Racing Rules of Sailing

The Call Book for Team Racing - Delete Call E11

A submission from the Chairman of The Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To get rid of a call that is not needed.

Proposal

Delete team racing Call E11.

Current Position

TR CALL E11

Rule 18.1(a) When Rule 18 Applies
Rule 18.2(b) Giving Mark Room
Rule D1.1(b) Changes to Rule 18.1(b)

Question 1

Y on starboard enters the zone of a windward mark clear ahead of B. B tacks onto port and then tacks back onto starboard. She then establishes an inside overlap with Y from clear astern. Does Y have to give B mark-room?
Answer 1

No. B is required to give Y mark-room. At position 1, rule 18.2(b) applies and B must give Y mark-room. At position 2, the boats are on opposite tacks on a beat to windward and rule 18 ceases to apply (rule 18.1(a)).

When B tacks back to starboard after position 2, the boats are on the same tack and rule 18 begins to apply again. In particular, rule D1.1(b) applies which changes rule 18.2(b). Y becomes clear ahead when B passes head to wind, so B must thereafter give Y mark-room.

Question 2

Would the call be different if B’s tacks are in the zone?

Answer 2

No. Providing that at the moment B passes head to wind between positions 2 and 3, she is clear astern of Y, she must give Y mark-room.

See also Call E 10

Reason

Under the new rules, the call is inconsistent with E10-Q4 (latest version). E11 gives a different answer to E10 if the boats are overlapped when B is again on starboard tack.