

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 18.3

A submission from the Croatian Sailing Federation

Proposal:

Proposal is to change first sentence of RRS 18.3 to read:

18.3 Tacking at a Mark

If two boats ~~were approaching~~ a mark on opposite tacks, **and within two length zone** one of them **either passes head to wind** or completes a tack ~~in the two-length zone~~ when the other is fetching the mark, rule 18.2 does not apply.

Current Position:**18.3 Tacking at a Mark**

If two boats were approaching a mark on opposite tacks and one of them completes a tack in the two-length zone when the other is fetching the mark, rule 18.2 does not apply.

Reason:

Current position allows a port tack boat, approaching close to the mark, to be entitled to room before she completes her tack. This is an unintended consequence of having rule 18.3 only begin to apply after the completion of the tack.