

Racing Rules of Sailing

The Call Book for Match Racing

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To comply with ISAF Regulations 28.3.2, 28.3.2, 28.3.4 and 28..3.7.

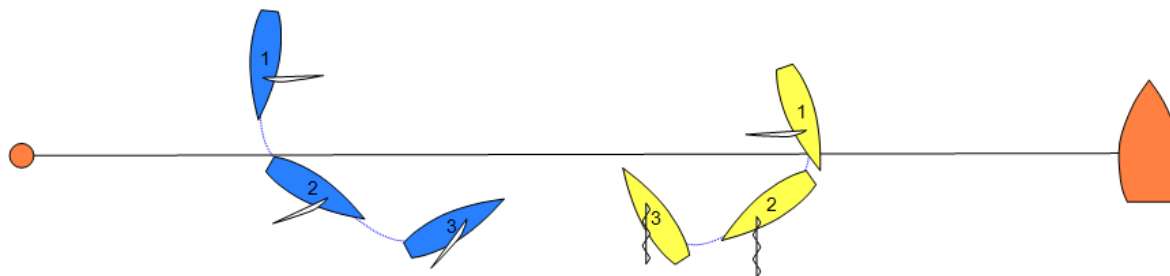
Proposal

Proposal is to reject Current Rapid Response Call Match Racing Call 2011.003 and not have it included as a call in the Call Book for Match Racing.

Current Position

RAPID RESPONSE MATCH RACING CALL 2011/003

Rule C2.4 While Gybing



Question

Yellow gybes and continues luffing on starboard tack, but her mainsail never fills. Is Yellow required to keep clear of Blue under rule C2.4 (13.2), even after she gets to a close-hauled course?

Answer

Yes.

The term 'a boat sailing downwind' in rule C2.4 (13.2) indicates a condition for when the rule begins to apply. The boat subject to this rule shall keep clear of other boats until her mainsail fills, irrespective of heading.

Reasons

At a recent high level event an event call was published about this situation. The answer given in that call did not comply with the rules. The Rapid Response Call was quickly published to ensure

that the correct application of rule C2.6 was established amongst those who had been subject to the event call. The rule is clear and the call is therefore no longer needed.