Definition
Proper Course
Rule 17 On the Same Tack, Proper Course

Question

Y and B approach a windward mark close hauled on starboard tack. Y is clear astern and slightly to windward of B, preventing B from tacking.

Both boats bear away and Y establishes an overlap from clear astern and to leeward of B. They continue for about a boat length. B protests. What should the call be?

Answer

Penalize Y.

When Y becomes overlapped to leeward of B, RRS 17 begins to apply to Y. Her proper course is to bear away and gybe to port in order to sail directly to the mark. Y sails above her proper course and breaks RRS 17.

This call applies when the mark to be rounded either to port or to starboard. See also Call G4.

This call is valid until 31 December 2019