# "I'm not sure where to go"



### **Articulate The Issue**

"I'm not sure where to go" is an important first step!

This should be a data point - if you're not sure, others probably aren't either.

#### How unsure are you?

"50:50"

"55:45, right"

"70:30, right"

Keep looking for more evidence that might move the odds.

#### **Know Your Default**

When in doubt, do what we know works:

- Big lanes (clear air)
- Long tack first
- Stay in phase with the fleet

Use more "objective" measures: compass numbers versus visual pressure



Decision Point 2: 10% left

- How crowded is it?
- Final shift/pressure?

Decision Point 1: 70% to lay

- Which side gained?
- Will it keep gaining?
- If neither: center up.

Start to leeward of boat 1/3

## Fleet Management Vs. Predict Wind

If you're not sure what the wind is going to do, play the fleet instead.

Good comms from the crew, "We have 70% of the fleet to the right, 30% left"

Count cards: bet small until you know what is coming next.

## Left/Right versus Edges/Middle

We often talk about whether we like the left or the right, but often that construct is wrong: sometimes we just need to win a side, regardless of which side.

Do you want to be inside or outside of the arrowhead?

