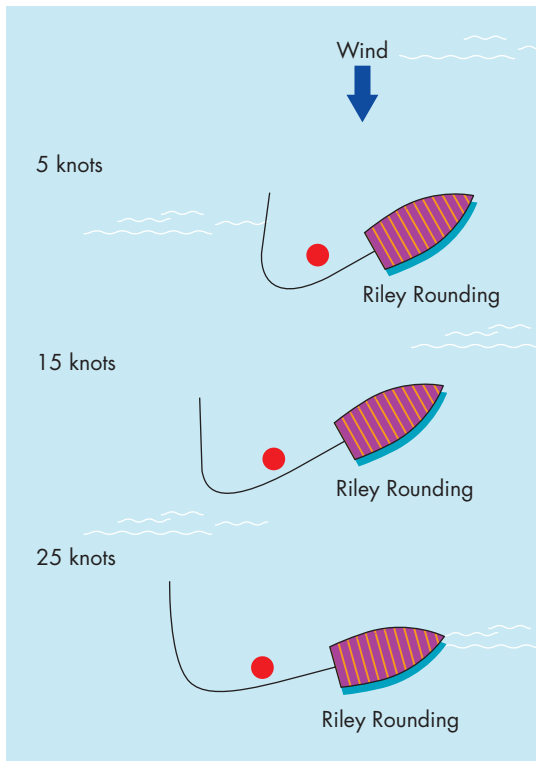


Remember practice make permanent. On your own, practise rounding a leeward mark until the drill becomes second nature and you no longer have to think about it, leaving you free to get your head out of the boat to consider your tactical options for the next beat. In boats with a spinnaker timing is even more important, as it can be very slow trying to sail upwind with the spinnaker!

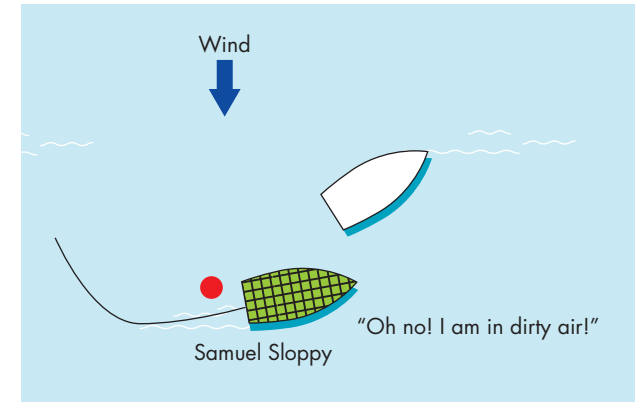


13.1a Riley Rounding

### 13.2 Leeward Mark Rounding with Other Boats

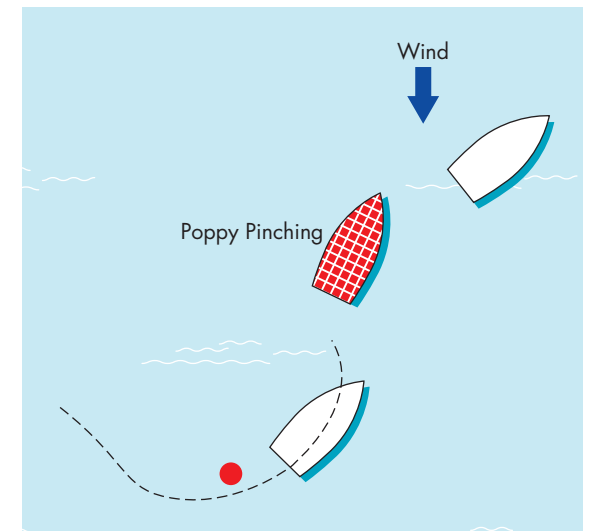
In the absence of other boats you will approach the mark at full pace – as if you were doing a time trial around the race course. However the presence of other boats around you may limit your options.

If you do a poor rounding like Samuel Sloppy you have no clear lane and the only way to get clean wind would be to tack off. This is especially damaging in light winds.



13.2a Samuel Sloppy does a poor mark rounding

If you wish to tack off or the boat in front has sailed high around the mark then you may need to pinch up (sail close to the wind) in order to ensure you can tack/keep your wind clean.



13.2b Poppy Pinching can tack off if she wants