

## Racing Rules of Sailing

### New TR Call

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

#### Purpose or Objective

To comply with ISAF Regulation 28.3.7

#### Proposal

Add new call to the Team Racing Call Book

### TR CALL xx

#### **Rule 18.2(b) Giving Mark-Room**

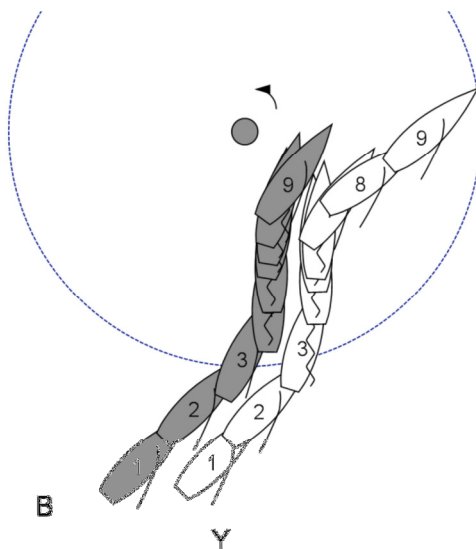
**Definition** Mark-Room

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#### **Question 1**

The wind is very light. Y and B are approaching a port-hand windward mark overlapped on port tack and below the lay-line. Y is not restricted by rule 17. As Y enters the zone, she begins to luff B. B responds promptly and keeps clear. Both boats soon lose boat speed and stop completely about three-quarters of a hull length from the mark.

Y then sculls down to a close-hauled course. Shortly thereafter, B does the same. After building boat speed both boats tack and round the mark. Y is now ahead of B. B protests. What should the call be?



**Answer 1**

Penalize Y. Y must give B mark-room. Y fails to do so and breaks rule 18.2(b). See TR Call A6  
Answer 1.

**Question 2**

In a similar situation, Y bears away before both boats come to a stop. Does Y meet her obligation to give B mark-room?

**Answer 2**

No. See Answer 1.

**Question 3**

The situation is similar but with stronger wind. Although B is sailing above a close-hauled course, she can maintain enough boat speed to sail to the mark and tack around it. What should the call be?

**Answer 3**

Display the green and white flag. Y complies with rule 18.2(b) by giving B the space she needs to sail to the mark as well as to tack and round the mark on the required side.

**Question 4**

The situation is similar to Question 1. However, after Y luffs B and before both boats lose all boat speed, B is either steering a course to the wrong side of the mark or she has to tack to continue keeping clear. What should the call be?

**Answer 4**

Penalize Y. Y is not giving B room to leave the mark on the required side and breaks rule 18.2(b).

*The phrase 'room to sail to the mark' means space for a boat to sail in a seamanlike way to a position close to, and on the required side of, the mark. If as a result of the other boat's actions she is not able to do that, she has not been given mark-room. See also ISAF Case 118.*

Current Position

Team Racing Rapid Response Call 2015/001, as proposal above.

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Reasons

This call clarifies the interpretation of the word 'seamanlike' in the definition Room. The call also provides interpretations at a mark when the right-of-way boat is attempting to slow the keep clear boat for tactical advantage.

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