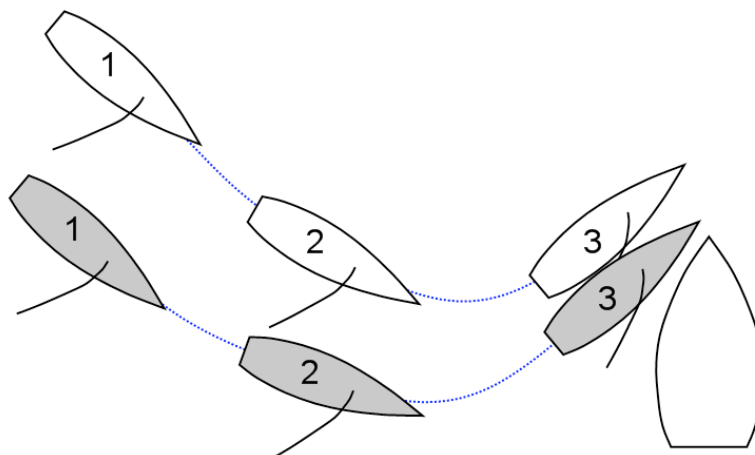


## RAPID RESPONSE TEAM RACING & MATCH RACING CALL 2014.004

**Rule 16.1** Giving Room

**Rule 19** Room to Pass an Obstruction

**Rule 64.1** Penalties and Exoneration



### Question

Yellow and Blue, overlapped on port tack, are approaching an obstruction which can be passed on either side. Rule 17 does not apply to Blue.

Blue is sailing to pass to leeward of the obstruction, but from position 2 Blue luffs quickly to pass to windward of the obstruction. Yellow responds immediately, but is unable to keep clear of Blue. There is contact between them. Both boats protest. What should the call be?

### Answer

Penalise Blue.

When Blue changes course to pass to windward of the obstruction she must give Yellow room to keep clear under rule 16.1. Blue fails to do so and breaks rule 16.1.

As a result of Blue breaking rule 16.1, Yellow is compelled to break rules 11 and 19.2(b). Yellow is therefore exonerated under rule 64.1(a).

*When a right of way boat on a course to pass on one side of an obstruction changes course to pass on the other side, she must comply with any applicable rules of Section A or B.*