

Racing Rules of Sailing

The Call Book for Team Racing – Move Call D9 to Section E

A submission from the Chairman of The Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

Housekeeping - move Call D9 to the section it should be in.

Proposal

Move Call D9 from Section D to Section E.

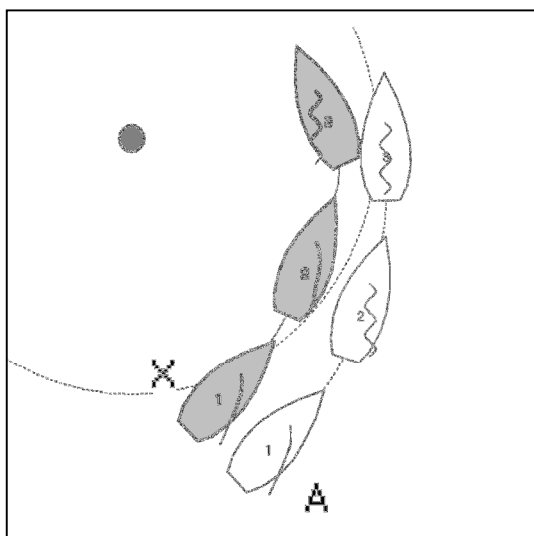
Current Position

CALL D9

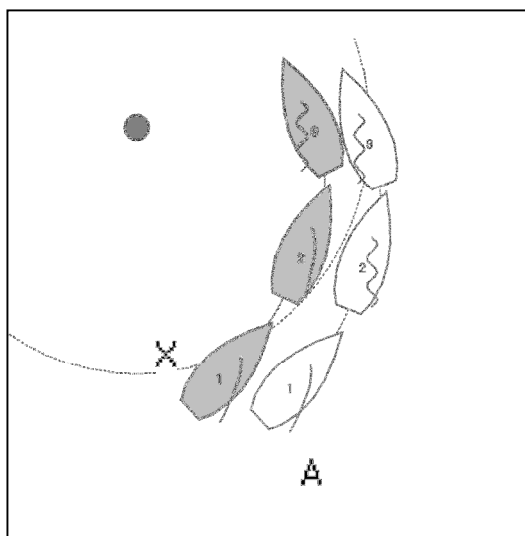
Rule 13	While Tacking
Rule 18.1	When Rule 18 Applies
Rule 18.2	Giving Mark-Room
Rule 18.5	Exoneration

Definitions	Mark-Room
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Question 1



Question 2



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X and A overlapped on port tack enter the zone of a windward mark that is to be rounded to port. Both boats are close-hauled and X is keeping clear of A. X luffs to tack and, after she passes head-to-wind, there is contact between the boats. A protests. What should the call be?

Answer 1

From the time one of the boats enters the zone, rule 18 applies and A is required by rule 18.2(b) to give X mark-room. Because X is overlapped to windward and on the inside of A, mark-room includes room to tack.

Although rule 18 ceases to apply after X passes head-to-wind, because the boats are now on opposite tacks on a beat, the subsequent contact shows that before X passed head-to-wind, A had failed to give X mark-room.

Penalize A for breaking rule 18.2(b) and exonerate X under rule 18.5(a) for breaking rule 13, a rule of Section A.

Question 2

The situation is the same, except that the contact happens while both boats are subject to rule 13.

Answer 2

As soon as both boats are on starboard tack, the boats become overlapped, and rule 18.2(a) requires that A gives X mark-room.

Penalize A for breaking rule 18.2(a). Because X is on A's port side while both boats are tacking, X is keep-clear boat under rule 13 until she completes the tack by getting down to a close-hauled course. X therefore breaks rule 13. However, because rule 13 is a rule of Section A, X is exonerated under rule 18.5(a).

Reason

Both questions and both diagrams refer to incidents inside the zone of a windward mark. The call is relevant to Section E, which comprises calls at a windward mark, and not to Section D, which comprises calls on a windward leg.
