

Racing Rules of Sailing

New TR Call M11

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To comply with ISAF Regulations 28.3.1, 28.3.2, 28.3.4 and 28.3.7.

Proposal

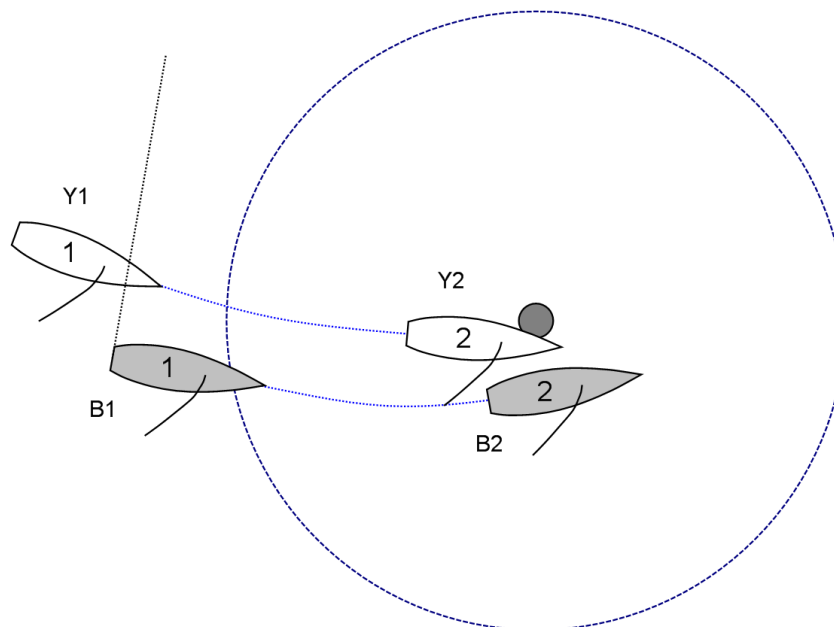
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Rule 18.2(b)	Giving Mark-Room
Rule 21	Exoneration
Rule D2.2	Protests by Boats
Rule D2.3(a)	Penalties Initiated by Umpires

Question

Y is overlapped on the inside of B when B enters the zone of a mark to be rounded to port. The umpires agree that Y touched the mark. No boat protests and no boat takes a penalty. What action should the umpires take?



Answer

If the umpires decide that B gave Y mark-room, they should act under rule D2.3(a) and penalise Y for breaking rule 31.

If the umpires decide that Y touched the mark because B failed to give her mark-room, they should make no signal. Y broke rule 31 by touching the mark; however, she was sailing within the mark-room to which she was entitled and is exonerated under rule 21(b).

Although B broke rule 18.2(b), she cannot be penalised under rule D2.2 because no boat protested, and rule D2.3 does not permit umpires to initiate a penalty when a boat on the other team breaks a rule of Part 2.

Current Position

See Rapid Response Team Racing Call 2014/001 as in the proposal above.

Reasons

1. The introduction of rule 21 in the 2013 - 2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, clarified that a boat compelled to break rule 31 by another boat not giving mark-room should be exonerated for that breach whether or not there was a protest involved. This was contrary to common practice in team racing and a call therefore became needed to ensure consistency.
 2. The proposed call is similar to (but with slightly different wording) existing MR Call M14.
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