Racing Rules of Sailing

New TR Call J9

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To create a permanent Team Racing Call based on Team Racing Rapid Response Call 2015-002 as required by World Sailing Regulation 28.3.7.

Proposal

Add new Call to Team Racing Call Book.

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Rule 11 On the Same Tack, Overlapped
Rule 18.2 Giving Mark-Room
Rule 21 Exoneration
Rule 31 Touching a Mark

Question 1

X enters the zone at a leeward mark to be left to port clear ahead of A and Y. X slows down to leeward of the mark in an attempt to trap A outside of her and let teammate Y pass A. There is contact between all three boats and Y hits the mark. Y protests. What should the call be?
Answer 1

Penalize A and Y.

Although Y breaks rule 11 she is exonerated as she is sailing within the mark-room to which she is entitled from A. Y hits the mark but she cannot be exonerated for breaking rule 31 as she could have passed the wrong side of the mark and was not compelled to hit it. Y also breaks rule 18.2(b) as she failed to give mark-room to X.

A breaks rules 11 (against X) and 18.2(b) against both X and Y. In no case is she entitled to exoneration.

Question 2

If Y sails the wrong side of the mark to avoid a multiple collision, would the call be the same?

Answer 2

No. Penalize A only. Y breaks no rule.

Current Position

Team Racing Rapid Response Call 2015-002.

Reason

In the RRS 2017-2020, rule 19.1 is changed to resolve the conflict between rules 18 and 19. This call amends the rapid response call to reflect that change.