Racing Rules of Sailing

TR Call C3

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To amend the call to comply with rule 24.2, as revised for 2017.

Proposal

Amend Team Racing Call C3 as follows:

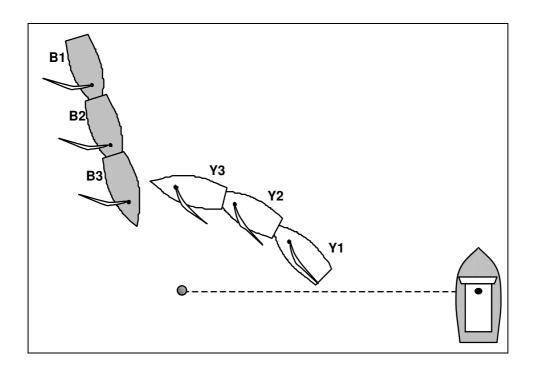
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Rule 22.1 Starting Errors

Rule 24.2 Interfering with Another Boat

Question

After the start B is sailing on port tack from the course side of the starting line without having started. Boat Y has started correctly and bears away below her proper course onto a collision course with B. B protests. What should the call be?



Answer

Penalize Y. B and Y are not on the same leg of the course. Therefore when Y bears away below her proper course and interferes with B, she breaks rule 24.2.

Penalize Y. At position 1, B is keeping clear of Y as required by rule 22.1. When Y bears away after position 1 she breaks rule 24.2 as she is no longer sailing her proper course and she interferes with B, a boat subject to rule 22.1.

A boat that, after the starting signal, is sailing towards the pre-start side of the line without having started correctly, is not on the same leg of the course as boats that have started. If the umpires are not certain whether or not a boat that is sailing toward the starting line after the starting signal has started correctly, they will use the principle of 'last point of certainty'. In such cases the umpires will assume the boat has not started until they are certain that she has.

After the starting signal, if a boat is sailing towards the pre-start side of the line, the umpires will use the principle of the 'last point of certainty' and decide the boat has not started, unless they are certain that she has started.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

To comply with revised rule 24.2 and to remove the reference to the boats not sailing on the same leg of the course, an interpretation about which there is significant disagreement.