

**Racing Rules of Sailing**

The Call Book for Match Racing - New CALL UMP 46

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

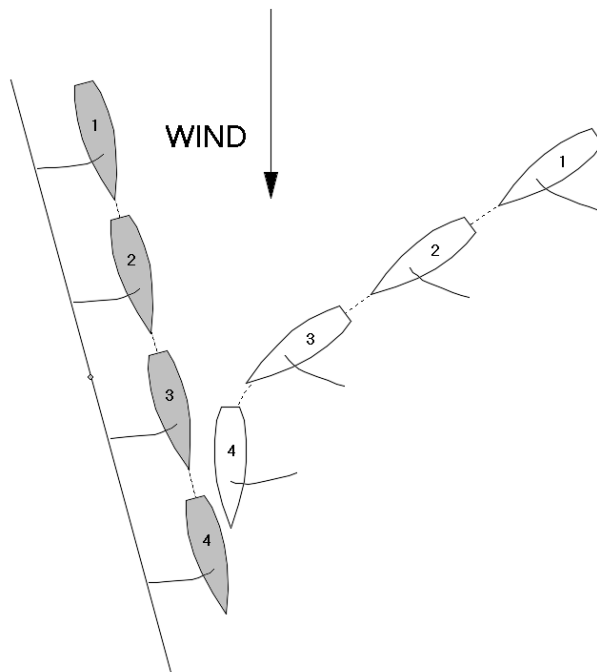
Proposal

**CALL UMP 46**

**Rule 10**      **On Opposite Tacks**  
**Rule 19**      **Room to pass an obstruction**  
**Definitions**    **Overlap**

**Question 1**

Yellow and Blue are both sailing more than ninety degrees from the true wind. Blue, on port tack is sailing along a continuing obstruction. Yellow, on starboard tack is approaching the obstruction on a collision course with Blue. Yellow bears away and avoids Blue. There is a Y-flag. What should the call be?



**Answer 1**

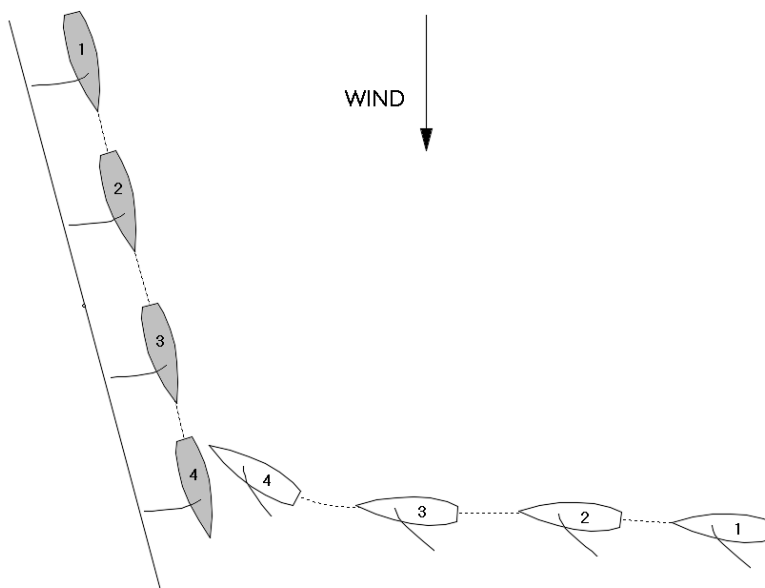
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Both boats are sailing more than ninety degrees from the true wind and are overlapped. Yellow is the outside boat and is required by rule 19.2(b) to give Blue room between her and the obstruction. By bearing away to give room between positions 3 and 4 Yellow fulfilled her obligation under rule 19.2(b).

Yellow did not need to take avoiding action until the moment when she needed to change course to fulfil her obligation under rule 19.2(b). Had Yellow failed to then give room, she would have forced Blue to break rule 10 and Blue would have been exonerated under rule 64.1(c).

## Question 2

Blue is sailing downwind on port tack along a continuing obstruction. Yellow is sailing an upwind course on starboard tack and is approaching the obstruction on a collision course with Blue. When it is obvious that Blue is not going to change course, Yellow luffs and avoids Blue. There is a Y-flag. What should the call be?



## Answer 2

Penalize Blue.

The definition Overlap only applies between boats on opposite tacks when both are sailing more than ninety degrees from the true wind. Since Yellow is not sailing at more than ninety degrees from the wind, the boats are not overlapped and rule 19.2 (b) does not apply. Yellow does not have to give room to Blue. When Yellow has to luff, Blue does not keep clear and breaks rule 10.

## Current Position

This is currently Rapid Response Match Racing Call 2009.007.

## Reason

Obstructions frequently plays an important role in match racing and this call highlights the change in the definition Overlap.