RAPID RESPONSE TEAM RACING CALL 2014.002

Rule 16.1	**Changing Course**
Rule 24.2	**Interfering with Another Boat**

Question 1

The boats are at a leeward mark to be rounded to port. Y and Z are on the same team. Y has rounded the mark and is on the leg to the next mark. Y then reverses her course and returns to trap B so that teammate Z can pass B. Between positions 5 and 6, B starts to round the mark, but is prevented from doing so by Y, a right-of-way leeward boat. B changes course to keep clear and there is no contact. B protests. What should the call be?
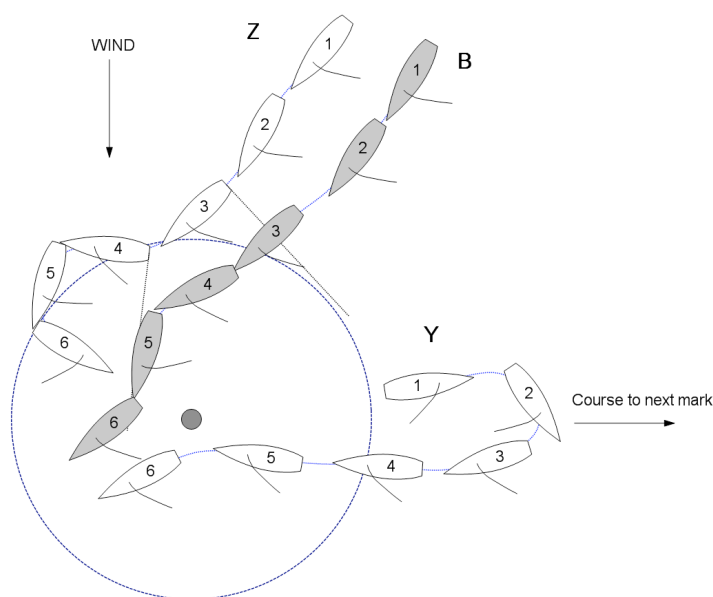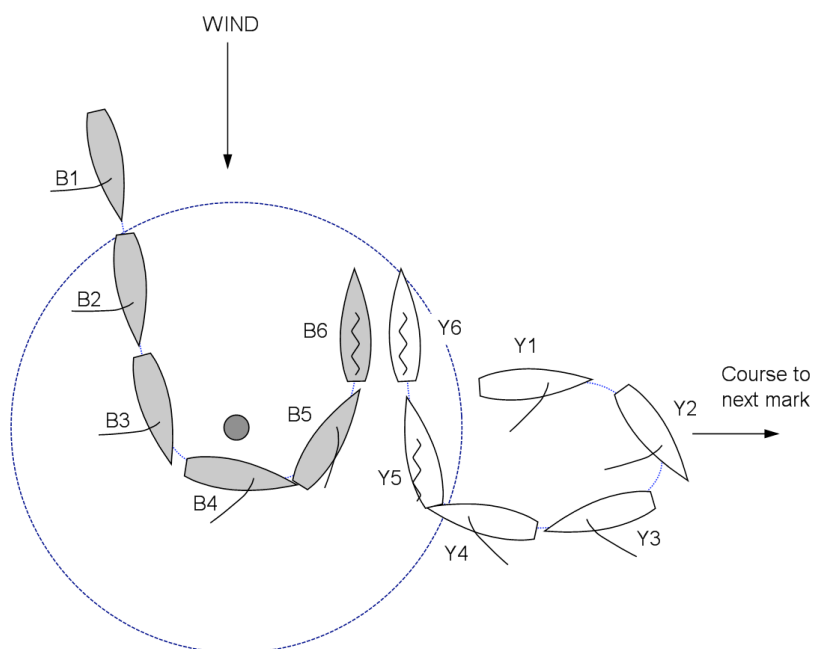

Answer 1

Penalize Y.

At position 5, B is sailing on another leg of the course than Y. B is still on the downwind leg and Y is on the leg to the next mark. B is windward boat and required to keep clear of Y. B keeps clear by luffing. Y was not sailing her proper course when she caused B to change course to avoid her. Y breaks rule 24.2.

When, after Position 5, Y can no longer pass to windward of the mark, the boats are no longer clearly on different legs and rule 24.2 no longer applies.

At position 6, B is no longer sailing on another leg of the course than Y, because Y has returned to the previous leg (see TR Call L6) and B has not yet rounded the mark, nor is she sailing towards the next mark.

Question 2

The boats are at a leeward mark to be rounded to port. Y has rounded the mark and is on the leg to the next mark. As B enters the zone, Y bears away to gybe and sail back to the mark in order to trap B. B rounds the mark and starts sailing to the next mark. After position 3, Y luffs to a collision course with B. Both boats luff head to wind and there is no contact. Blue protests. What should the call be?

WIND

B1

B2

B6 Y6 Y1

B3 B5 Y2 Course to next mark

B4 Y5 Y3

Y4

Answer 2

No penalty.

At position 4, B is rounding the mark on the required side and is sailing towards the next mark. The boats are no longer on different legs. Rule 24.2 does not apply. B is subject to rule 10 and Y must comply with rule 16.1 when she changes course. B keeps clear by luffing and Y complies with rule 16.1 by luffing to enable B to keep clear.