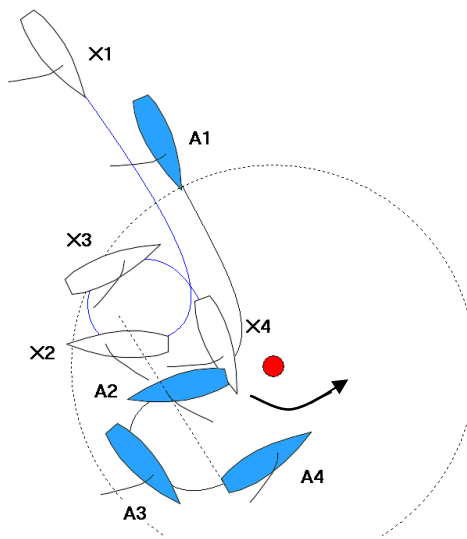


RAPID RESPONSE TEAM RACING CALL 2009/005

Rule 18.1 **When Rule 18 Applies**
Rule 18.2 **Giving Mark Room**

Question

At a leeward mark, A enters the zone clear ahead of X. At position 2, A luffs X away from the mark. At position 3 X has tacked to port and A has gybed to port. Before position 4, X becomes overlapped inside A. A never leaves the zone. Does A have to give X mark-room?



Answer

Yes. Rule 18 applies throughout. At positions 1 and 2, X must give A mark-room (rule 18.2(b)). However when X passes head to wind, rule 18.2(b) ceases to apply (rule 18.2(c)) and thereafter, when an overlap is established, rule 18.2(a) applies. At position 4, X is overlapped on the inside of A and A must give her mark-room provided she has been able to do so from the overlap began (rule 18.2(e)).

Note: the call would be the same if, at position 1, X is overlapped on the outside of A.