**Racing Rules of Sailing**

**New TR Call**

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

**Purpose or Objective**

To comply with ISAF regulation 28.3.7

**Proposal**

Add new call to the Team Racing Call Book

**TR CALL xx**

**Rule 18.3 Tacking in the Zone**

**Question**

Three boats are approaching a port-hand windward mark. Boats X and Y are on the same team. X tacks inside the zone and to leeward of boat B, who is fetching the mark. Both boats continue sailing a close-hauled course. After passing the mark, X luffs B to allow teammate Y to round the mark inside of B. B protests. What should the call be?
Answer

Penalize X. When X tacks, she passes head-to-wind in the zone and is then on the same tack as B who is fetching the mark. Rule 18.3 applies, and X is not restricted by rule 17. After both boats have passed the mark and X luffs B, she causes her to sail above close-hauled to avoid contact. X breaks rule 18.3(a), which applies as long as one of the two boats is still in the zone (see rule 18.1).

If X’s team has gained an advantage as a result of her breach of a rule, the umpires should consider whether to penalize X with additional turns or to display the black and white flag, or both.

Current Position

Team Racing Rapid Response Call 2014/005, as proposal above.

Reason

This call confirms that rule 18.3(a) applies for as long as rule 18 applies as defined in rule 18.1.