

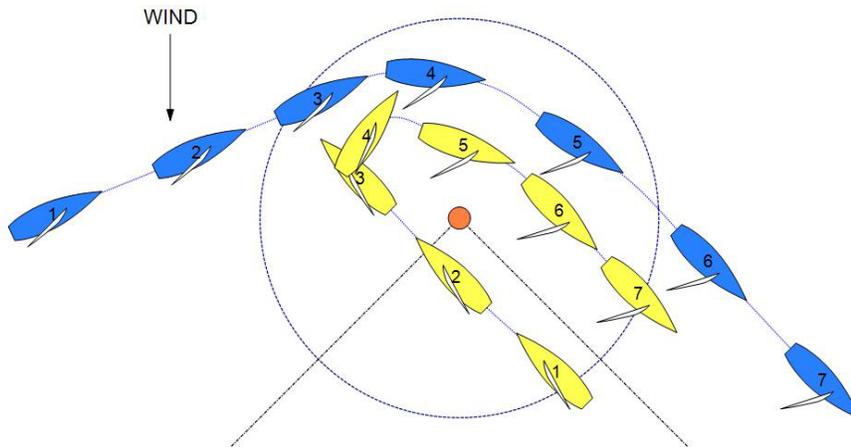
RAPID RESPONSE MATCH RACING CALL 2018.001

Rule 10 On Opposite Tacks
Rule 18.2 Giving Mark-Room (C2.9)
Definitions Keep Clear, Proper Course
Rule C6.5(b) Controlling position
Rule C8.3 Penalties initiated by the umpires

Question

Blue on port tack and Yellow on starboard tack are approaching the windward mark on a collision course. The umpires agree that Yellow sails beyond the point where her proper course would be to tack to round the mark. Blue holds her course. Yellow has to tack to avoid Blue.

Both boats display Y flags at position 4. What should the call be?



Answer

Penalize Yellow and Blue.

Yellow, the inside overlapped right-of-way boat, breaks rule 18.3(b) by sailing farther from the mark than needed to sail her proper course before she tacks, and affects Blue's course while doing so (Blue is unable to bear away to round the mark).

Blue breaks rule 10 by not keeping clear. Because Blue is neither compelled to break a rule, nor entitled to room or mark-room, she cannot be exonerated for her breach.

Coming into the situation, neither boat was in a controlling position because neither boat could impede, affect or change the other boat's course while complying with the applicable rules.

If the umpires were satisfied that Yellow has broken rule 18.3(b) deliberately, they would give Yellow a second penalty under rule C8.3. See also MR CALL M2.

By breaking rule 10, Blue has gained a controlling position. If the umpires were satisfied that Blue has broken rule 10 deliberately or has gained an advantage by breaking the rule after allowing for a penalty, they would give Blue a second penalty under rule C8.3. See also MR CALL M2.

If the umpires were not satisfied that either of these conditions existed, the umpires would give Blue a red-flag penalty under rule C6.5(b).

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