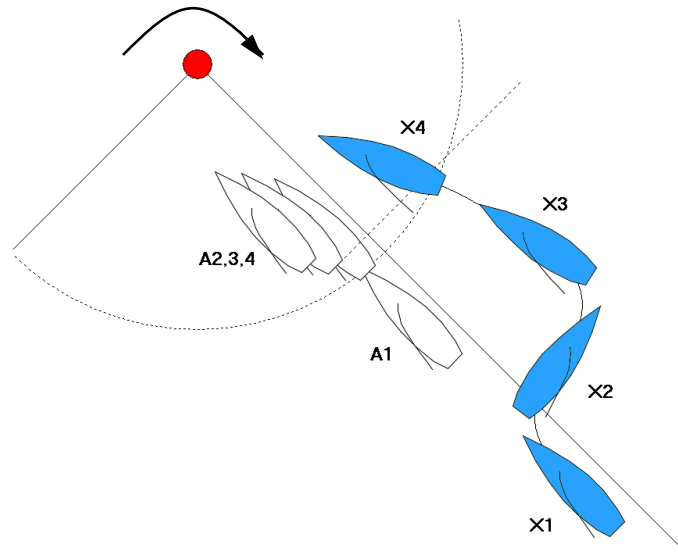


RAPID RESPONSE TEAM RACING CALL 2009/004

Rule 18.1(a) **When Rule 18 Applies**
Rule 18.2(b) **Giving Mark Room**
Rule D1.1(b) **Changes to Rule 18.1(b)**

Question 1

A on starboard enters the zone of a windward mark clear ahead of X. X tacks onto port and then tacks back onto starboard. She then establishes an inside overlap with A from clear astern. Does A have to give X mark-room?



Answer 1

No.

X is required to give A mark-room. At position 1, rule 18.2(b) applies and X must give A mark-room. At position 2, the boats are on opposite tacks on a beat to windward and rule 18 ceases to apply (rule 18.1(a)).

When X tacks back to starboard after position 2, the boats are on the same tack and rule 18 begins to apply again. In particular, rule D1.1(b) applies which changes rule 18.2(b). A becomes clear ahead when X passes head to wind, so X must thereafter give A mark-room.

Question 2

Would the call be different if X's tacks are in the zone?

Answer 2

No. Providing that at the moment X passes head to wind between positions 2 and 3, she is clear astern of A, she must give A mark-room.

See also Team Racing Rapid Response Call 2009/003.