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Question:

As a boat without speed sheets on to move forwards she initially drifts side-ways. Is this action considered a change of course under rule 16?

Answer:

A boat moving from a stopped position to sailing in a direction would not be considered to be changing course, except when she went from having sailed backwards to sailing forwards or vice versa. (See Match Racing Call UMP 35).

In order for rule 16 to apply, there would need to be two boats and the right-of-way boat would need to be changing course.