

Racing Rules of Sailing

New TR Call L9

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To create a permanent Team Racing Call based on Team Racing Rapid Response Call 2016-001 as required by World Sailing Regulation 28.3.7.

Proposal

Add new Call to Team Racing Call Book.

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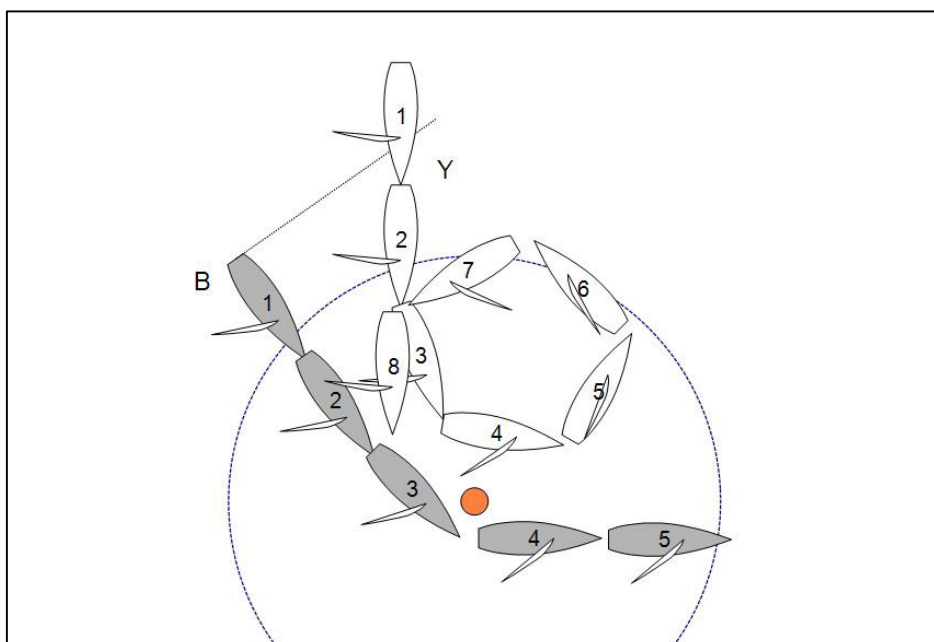
Rule 18.2(b) Giving Mark-Room

Rule D1.3(a) Penalties

Rule D2.2(c) Protests by Boats

Question

B and Y are overlapped when B enters the zone of a leeward mark. B sails a course to pass close to the mark and, to avoid a collision, Y sails the wrong side of the mark. Y protests. She then tacks and gybes in order to round the mark on the required side. What should the call be?



Answer

Penalize B. The course sailed by Y after position 3 was consistent with the requirement to avoid contact and then continue in the race by rounding the mark on the required side. Y broke no rule. Y's course was a direct consequence of the failure of B to give her mark-room and B broke rule 18.2(b). Therefore the tack and gybe by Y were not a one-turn penalty. No boat took a penalty and rule D2.2(c) applies.

Current Position

Team Racing Rapid Response Call 2016-001, as proposal above.

Reason

The proposal provides guidance on the relatively rare cases where umpires should decide a boat has not taken a one-turn penalty, even though she has completed a tack and a gybe.
