Racing Rules of Sailing

The Call Book for Match Racing – Amend Call UMP 17

A submission from the Chairman of Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective
Correcting a mistake.

Proposal
Amend Call UMP 17 as follows:

CALL UMP 17

Rule 11  On the Same Tack, Overlapped
Rule 16.1 Changing Course
Rule 17  On the Same Tack; Proper Course

Question 1
Yellow and Blue, close-hauled on port tack, approach the layline near the windward mark. Yellow established her overlap from clear astern. Both sail beyond the layline and are clearly overstanding the mark. Yellow luffs, and is then forced to bear away to avoid contact. There is a Y-flag. What should the call be?

Answer 1
Penalize Blue. When Yellow luffs it is clear that her only proper course is to luff in order to tack
toward the mark. Yellow gives Blue room as required by rule 16.1. Yellow is then unable to sail her course without the need to take avoiding action. Blue does not keep clear and breaks rule 11.

Question 2
What would the call be if due to shifty winds and/or rough seas it is not clear whether the boats are overstanding the mark?

Answer 2
It is not yet clear that Yellow's only proper course is on the other tack. Yellow breaks rule 17 by sailing above her proper course (close-hauled). Penalize Yellow, unless as a result she promptly sails astern of Blue. Nevertheless, Blue is windward boat and must keep clear. By not responding, Blue breaks rule 11. Penalize Blue. See also Call UMP 19.

Current Position
As above.

Reason
The current call is missing a response to the breach by the windward boat in not keeping clear. The added words will correct this.