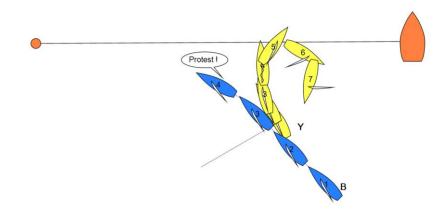
2022 Global Team Race Event Call #1 Addendum A Rule A3.6

Question 1

Just before the start Y is slowly sailing above close-hauled towards the starting line. B is moving faster on a steady course and overlaps Y to leeward about six inches from Y's port quarter between positions 2 and 3. Y promptly heads up slowly and there is contact with no damage at position 3. B protests and Y takes a penalty. What should the umpire call be?



Answer 1

Penalty B.

Addendum A rule A3.6 changes rule D2.2(c) as follows; "An umpire shall decide whether to penalize any boat that broke a rule, is not exonerated, and did not take an appropriate penalty." B breaks rule 15 when she acquires right-of-way by her own actions and initially fails to give Y, a windward boat, room to keep clear. Y breaks rule 11 despite responding promptly in a seamanlike way. However, Y is exonerated under rule 43.1(b) because she is sailing within her entitled room under rule 15.

Question 2

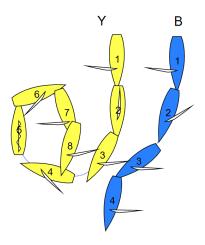
Is the answer to Question 1 the same if Y does not take a penalty?

Answer 2

Yes. B breaks rule 15. Y is exonerated for her breach of rule 11 and need not take a penalty.

Question 3

B and Y are sailing downwind in 7 knots of wind on port tack over a boat length apart. B suddenly gybes and then luffs sharply. Y promptly gybes and luffs but cannot keep clear. There is contact with no damage. Y protests and takes a penalty. What should the umpire call be?



Answer 3

Penalty B.

When B gybes then luffs sharply, she breaks rule 16.1 by failing to give Y room to keep clear when she changes course. Y breaks rule 11 when she is not keeping clear. Although Y takes a penalty, she did not need to because she is exonerated under rule 43.1(b) as she is sailing within the room to which she is entitled when B changes course.

Similar to the first incident, an umpire shall decide to penalize any boat that breaks a rule, is not exonerated, and does not take an appropriate penalty, whether or not the other boat takes a penalty.