

Racing Rules of Sailing

New Team Racing Call D9

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee, after a proposal from the Match & Team Racing Rules Working Party

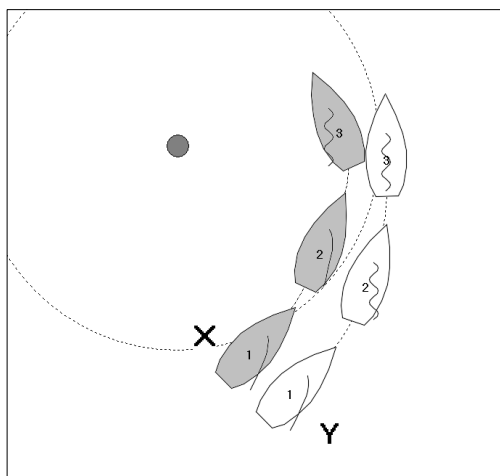
Proposal:

Insert new Team Racing Call D9:

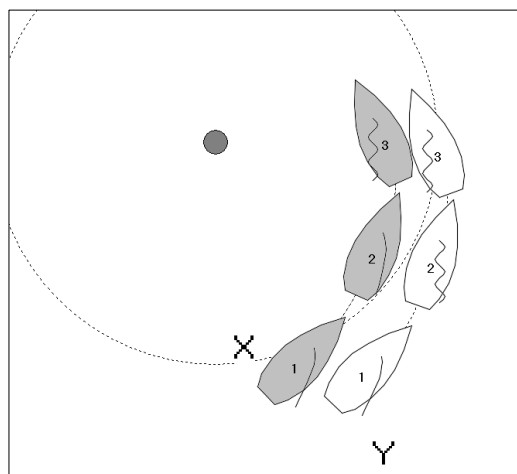
CALL D9

- Rule 13** **While Tacking**
Rule 18.1 **Mark-Room; When Rule 18 Applies**
Rule 18.2 **Mark-Room; Giving Mark-Room**
Rule 18.5 **Mark-Room; Exoneration**
Definitions **Mark-Room**

QUESTION 1



QUESTION 2



Question 1

X and A overlapped on port tack enter the zone of a windward mark that is to be rounded to port. Both boats are close-hauled and X is keeping clear of A. X luffs to tack and, after she passes head-to-wind, there is contact between the boats. A protests. What should the call be?

Answer 1

From the time either of the boats enters the zone, rule 18 applies and A is required by rule 18.2(b) to give X mark-room. Because X is overlapped to windward and on the inside of A, mark-room includes room to tack.

Although rule 18 ceases to apply after X passes head-to-wind, because the boats are now on opposite tacks on a beat, the subsequent contact shows that before X passed head-to-wind, A had failed to give X mark-room.

Penalize A for breaking rule 18.2(b) and exonerate X under rule 18.5(a) for breaking rule 13, a rule of Section A.

Question 2

The situation is the same, except that the contact happens while both boats are subject to rule 13.

Answer 2

As soon as both boats are on starboard tack, the boats become overlapped, and rule 18.2(a) requires that A gives X mark-room.

Penalize A for breaking rule 18.2(a). Because X is on A's port side while both boats are tacking, X is keep-clear boat under rule 13 until she completes the tack by getting down to a close-hauled course. However, because rule 13 is a rule of Section A, she is exonerated under rule 18.5(a).

Current Position:

Current Team Racing Call D9 will be deleted as a consequence of changes in the racing rules. This new call is linked with current Call D8, so a natural Call number will be D9.

Reason:

To clarify the circumstances under which mark-room includes room to tack and how the new exoneration rule is to be applied in those situations.