

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 18.1(c)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee, after a proposal from the Match & Team Racing Rules Working Party

Proposal 1:

Add new rule 18.1(c) as follows:

18.1 When This Rule Applies

Rule 18 applies when boats are about to round or pass a *mark* they are required to leave on the same side, or an *obstruction* on the same side, until they have passed it. However, it does not apply

- (a) at a starting *mark* surrounded by navigable water or at its anchor line from the time the boats are approaching them to *start* until they have passed them, or
- (b) while the boats are on opposite *tacks*, either on a beat to windward or when the *proper course* for one of them, but not both, to round or pass the *mark* or *obstruction* is to tack.
- (c) if a boat is subject to rule 13.1, when the other is fetching the mark**

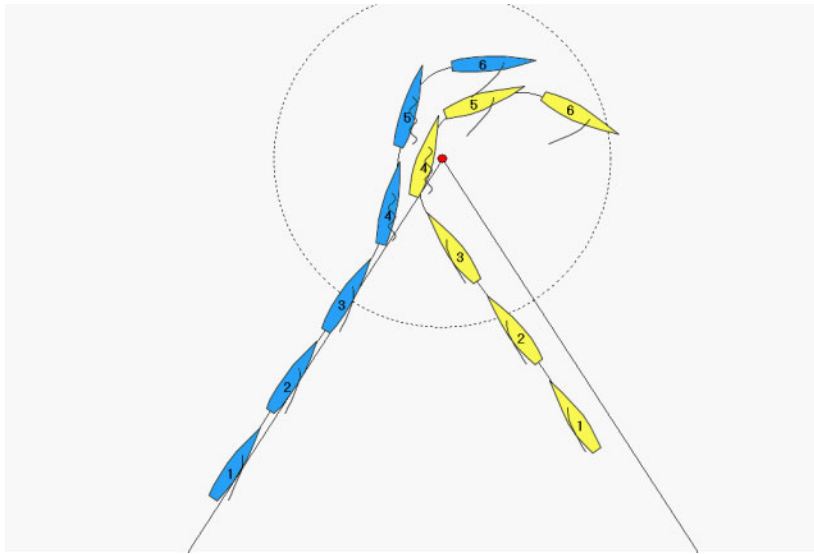
Alternatively, if Proposal 1 is rejected:

Proposal 2:

C2.x Add new rule 18.1(c): if a boat is subject to rule 13.1, when the other is fetching the mark

Current Position:

There is no rule 18.1(c).

Reason:

For clarity. There appears to be a conflict between rule 13.1 and 18.2(a) when the boat on starboard passes head to wind. The boats become overlapped on the same tack while the boat is still subject to rule 13.1. Rule 18.2(a) requires that the outside boat gives the inside boat room when boats are overlapped, whilst rule 13.1 requires the inside boat to keep clear while tacking. Rule 18.3 (or C2.6) only applies after the tack is completed.

This is considered an issue for fleet racing as well as for match racing. However, should Proposal 1 be rejected, Proposal 2 would still be useful for match racing.