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Situation:

A finishing line has two marks and two zones and a boat must pass between the marks.

Question 1:

Under the 2009 - 2012 rules, in particular rule 18.4, is a finishing line considered a 'gate'?

Answer 1:

No.

Question 2:

If the course is shortened at the leeward gate, is the finishing line a 'gate'?

Answer 2:

No. Rule 32.2 changes the marks of the gate into marks of the finishing line.

Rule 18.4 would only be relevant at a finishing mark when an inside overlapped right-of-way boat must gybe to sail her proper course.