

## Racing Rules of Sailing

### Rule 19.2

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

#### Purpose

To clarify when the last sentence of current rule 19.2(c) applies.

#### Proposal

Change rule 19.2 as follows:

#### **19.2 Giving Room at an Obstruction**

- (a) A right-of-way boat may choose to pass an *obstruction* on either side.
- (b) When boats are *overlapped*, the outside boat shall give the inside boat *room* between her and the *obstruction*, unless she has been unable to do so from the time the *overlap* began.
- (c) While boats are passing a continuing *obstruction*, if a boat that was *clear astern* and required to *keep clear* becomes *overlapped* between the other boat and the *obstruction* and, at the moment the *overlap* begins, there is not *room* for her to pass between them,
  - (1)** she is not entitled to *room* under rule 19.2(b), **and**
  - (2)** **while** ~~While~~ the boats remain *overlapped*, she shall *keep clear* and rules 10 and 11 do not apply.

#### Current Position

As above.

#### Reason

Current rule 19.2(c) is ambiguous in that it is not clear whether or not the boats must still be passing a continuing obstruction in order for the rule's last sentence to apply. The proposal removes the ambiguity and makes it clear that the current rule's last sentence applies only while the boats are passing the continuing obstruction.