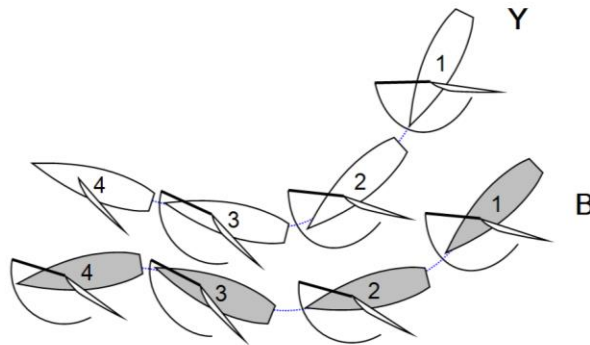


## 2018 MORGAN CUP, HINMAN MASTERS, GRAND MASTERS

### Q&A #1 - LUFFING WITH SPINNAKERS

#### Question

Two keelboats B and Y are on a run in strong winds with spinnakers set. Rule 17 does not apply. B luffs continuously and Y keeps clear. After Y becomes sailing above a beam reach and is healing well over with her spinnaker trimmed all the way, she holds course and drops her spinnaker. There is no contact. B bears away and protests. What should the call be?



#### Answer

No penalty.

When B changes course, she is required to give Y room to keep clear, which includes space to manoeuvre promptly in a seamanlike way. In positions 1 and 2, Y is keeping clear. In position 3, it becomes seamanlike for Y to drop her spinnaker. Y continues keeping clear because she is still responding in a seamanlike way to B's change of course. This includes dropping her spinnaker before luffing any higher. By bearing away at position 4, B gives Y room to keep clear, as required by rule 16.1.

See also Team Race Call A3.

*Room for a windward boat to keep clear includes room to drop her spinnaker when it becomes unseamanlike to keep it hoisted. In lighter winds, it may be seamanlike for a boat to sail closer to the wind with her spinnaker hoisted*