

Racing Rules of Sailing

TR Call G4

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

Clarify call and extend its scope.

Proposal

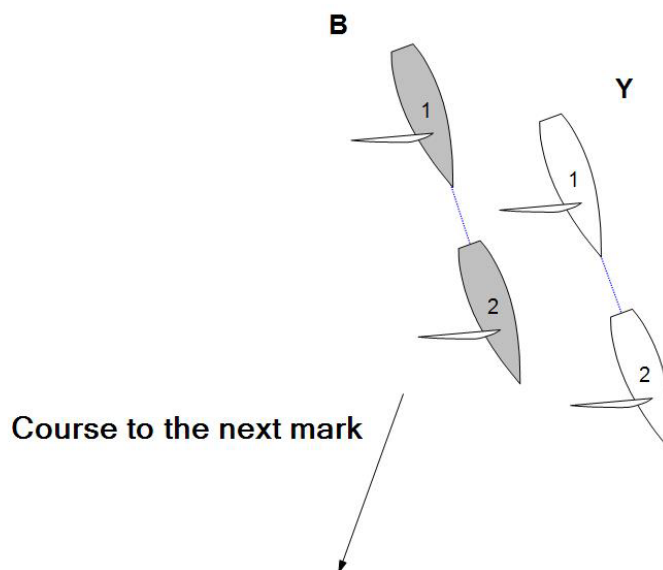
Delete existing call G4 and replace with the following:

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Rule 17	On the Same Tack; Proper Course
Definition	Proper Course

Question 1

On a downwind leg, B and Y are overlapped on the same tack; B is subject to rule 17. B's course to finish as quickly as possible is to gybe to sail in the direction of the next mark. Y protests. What should the call be?



Answer 1

Rule 17 requires that B does not sail above her proper course. B must bear away no later than when necessary to finish as quickly as possible in the absence of Y. When she delays beyond this point, she breaks rule 17 by sailing above her proper course. Penalize B.

However, if there is doubt whether or not B has reached the point where she must bear away to finish as quickly as possible, she is still on a proper course; no penalty.

Question 2

As question 1 except that B bears away to a run but does not gybe. Y protests. What should the call be?

Answer 2

Penalize B. B is still sailing above her proper course and breaks rule 17.

On a downwind leg, a boat is sailing above her proper course when her proper course is to bear away even if this requires her to gybe.

Current Position

Existing team racing call G4.

Reason

1. The scenario can occur at any time on a downwind leg and the scope of the call is expanded accordingly.
 2. The diagram is amended to reflect the more common scenario of a non-VMG boat whose proper course is closer to a dead run.
 3. To ensure consistency. The existing call says "B must bear away to gybe" but does not say that she must gybe. The revised call clarifies that a boat subject to rule 17 and sailing above her proper course must bear away towards her proper course and must continue to do so while it remains her proper course to bear away. When necessary to sail that course, she is required to gybe.
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