Racing Rules of Sailing

New Team Racing Call J9

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To create a new Team Racing Call based on Team Racing Rapid Response Call 2017-001.

Proposal 1

Add new TR Call J9 as follows:

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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.

Although X is an obstruction to A and Y, rule 19 does not apply (see rule 19.1(b)).

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.

Proposal 2

If Proposal 1 is approved, amend TR Call E8 accordingly.

Current Position

Team Racing Rapid Response Call 2017-001.

Reasons

1. In November 2016 Racing Rules Committee withdrew Team Racing Call E8 and submission 101-16, to create a new call similar to this proposal, because they were in conflict. During 2017 the Team Racing Rules Working Party conducted an extensive review of the issues. Its main recommendation is to support the principle contained in submission 101-16 and, accordingly, it prepared a call which is published as Team Racing Rapid Response Call 2017-001.

2. As required by Regulation 28.3.7, this submission recommends that the rapid response call is added to the Team Racing Call Book.

3. The working party conclusions, recommendations and a discussion of the consequences are available as a supporting paper for the November 2017 World Sailing Conference.