# Racing Rules of Sailing

Submission: 158-08

New Team Racing Call D10

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

# Proposal:

Delete Team Racing Call B5 and insert new Team Racing Call D10

# CALL D10

Rule 11 On the Same Tack, Overlapped

Rule 19.1 Room to pass an Obstruction; When Rule 19 Applies

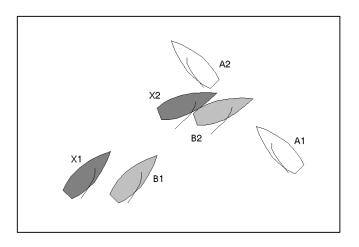
Rule 19.2(b) Room to pass an Obstruction; Giving Room at an Obstruction

**Rule 64.1(c)** Penalties and Exoneration

**Definitions** Obstruction

# **Question 1**

X and B are overlapped on port tack approaching A on starboard tack. B sails to pass astern of A; X attempts to sail between A and B but there is insufficient space and she makes contact with B. B protests. What should the call be?



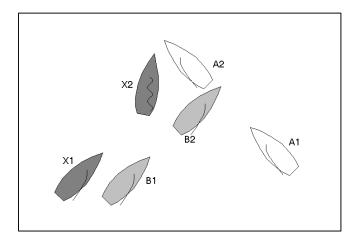
#### Answer 1

Because both X and B must keep clear of A, A is an obstruction and rule 19 applies. Rule 19.2(b) requires that the outside boat give the inside boat room between her and the obstruction. Penalize B as she fails to give room.

Rule 11 also applies and requires X to keep clear of B. However, X does not have to anticipate that B will break a rule. If, when it became clear that B was not giving room, the umpires decide that X then could have kept clear by tacking, penalize X for breaking rule 11; otherwise exonerate X under rule 64.1(c).

# **Question 2**

The situation is the same, except that at position 1 B hails "no room". X tacks and protests. What should the call be?



### Answer 2

In this case, it is clear to X that B will not give room. X complies with rules 11 and 14 by tacking.

B and X are overlapped when they are at the obstruction and rule 19.2(b) requires B to give X room between her and the obstruction. Penalize B as she fails to give room.

### Current Position:

This is a new call.

## Reason:

This new call addresses the same problem as current Call B5, but is more relevant for team racing and should therefore replace it.

The call is needed to clarify details around the new rules about obstructions, and to provide consistency in umpiring a situation that occurs in team racing.