

Racing Rules of Sailing

Case 132

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To update Case 132 as a consequence of the approval of Submissions 149-19 and 163-18.

Proposal

Edit Case 132 as follows:

CASE 132

Rule 16.2, Changing Course

Rule 18.1(a), Mark-Room: When Rule 18 Applies

Rule 42.3(c), Propulsion: Exceptions

Interpretation of the phrase 'on a beat to windward'.

Question

Rule 16.2 states that it applies between boats on opposite tacks on a beat to windward. Rule 18.1(a) states that rule 18 does not apply between boats on opposite ~~tacks~~ **tacks** on a beat to windward.

For the purpose of ~~these rules~~ **rule 18.1(a)**, when are boats **on opposite tacks** on a beat to windward?

Answer

~~For the purpose of rule 18.1(a), which is only needed in multi-boat situations when at least one boat is in the zone, two~~

Two boats on opposite tacks are ~~considered to be~~ on a beat to windward

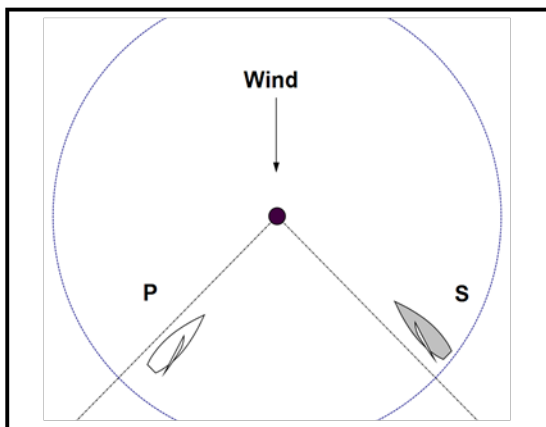
- (1) when the proper course for each of them is **would, in the absence of all other boats, be** close-hauled or above, or
- (2) when one or both of them ~~have overstood the~~ **are overstanding a** close-hauled layline to ~~the~~ **their next** mark ~~and are sailing below close-hauled.~~

Delete question and answer 2 about the application of rule 42.3(c).

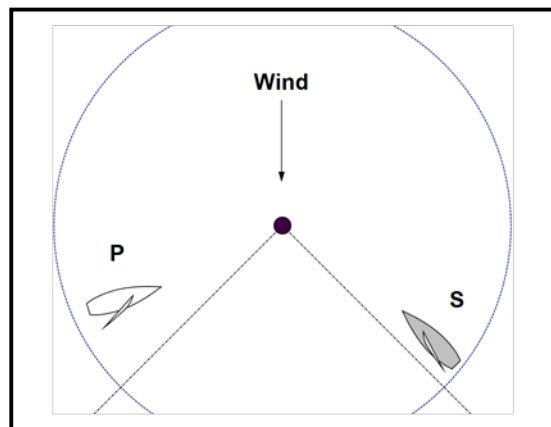
~~Consider the following four situations, each involving boats on opposite tacks in the zone of a mark to be left to port. The mark could be a windward mark, a finishing mark at the port end of a finishing line, a windward gate mark, or a limit mark that is not a rounding mark. In each of these situations, the boats shown are 'on opposite tacks on a beat to windward' and, therefore, rule 18 does not apply between them.~~

In each of the situation diagrams that follow, the boats shown are on opposite tacks on a beat to windward approaching the next mark of their course. This mark may be a rounding mark, a passing or limit mark, a gate mark or a finishing mark.

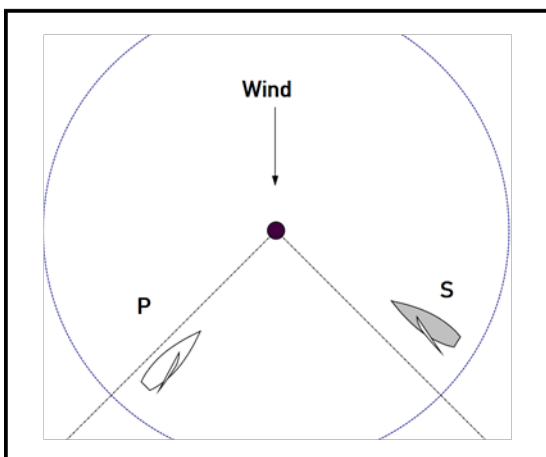
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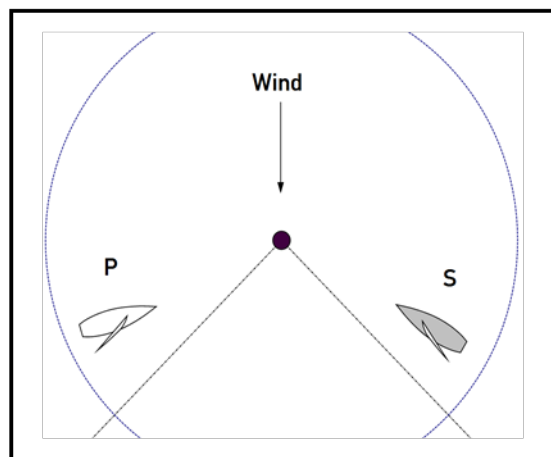
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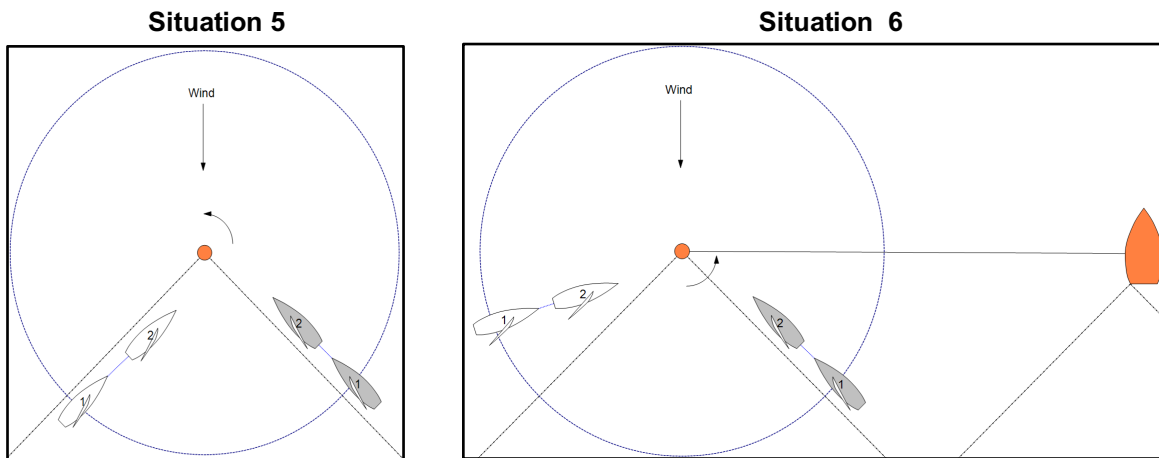
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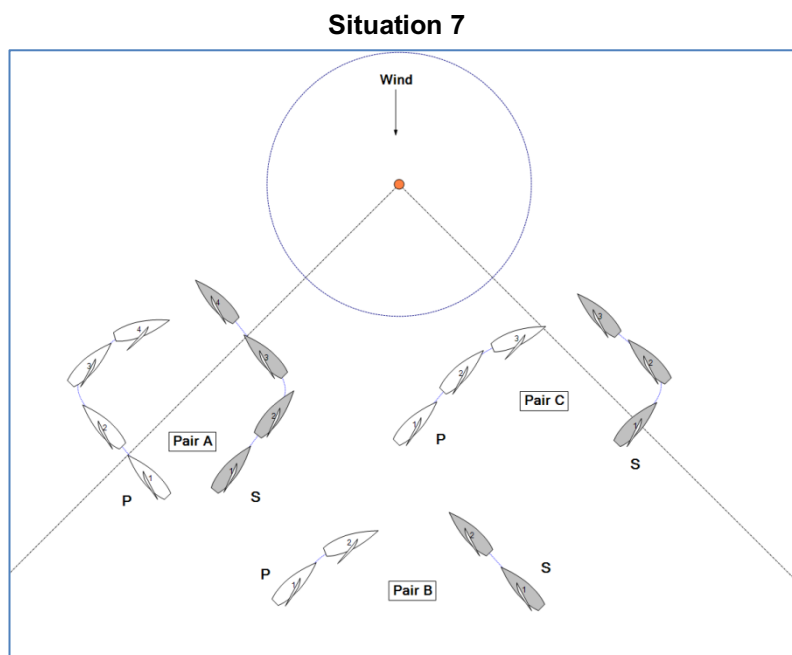
SITUATION 4



Situations 5 and 6 illustrate two boats on a beat to windward in the zone of a mark to be left to port. In situation 5 condition (1) applies and in situation 6 condition (2) applies.



In situation 7 each pair of boats in the diagram below is on a beat to windward and the starboard-tack boats are each subject to rule 16.2.



Current Position

Case 132 as published in 2018 Case Book Supplement dated 3 December 2018.

Reasons

1. Submission 149-19 added the words "a beat to windward" to rule 16.2 and an interpretation is required to clarify the application of the rule. Previously the rule applied on all legs of a course.
 2. Submission 163-18 deleted the words "Except on a beat to windward" from rule 42.3(c) so that the case is no longer relevant to this rule.
 3. The interpretation of "on a beat to windward" in rule 18.1(a) required editing when a boat is above the close-hauled layline.
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