**Racing Rules of Sailing**

The Call Book for Team Racing, New Call J9

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

**Proposal**

Insert new Team Racing Call J9:

**CALL J9**

Rule 18.1 When Rule 18 Applies
Rule 18.2 Giving Mark Room

**Question**

At a leeward mark, A enters the zone clear ahead of X. At position 2, A luffs X away from the mark. At position 3 X has tacked to port and A has gybed to port. Before position 4, X becomes overlapped inside A. A never leaves the zone. Does A have to give X mark-room?

![Diagram](image)

**Answer**

Yes.

Rule 18 applies throughout. At positions 1 and 2, X must give A mark-room (rule 18.2(b)). However, when X passes head to wind rule 18.2(b) ceases to apply (rule 18.2(c)), and when an
overlap is established thereafter, rule 18.2(a) applies. At position 4, X is overlapped on the inside of A and A must give her mark-room provided she has been able to do so from the overlap began (rule 18.2(e)).

Note: the call would be the same if, at position 1, X is overlapped on the outside of A.

**Current Position**

This is currently ISAF Rapid Response Team Racing Call 2009.005.

**Reason**

Under the old rules, the mark rule only got switched off when the boat clear ahead passed head to wind. The new rule 18 is changed in that if either boat passes head to wind the rule gets switched off. Any new overlap between the boats thereafter will again trigger rule 18.

This change in rule 18 has provided an opportunity for the move in this call to be to be executed. In team racing where the leeward mark trap is utilised the use of this call has provided a powerful and frequently used countermove.