aggies how to sail, how to maintain and repair sailing craft, and how to have fun on the water while staying safe. The AYC is primarily a recreational sailing organization, but competitive sailing opportunities are also available. Whether you are new to sailing or a hardened seafarer, we hope that this handbook will help you have fun, stay safe, and become a better sailor during your time with the AYC!

Anchors Aweigh!

-AYC Officers



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## What Members Can Expect from the Club

- ⚓ Qualify to sail dinghies, keelboats, and multihulls.
- ⚓ Frequent opportunities to sail and qualify to skipper club boats.
- ⚓ Improve skills such as knot-tying, sail-folding, anchoring, docking, etc.
- ⚓ Learn sailboat maintenance, including fiberglass and sail repair.
- ⚓ Sail competitively with other members in regional regattas if desired.
- ⚓ Make connections to other sailing organizations.
- ⚓ Meet new people through sailing, maintenance, and social events.
- ⚓ Make lifelong friends!

## What the Club Expects of Members

### **Be Safe**

- ⚓ Always carry enough life jackets. Wear them aboard ≤16 foot craft.
- ⚓ Always check the weather before you sail. Never sail in conditions you aren't comfortable in. Members are responsible for equipment damaged by sailing in sustained winds greater than 20 mph.

### **Be Active**

- ⚓ Participate in sailing, maintenance, social activities, and general meetings
- ⚓ Check our Facebook group often to keep up with club activities
- ⚓ Invite other members to sail with you
- ⚓ Teach each other what you've learned
- ⚓ Commit to learning sailing and improving your sailing skills
- ⚓ Offer to carpool – your fellow member may not have their own car

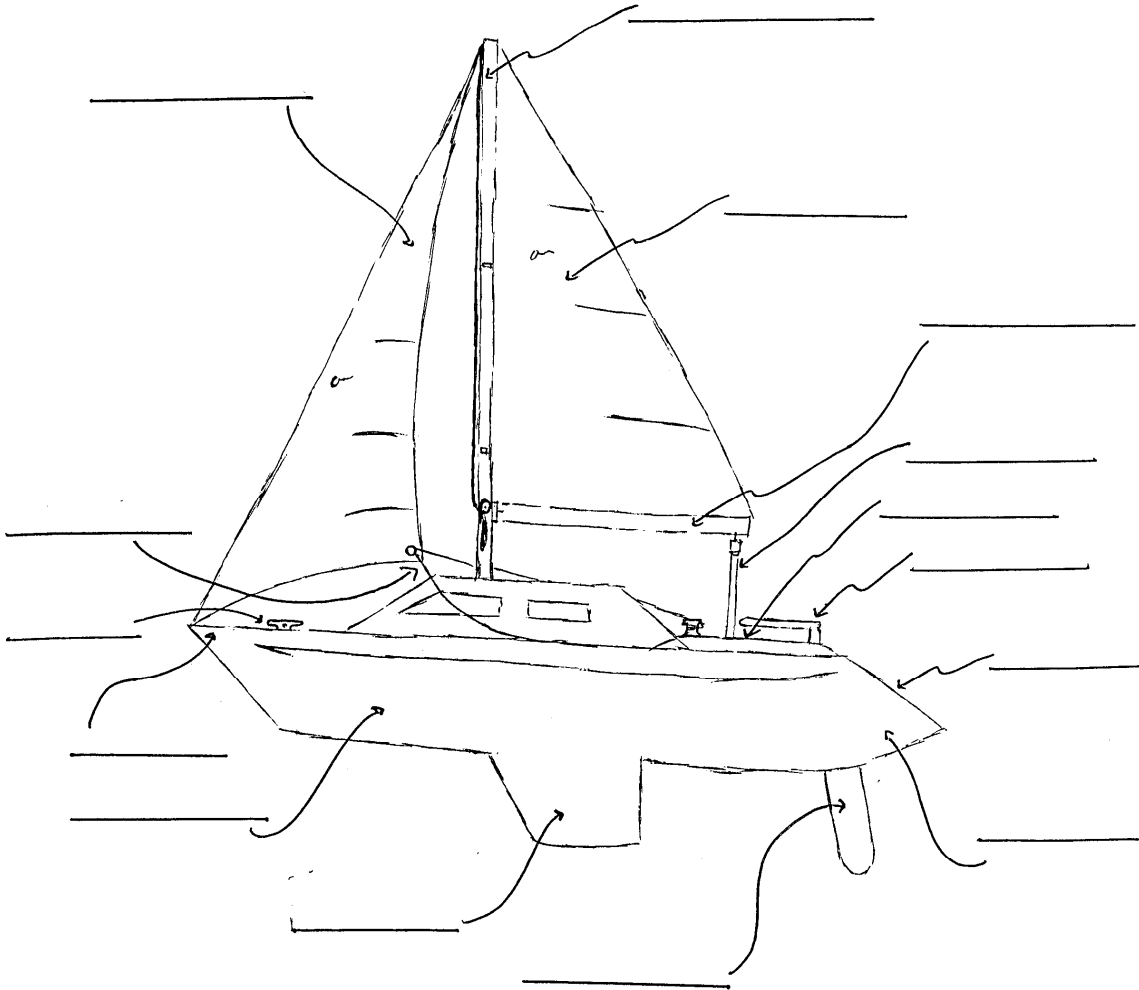
### **Be Respectful**

- ⚓ Make an honest effort to leave things better than you found them
- ⚓ Let an officer know if you break something – it's not a big deal, we just need to know when things break so we can fix them promptly.

# Parts of a Sailboat



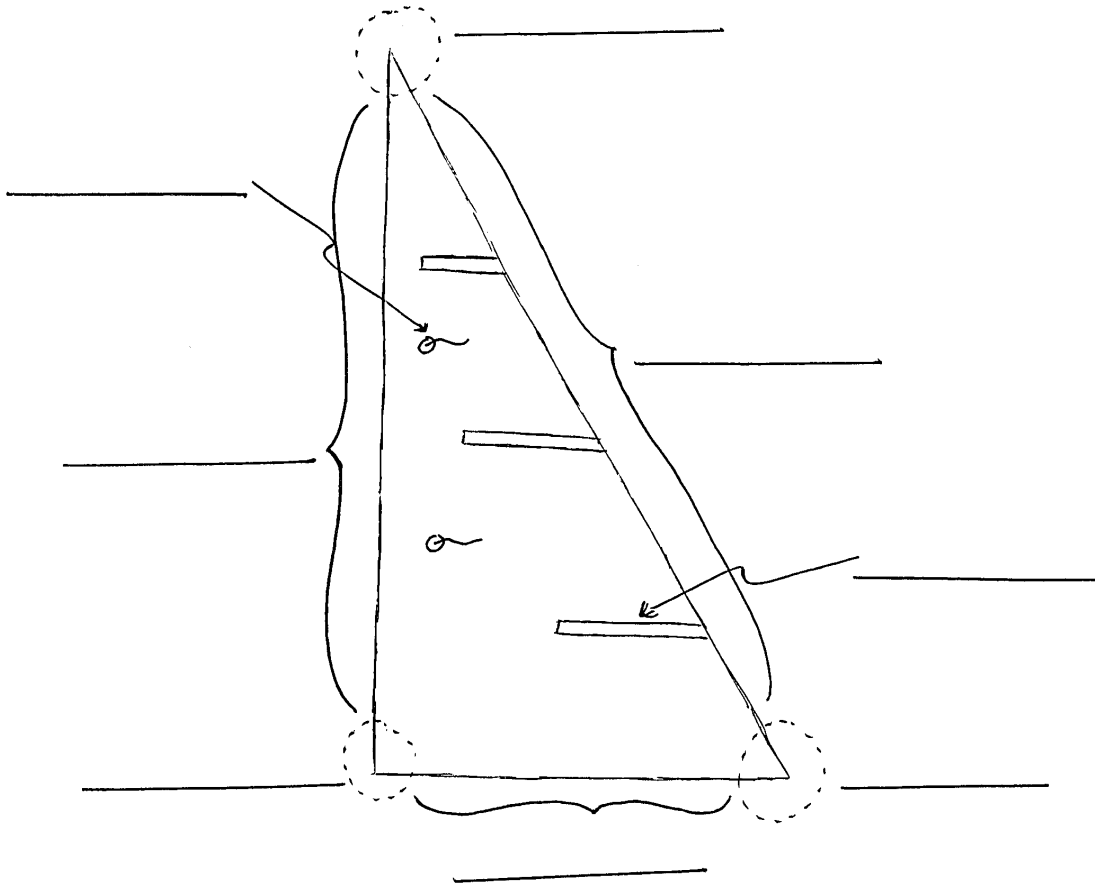
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# Parts of a Sail



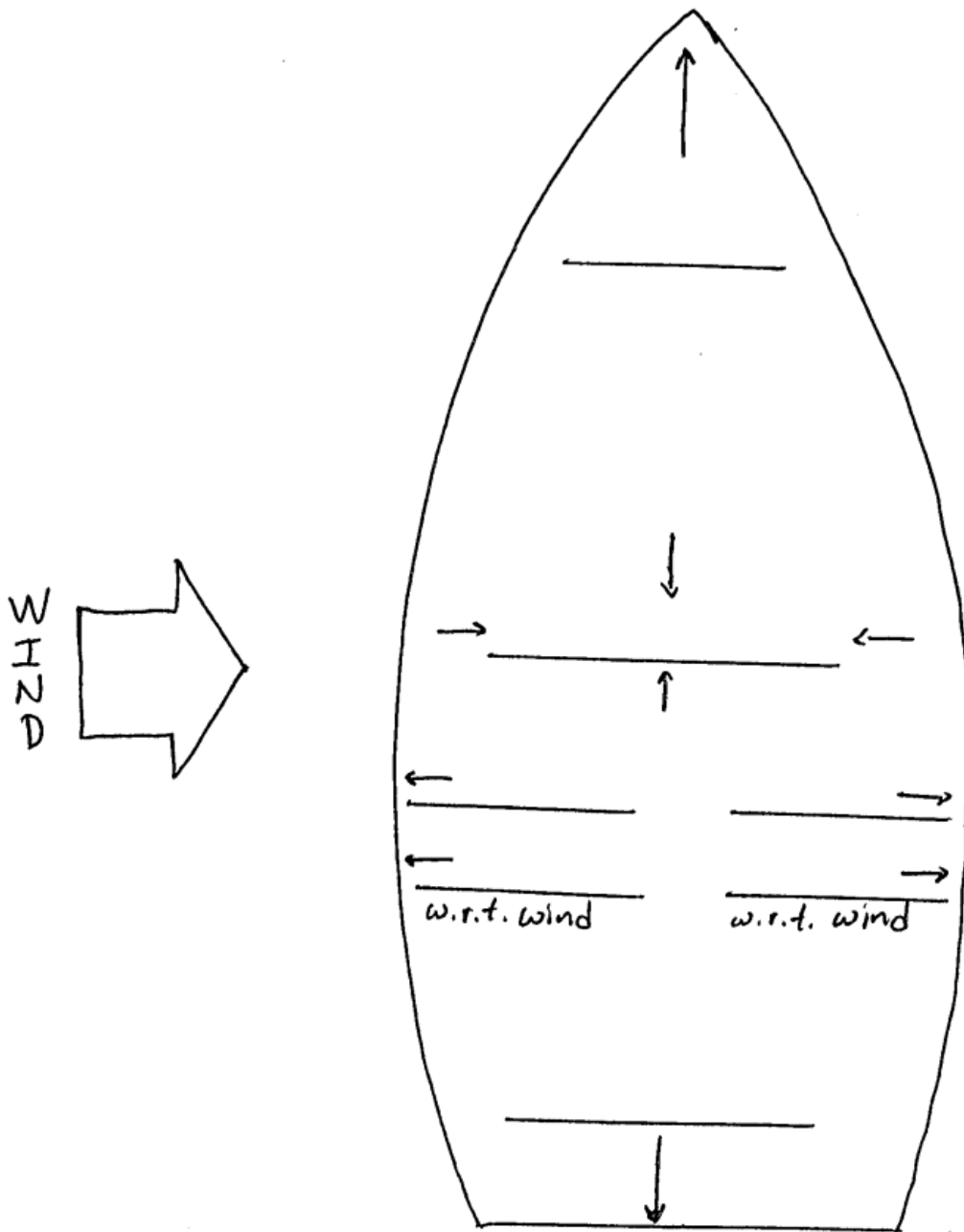
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# Getting Oriented on a Sailboat



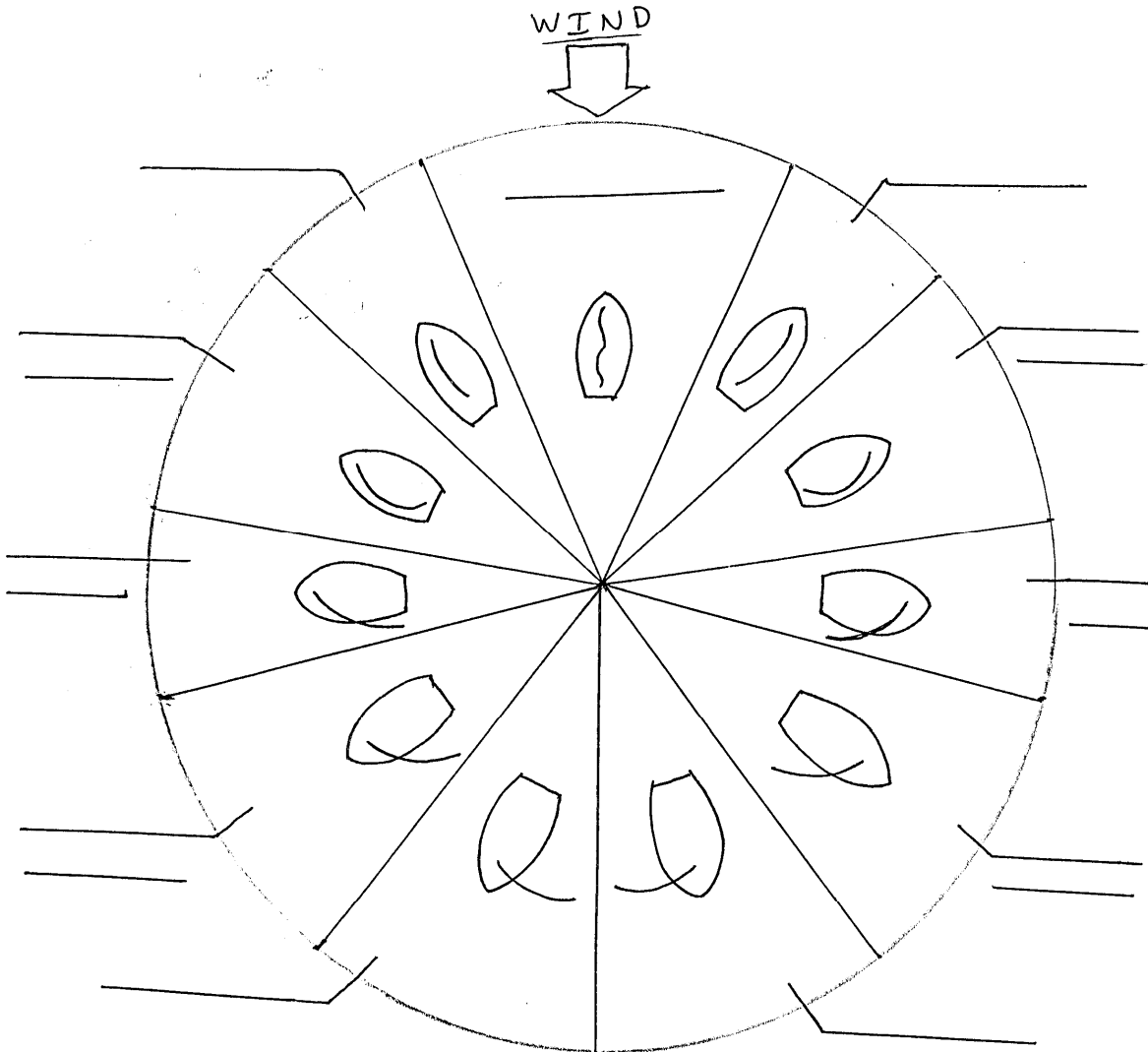
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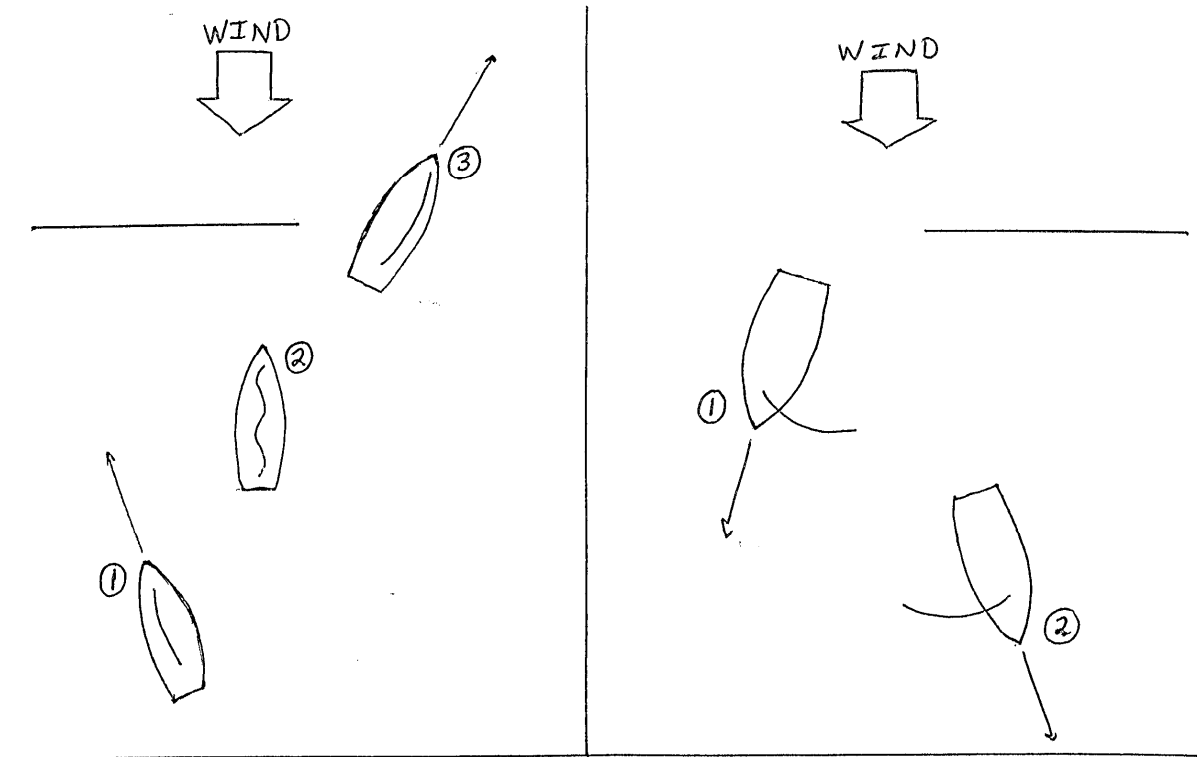
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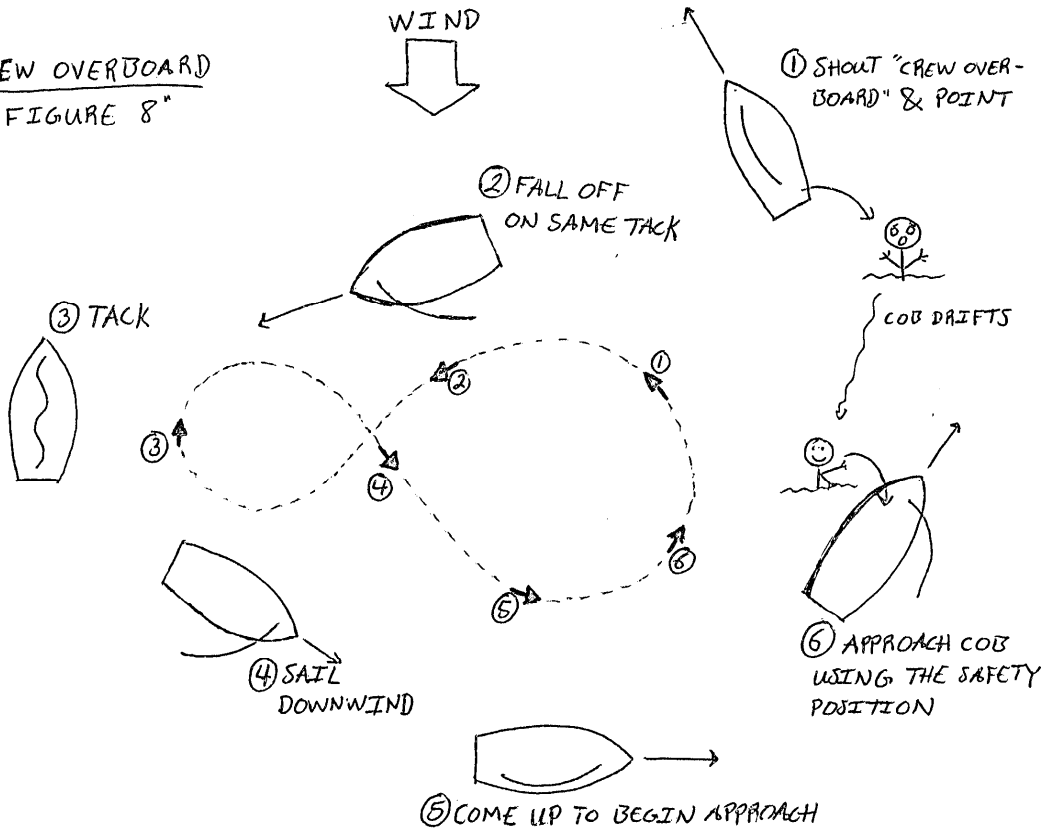
# Basic Sailing Maneuvers



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## CREW OVERBOARD "FIGURE 8"





# Right of Way Under Sail



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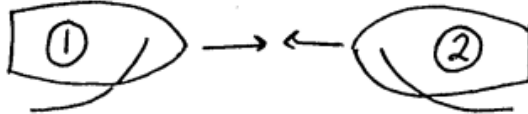
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WIND



BOAT \_\_\_\_\_ HAS RoW.

BECAUSE: \_\_\_\_\_



CASE "B":

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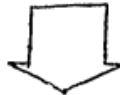
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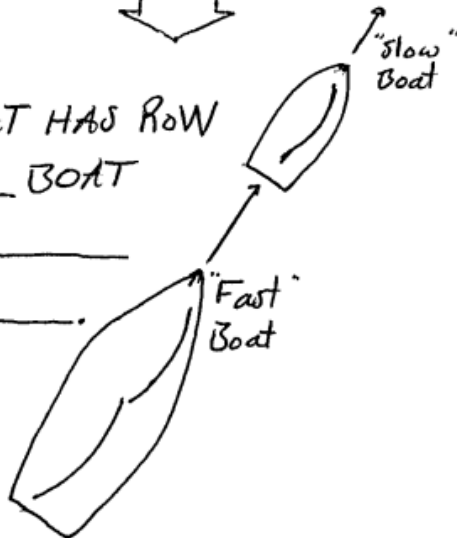
CASE "C"

THE \_\_\_\_\_ BOAT HAS RoW

OVER THE \_\_\_\_\_ BOAT

BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_

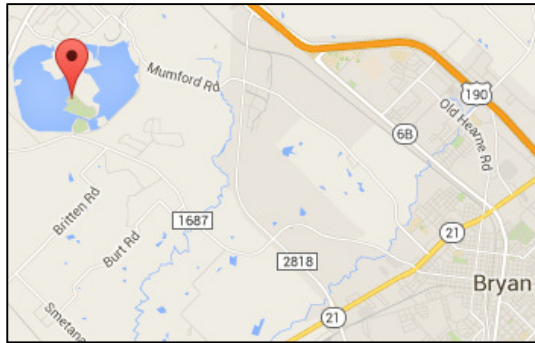
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## Ports of Sail

### Lake Bryan

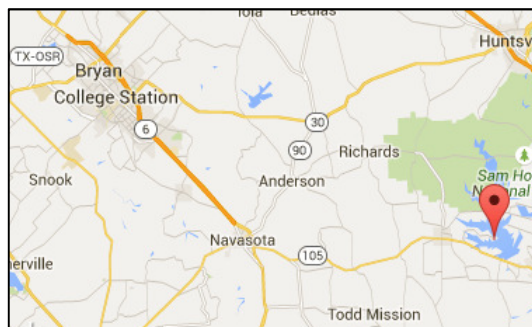
- Get to Harvey Mitchell Pkwy/FM Rd 2818 and head NorthWest out of College Station
- Turn left on to Sandy Point Rd (intersection has a traffic light)
- Drive 3.4 miles on Sandy Point Rd and turn right at the sign for Lake Bryan



*There is a \$5 day use fee at Lake Bryan. AYC members can buy a \$35 annual pass.*

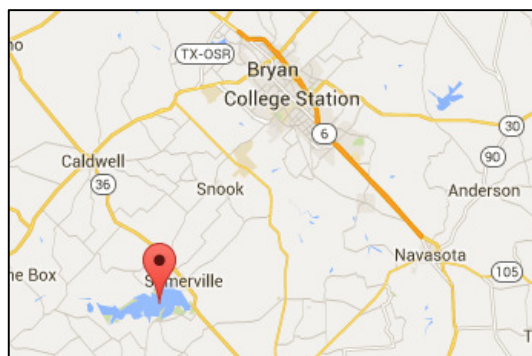
### Lake Conroe

- Head Southeast out of College Station on Highway 6
- Exit toward Texas-105 E
- Turn left onto Texas-105 E
- Continue until you pass through Montgomery and take a left on Walden Rd (at the Wal-Mart)
- Turn left onto River Rd
- Turn right at the sign for the Conroe Yacht Club at the entrance to a dirt road



### Lake Somerville

- Take University Dr/FM 60 SouthWest out of College Station
- Stay on FM 60 until it ends at Texas Highway TX-36
- Turn left on TX-36 towards the town of Somerville
- Drive approximately 2.6 miles and turn right onto Thornberry Dr (there will be a sign for Somerville Lake, near the Las Fuentes Mexican restaurant)
- Our boatyard is off of Thornberry Dr, or to continue on to the lake, stya on Thornberry Dr across the dam and look for signs to the Lake Somerville Marina



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## Other Resources

Aggie Yacht Club:

<http://www.aggieyachtclub.org/>

AYC Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/tamusailingclub/>

Dues Payment via TAMU Marketplace

[https://secure.touchnet.com/C21490\\_ustores/web/](https://secure.touchnet.com/C21490_ustores/web/)

Texas Boater Education Safety Course:

<http://www.boatus.org/texas/>

Wind Forecast:

<http://www.windfinder.com/>

Wind Forecast Visualization

<http://earth.nullschool.net/>

Conroe Yacht Club:

<http://www.conroeyc.com/>

Brazos Sailing Club:

<http://www.brazossailing.org/>

Sea Scout Ship 777:

<http://www.777thewoodlandstx.mytroop.us/>

Galveston Community Sailing Center:

<http://ssbgalveston.org/>

Galveston Bay Cruising Association

<http://gbca.org/>

Crew Forums:

<http://7knots.com/>, <http://www.crewbay.com/>

Useful Knots:

<http://www.animatedknots.com/>

General Sailing Discussion:

<http://www.reddit.com/r/sailing>



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