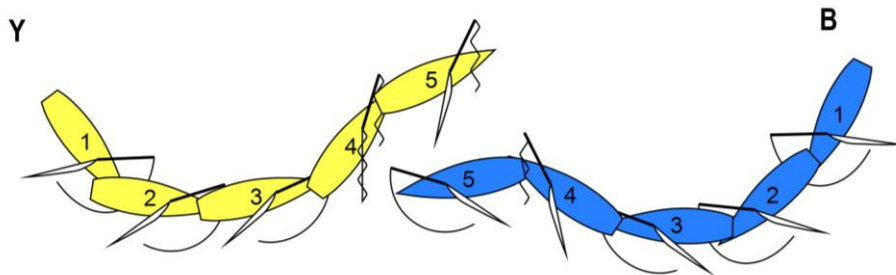


Event Call #1 - Luffing with Spinnakers

Question

Two keelboats B and Y on a leeward leg are converging on opposite tacks with spinnakers set. Y on port luffs to pass behind B on starboard. B luffs continuously towards Y. When Y responds promptly by luffing to a course well above a beam reach, she is no longer able to keep the majority of her spinnaker filled and drawing. B bears away to avoid contact and protests. What should the call be?



Answer

Penalize B. When B changes course, rule 16.1 requires her to give Y room to keep clear, which includes space to maneuver promptly in a seamanlike way. After position 3, Y needs room to drop her spinnaker to continue maneuvering in a seamanlike way. B fails to give that room until position 5 when she bears away.

Y breaks rule 10 but is exonerated under rule 43.1(b) because she was sailing within the room to which she is entitled under rule 16.1.

See also Call G8.