

## Racing Rules of Sailing

### Rule C2.7

A submission from the Chairman of the Match Racing Committee

#### Purpose or Objective

To correct an unintended and illogical result due to previous wording of rule.

#### Proposal

Please consider these changes to be of clear necessity and pressing importance (see Regulation 28.1.2).

Amend rule C2.7 as follows:

C2.7 Rule 18.3 is changed to:

- (a)** If a boat in the *zone* passes head to wind and is then on the same *tack* as a boat that is *fetching* the *mark*, rule 18.2 does not thereafter apply between them. If, once the boat that changed *tack* has completed her tack,
- ~~(a)~~ **(i)** the other boat cannot by luffing avoid becoming *overlapped* inside her, she is entitled to *mark-room*;
- ~~(b)~~ **(ii)** the other boat can by luffing avoid becoming *overlapped* inside her, the boat that changed tack is entitled to *mark-room*.
- (b)** **When rule 18 applies at the windward mark and both boats must tack to fetch that mark, rule 18.3(a) does not apply and the boat that was not entitled to mark-room when rule 18 began to apply shall not be entitled to mark-room after both boats tack.**

#### Current Position

As above.

#### Reasons

1. The match racing community would like to have consistency in the game that is played and the current rule and interpretation allows a boat that was not entitled to mark-room as it entered the zone to gain the entitlement to mark-room after both boats have tacked.
  2. Under the current interpretation of Rule C 2.7 (revision of rule 18.3 for match racing), under Match Racing Call MR E3, we have the result that a boat that was clear ahead of another,
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or overlapped inside of the other, when they reached the two-length zone, now has to give the clear astern boat, or the outside boat, mark-room when rounding the mark after tacking for the mark. This could not have been an intended result of the application of rule C 2.7 and was not how the rules were interpreted in the prior editions of the RRS.

3. This change to the rule would be more consistent with rules 15 and 16.1.