

Starting at the Pin End

Some Notes

(After you have decided it is the favoured end of the line)

Considerations

- Which side of the course is favoured. Pin is a commitment to the left
- Wind strength and stability
- Fleet, size and composition.
- Your risk profile, pin end is a risky strategy
- Tide
- Swell
- Ability to hold your boat
- Trigger time and consistency
- Time on Distance
- Escape plan
- Boatspeed and ability to change gear

Strategies

- Run the line
- Dip Start
- Gybe in from Port
- Transits
- Monitoring the wind/ swell /tide

Tactics

- Know your rules
- Build a gap to leeward
- Have confidence in your timing and trigger
- Let speedsters through
- Remember it is not the total length of the line but the distance left to the pin that matters
- You can start your run deep and aim about a third of the length back from the pin for a safer start

This is not conclusive you need to practice and determine your own processes.