

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule C2.2 and MR Call K5

A submission from the Chairman of Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To clarify and remove a problem room at the finish mark after a boat has finished.

Proposal 1

C2.2 The definition *Mark-Room* is changed to:

Mark-Room Room for a boat to sail her *proper course* to round or pass the mark ~~on the~~
~~required side.~~

Current Position

As above

Reasons

Room to sail a proper course makes it implicit that the room includes the boat passing / rounding the mark on the required side. This proposal removes the tautology.

Proposal 2

C2.2 The definition *Mark-Room* is changed to:

Mark-Room Room for a boat to sail her *proper course* to round or pass the mark on the required side, **and room to pass a finishing mark after finishing.**

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. The current definition of Mark-Room for Match Racing is room for a boat to sail her “proper course.” Based on the definition Proper Course, a boat has no “proper course” after she finishes.
 2. This amendment provides the boat with room at a mark after they have finished and while they are still racing.
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The amended rule would be as follows:

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Mark-Room Room for a boat to sail her *proper course* to round or pass the *mark* on the required side, and room to pass a finishing mark after finishing.

Proposal 3

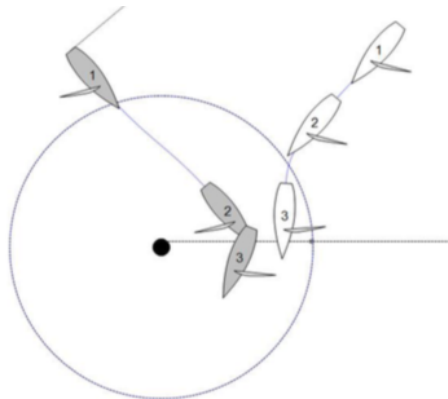
Amend MR. Call K5, answer 2, to reflect the change in proposal 2.

Question 2

Blue on port and Yellow on starboard are sailing towards the finishing line. When Blue reaches the zone of the finishing mark, she is the inside, overlapped boat.

At position 2, Blue is certain that she has crossed the finishing line and she bears away and gybes to a course to sail close to, but not hitting, the finishing mark. At the same time Yellow bears away to avoid contact with Blue. There is a Y- flag.

What should the call be?



Answer 2

Display the green and white flag.

Blue is entitled to mark-room. Mark-room for Blue is **room to pass the mark once Blue has finished (and no longer has a proper course)**. ~~room to sail her proper course to pass the mark [rule 18.2(a)(1)]. Once Blue has finished she no longer has a proper course, but she has not yet passed the mark. Therefore, the space Blue is entitled to after finishing is simply the space she needs to pass between Yellow and the mark from the time she has finished. By bearing away and gybing from position 2, Blue is not sailing farther from the mark than what she is entitled to.~~

Current Position(s)

As above

Reasons

1. This amends the call as a result of the Proposal 2 rule change.

2. Corrects a grammatical error in the last sentence