

# 2024 WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

## Event Call #1

### Getting Well Clear before Taking a Penalty

**Rule 21.2**                    **Taking Penalties**

**Rule 44.2**                    **One-Turn and Two-Turn Penalties**

#### Question 1

When is a boat, intending to take a penalty under rule 44.2, 'well clear of other boats'?

#### Answer 1

A boat intending to take a penalty under rule 44.2 meets the requirement to get 'well clear of other boats' when she reaches a position where she

- a) has the space she needs to start taking the penalty, and
- b) is not preventing other boats from:
  - i. continuing to sail their current course;
  - ii. changing course onto a *proper course*; or
  - iii. approaching the line to *start*.

Rule 44.2 requires the boat to meet this requirement as soon as possible.

Once a boat has met this requirement, rule 44.2 then requires her to take the penalty promptly, and rule 21.2 requires her to *keep clear* of other boats while doing so.

#### Question 2

If a boat passes head to wind or gybes before she is well clear, is that tack or gybe part of her penalty turn?

#### Answer 2

No. She does not begin a penalty turn until after she is well clear and is then clearly turning into a tack or gybe, at which point rule 21.2 begins to apply.