

TR Rapid Response Call

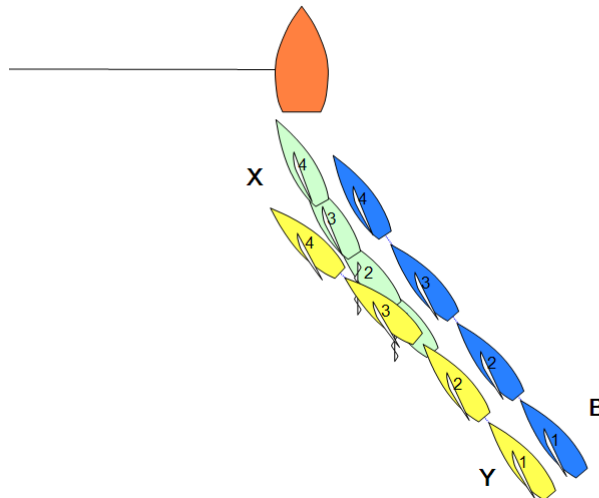
Obstruction Room at the Start

Rule 11 Overlapped on the Same Tack

Rule 19 Giving Room at an Obstruction

Question 1

Three 7-metre keel boats B, X and Y are approaching the line 15 seconds before the starting signal. X has slowed. B and Y are overlapped and bows-even, closing on X from astern. Between positions 1 and 2, Y is steering a course directly toward X's transom. When Y is one metre astern of X she bears away to pass X to leeward. There is no room for B to pass between X and Y. B sails to windward of X and protests. What should the call be?



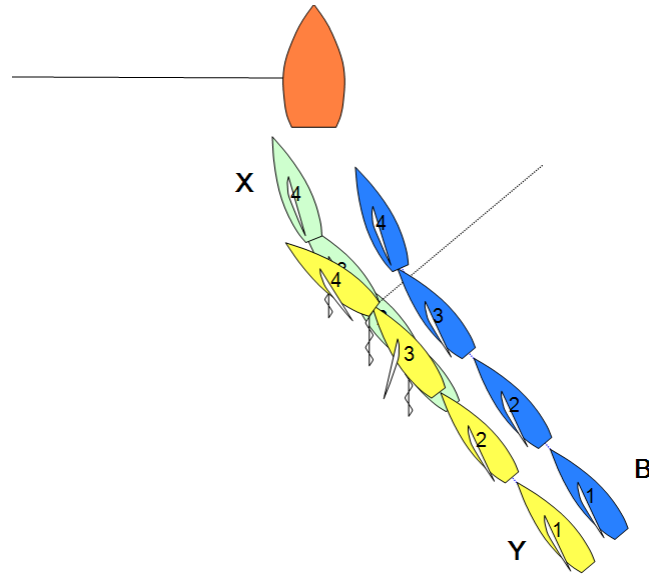
Answer 1

Penalize Y.

Rule 19 applies to Y just after Position 2 when she changes course to pass the obstruction. Rule 19.2(a) gives Y the right to choose which side to pass the obstruction. If Y chooses to pass to leeward of X, she must do so far enough away from X to give B room to pass X on the same side. Y fails to do so and breaks rule 19.2(b).

Question 2

The situation is the same except that when Y is close behind X, she slows by backing her mainsail, maintaining her course. As a result B overlaps X to windward. Y then bears away and begins to pass X to leeward. B protests. What should the call be?



Answer 2

No penalty. Between positions 1 and 3, B keeps clear of Y as required by rule 11. From position 3 B is overlapped to windward of X and keeps clear of her as required. When Y then bears away to pass X to leeward, B is already passing X to windward so rule 19.2(b) does not apply between Y and B.