

Basic Elements On-shore Boat setup Details; lines, blocks Board and rudder leading and trailing edges Mast rake Basic spinnaker work On-water Tacking Helmsman actions Crew actions Jibing Helmsman Crew Spinnaker set and drop Intermediate Elements Mark roundings Starts Basic speed issues; balance, sail trim Short-course racing, rules Advanced Elements Lay lines Tactics More speed ~ luff and leach control, boom position Racing

The single most important element in sailing is boat handling, the ability to tack and jibe quickly and smoothly, and is the one element that I most emphasize to sailors at all levels.

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