

## **The Call Book for Match Racing**

### **New CALL UMP 6**

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

#### **Proposal:**

Replace existing CALL UMP 6 with the following:

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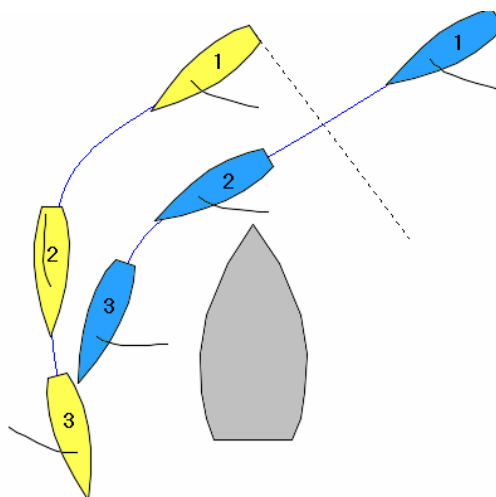
**Rule 10**                    **On Opposite Tacks**

**Rule 16.1**              **Changing Course**

**Rule 18.2(c)**        **Rounding and Passing Marks and Obstructions: Giving Room; Keeping Clear**

#### **Question**

Before the start Yellow and Blue, reaching on starboard tack, approach an anchored boat. When Yellow reaches the two-length zone, she is clear ahead of Blue. Yellow passes to windward of it, bears away alongside it, then gybes in order to sail around its stern. Very soon after Yellow gybes, Blue is still on starboard and gains a small inside overlap. Blue changes course trying to avoid contact with Yellow but there is contact. There is a protest. What should the call be?



#### **Answer 1**

Rule 18.2(c) requires Blue to keep clear until the boats have passed the obstruction, and she is not entitled to room to pass the obstruction if she becomes overlapped inside Yellow. When Yellow changes course and gybes towards the obstruction, she is subject to rule 16.1 (See

Answer in CALL UMP 27), and must give Blue room to keep clear. Blue is able to keep clear by luffing but chooses not to, so breaks rule 18.2(c). Penalize Blue.

### Question 2

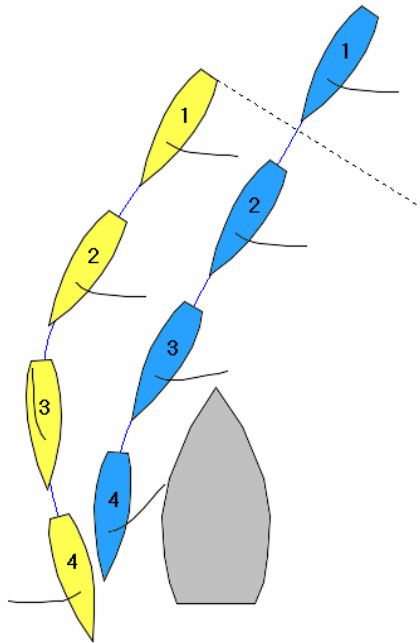
How far beyond the obstruction may Blue sail before gybing and still rely on 18.2(c)?

### Answer 2

When the entire obstruction is astern of both boats, rule 18 ceases to apply and Yellow may no longer rely on rule 18.2(c) to give her right of way over Blue. (See also Answer 2 in CALL UMP 22.)

### Question 3

Blue gains an inside overlap within the two-length zone. Yellow then changes course and Blue is no longer able to keep clear. What should the call be?

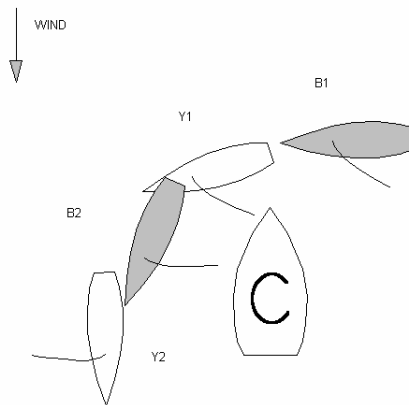


### Answer 3

Blue must keep clear of Yellow under rule 18.2(c) until both boats pass the obstruction. Rule 18.2(d) does not apply at an obstruction, so Yellow is subject to rule 16.1 whenever she changes course. At position 3, Yellow bears away to gybe and Blue can no longer keep clear. Blue is compelled to break rule 18.2(c) by Yellow's breach of rule 16.1. Penalize Yellow.

Current Position:**CALL UMP 6****Rule 10 On Opposite Tacks****Rule 18.2(c) Rounding and Passing Marks and Obstructions: Giving room; Keeping Clear****Question 1**

Before the start Yellow and Blue are reaching on starboard tack. When Yellow enters the two-length zone of an anchored spectator boat she is clear ahead of Blue. Yellow passes to windward of it, bears away alongside it, then gybes in order to sail back around its stern. Very soon after Yellow gybes, Blue is still on starboard tack and has gained a small inside overlap. Blue changes course trying to avoid contact with Yellow but there is contact and there is a Y flag. What should the call be?

**Answer 1**

Rule 18.2(c) required Blue to keep clear until the boats had passed the obstruction, even if an overlap was established during the passing. Penalize Blue.

**Question 2**

How far beyond the obstruction may Yellow sail before gybing and still rely on rule 18.2(c)?

**Answer 2**

When it is clear that Blue has passed the obstruction, then rule 18 ceases to apply and Yellow may no longer rely on rule 18.2(c) to protect her when she gybes. (See also Answer 2 in CALL UMP 22.)

Reason:

Provides clear answers to a much discussed situation and highlights the relationship between rule 18.2(c) and rule 16.1 when rule 18.2(d) does not apply.