

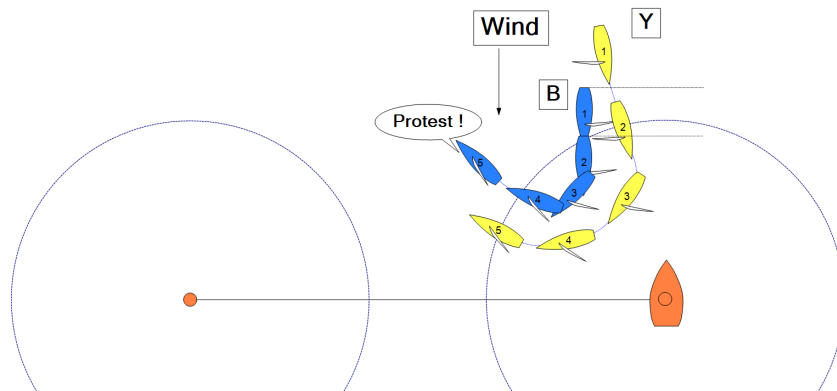
**EVENT CALL #1 – Women’s 2 v2**  
**MARK-ROOM AT A DOWNWIND FINISH**

**Rule 10**                    **On Opposite Tacks**  
**Rule 18.2**                **Giving Mark-Room**  
**Definitions**            **Mark-Room, Room**

**Question**

In a team race B and Y are on a downwind leg to the finish. When B on starboard-tack reaches the zone of the boat end finish mark, Y on port-tack and sailing faster has not yet reached the zone. B is sailing a course to pass the boat end finish mark. At position 3, Y gybes onto starboard-tack and becomes overlapped to leeward of B. Y luffs and B responds promptly. Y continues to luff and as a result B sails out of the zone. B Protests. What is the umpire call?

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**Answer**

Penalize Y. When B reaches the zone, Y has not reached it. Therefore, Y is required by rule 18.2(a)(2) to give B mark-room. When Y luffs B she gives her room to keep clear, complying with rule 16.1. However, when Y luffs B forcing her to sail out of the zone, B is no longer entitled to mark-room under rule 18.2(b). Because Y's action has compelled B to lose her entitlement to mark-room, she has deprived B of mark-room and therefore breaks rule 18.2.