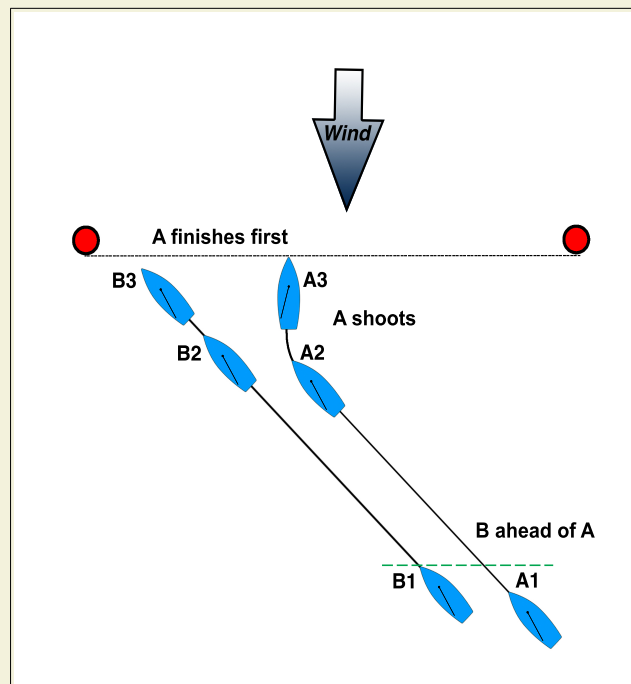




Shoot The Line

As you get within a boat length of the finish line, turn up smoothly into the wind. Your speed will carry you directly upwind for a faster finish. This is called shooting the line and may allow you to sneak in ahead of another competitor in a close finish. The faster you're going as you approach the line, the more momentum you will have and the earlier you can begin the shoot.



Shooting the Line

In the diagram, A and B are beating to the line in a very close finish. At position 1, B is ahead. As they approach the line (position 2), A shoots and finishes first. The manoeuvre has the effect of rapidly increasing VMG as the boat converts momentum to speed directly into the wind.

You should always shoot the line, even when you cross the line with no other boats close by. Do this as a matter of course so that it becomes a natural part of your racing.