



2018 GLOBAL TEAM RACE

Friday Pre-brief



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Pre-briefs and Debriefs

Our goal: get us all on the same page

Pre-Brief – Information that is indicative of how umpires will apply the rules and make calls

Debrief – Post race review of actual incidents

- **Today** – Morning Pre-Brief
- **Saturday** – Umpire Observations and Debrief for Friday's racing
- **Sunday** – Debrief for Saturday's racing



Topics to Cover

- Important Boat Handling Rules - Sonars
- Spinnakers and Penalties
- Rule Interpretations
- Other Important Sailing Instructions

Reminder

These materials are meant to inform and educate competitors.

They are not authoritative like the *Racing Rules of Sailing* and Call Books are.



Sonar – Key Boat Handling Rules

- **Hiking:**
 - Seated with thighs on slope of deck
 - No legs over the side
 - OK to hold on to active or lazy sheets - never shrouds
- **Roll-tacking/gybing**
 - Never by holding onto the shrouds
- **Standing rigging / mast blocks:** shall not be changed
- **Umpires may initiate a one-turn-penalty for these breaches**

Sonar – Rule 42



How sailors occasionally break rule 42 in a Sonar

- Rocking downwind
- Fanning the main or spinnaker in light air
- Extra pumps when surfing conditions exist
- Sculling at the start and around marks

Umpires may initiate a one-turn-penalty for these breaches

Other Key SI and Rules



Arm Signals are required: for 'room to tack' and 'you tack'

- Please use these exact words for clarity of hails.

Spinnakers during a penalty

- **Below gooseneck** when taking penalty downwind

Breakdown before your warning signal : Yellow flag



- Proceed ASAP to leeward close to the signal boat
- Hail Bosun on VHF channel 77
- Wait for instructions

Important Rule Changes Addendum A



- Rule 16.2 – WS Team Race Test Rule (more to follow)
- Rule 17 deleted - Compliance with RRS 15 and 16.1 critical
- Rule 31 – Only touch by crew or hull breaks the rule

Important Rule Changes Addendum A



- Rule 66 – party cannot ask to reopen a hearing
- Protest/Redress: Must report to finish boat after finishing
- Rule 14 - Damage penalties (more to follow)

Team Race Test Rule 16.2



In addition, a *starboard-tack* boat on a beat to windward shall not bear away to a course more than 90 degrees from the true wind if as a result the *port-tack boat* would immediately need to change course to *keep clear* of her.

Team Race Test Rule 16.2



Important Reminders

- **Port is always the keep clear boat and nothing in rule 16.1 or test rule 16.2 relieves her of this obligation.**
- When starboard changes course, she is always subject to rule 16.
- **In addition** rule 16.2 applies when starboard bears away towards port while starboard is sailing below 90 degrees from the true wind.
- Test rule 16.2 does NOT apply when starboard alters course towards the wind, even if she is sailing below 90 degrees.

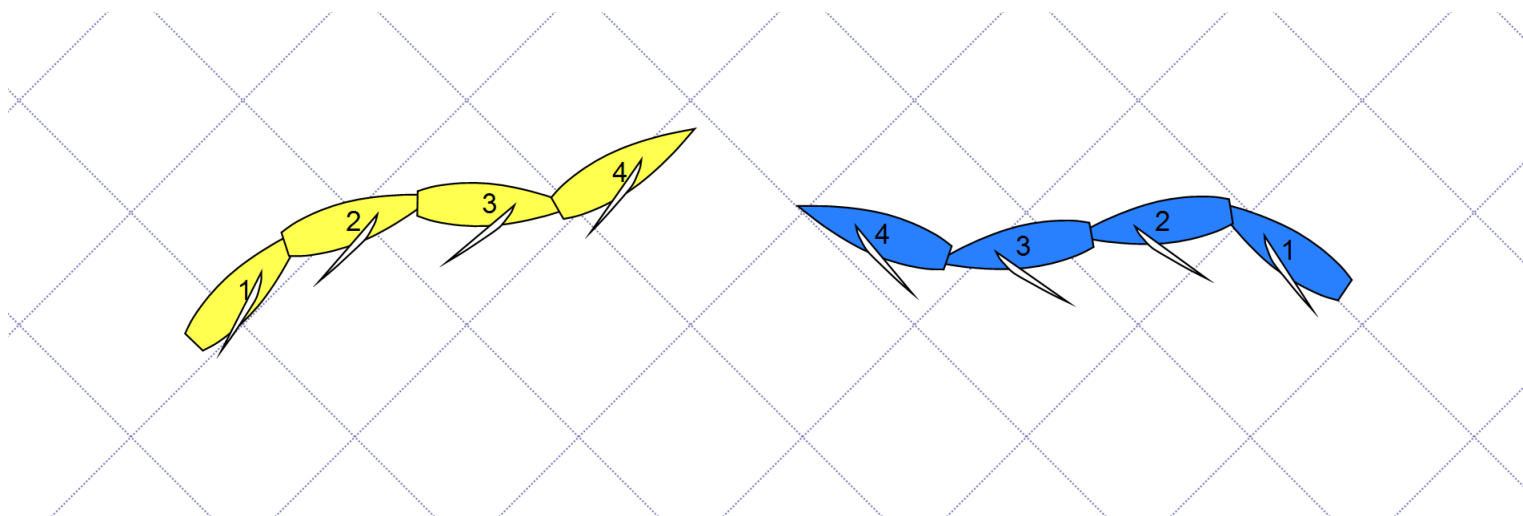


Team Race Test Rule 16.2

Can starboard take away the down option?

Yes...

As long as starboard is far enough away so that the port-tack boat does not have to change course immediately to keep clear of her.



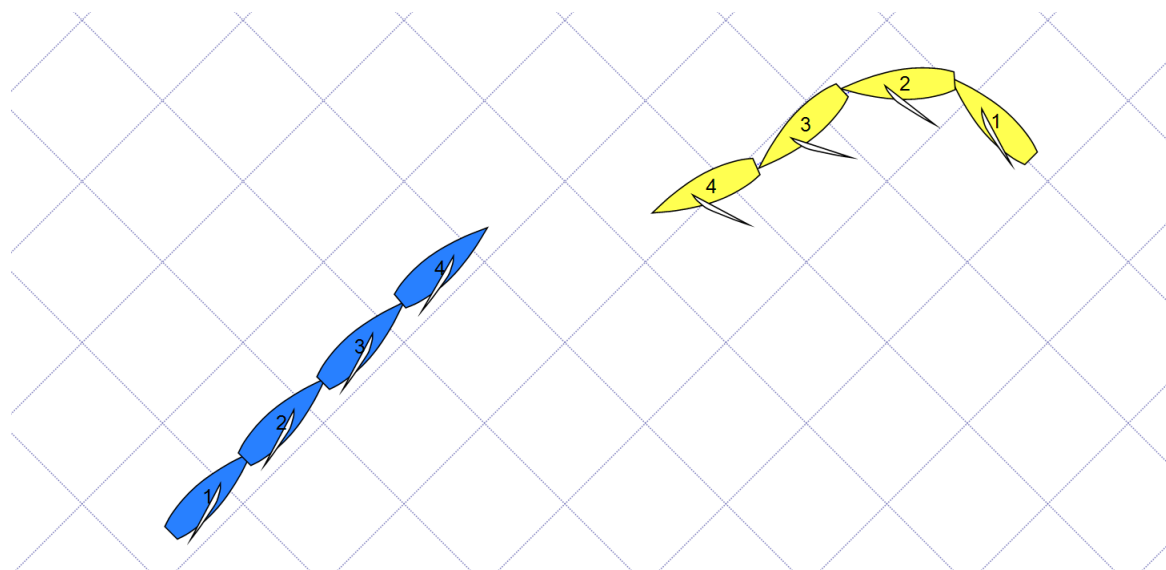


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Can starboard play back to engage a port-tack boat?

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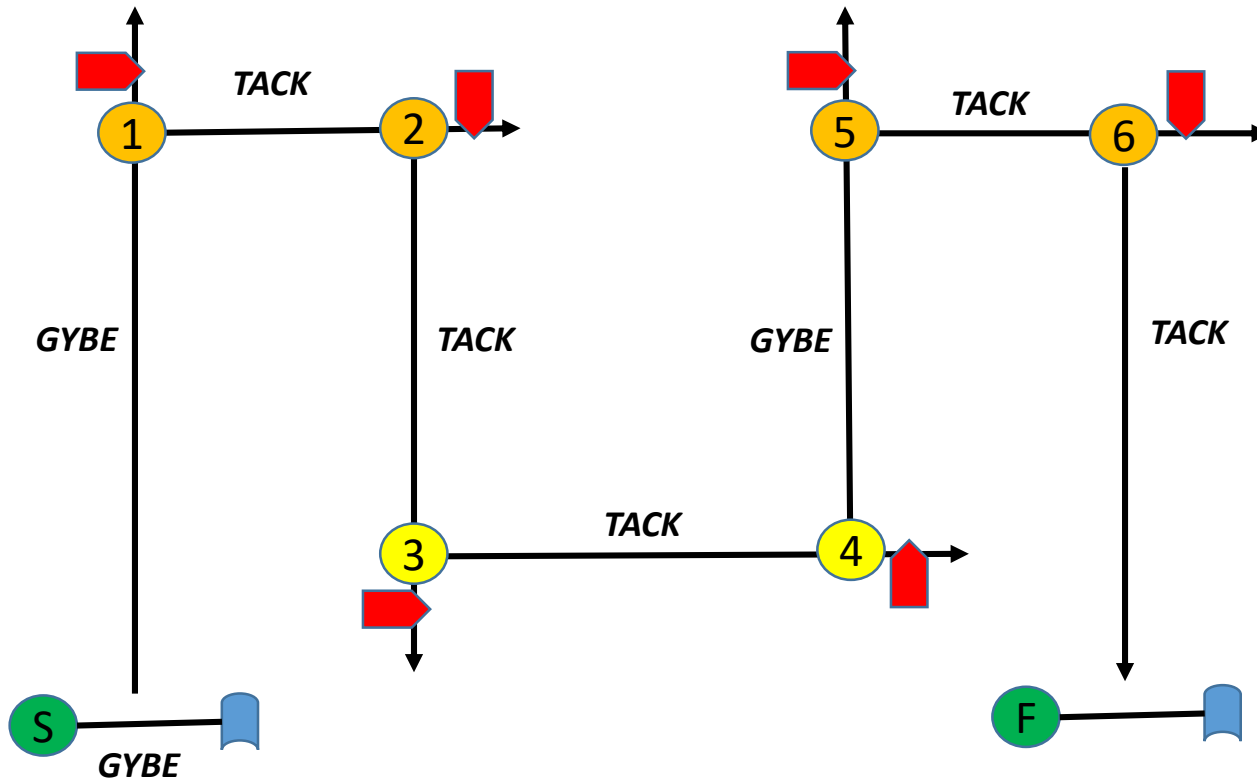
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What leg of the Course for the purpose of taking a voluntary penalty

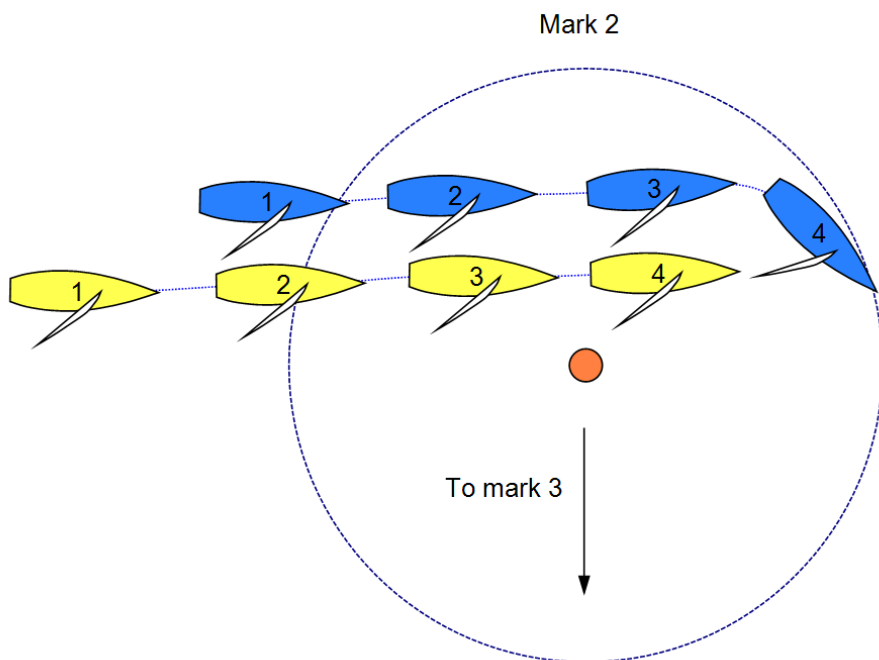
A1.3 **Another leg:** A boat passes to *another leg* of the course when her bow crosses the extension of the line from the previous mark through the mark she is rounding





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When can Blue bear away and be protected by rule 21 (still entitled to Mark-Room)

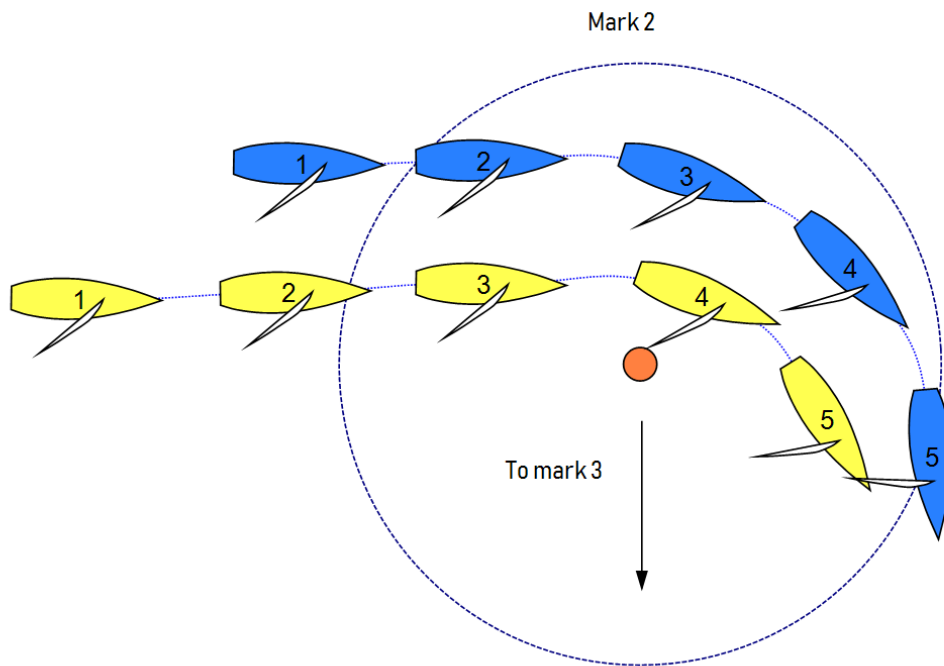


Blue is still entitled to Mark-Room as she is still passing the mark and still in the zone.



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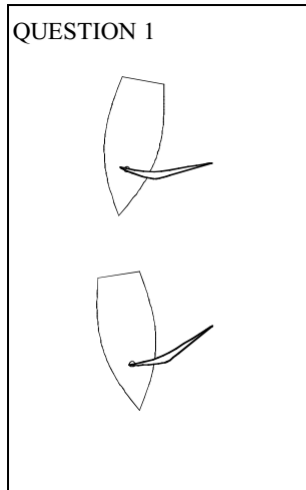




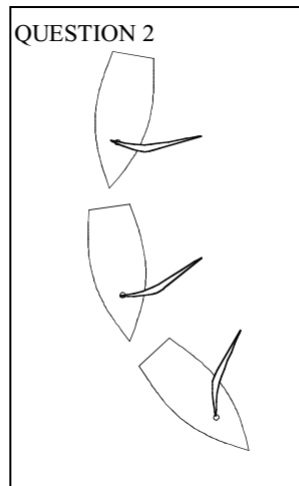
When has a Boat Gybed? (TR Calls G1 & G3)

She has gybed when the windward side has changed

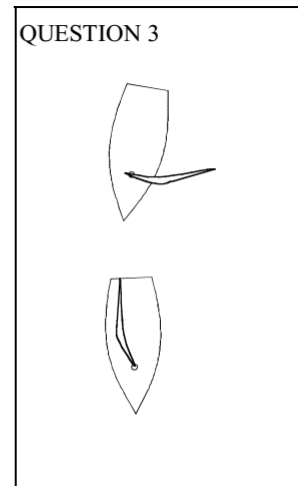
“When sailing by the lee or directly downwind, her leeward side is the side on which her mainsail lies. The other side is her windward side”



By the Lee



Crew holding
boom out;
Gybed

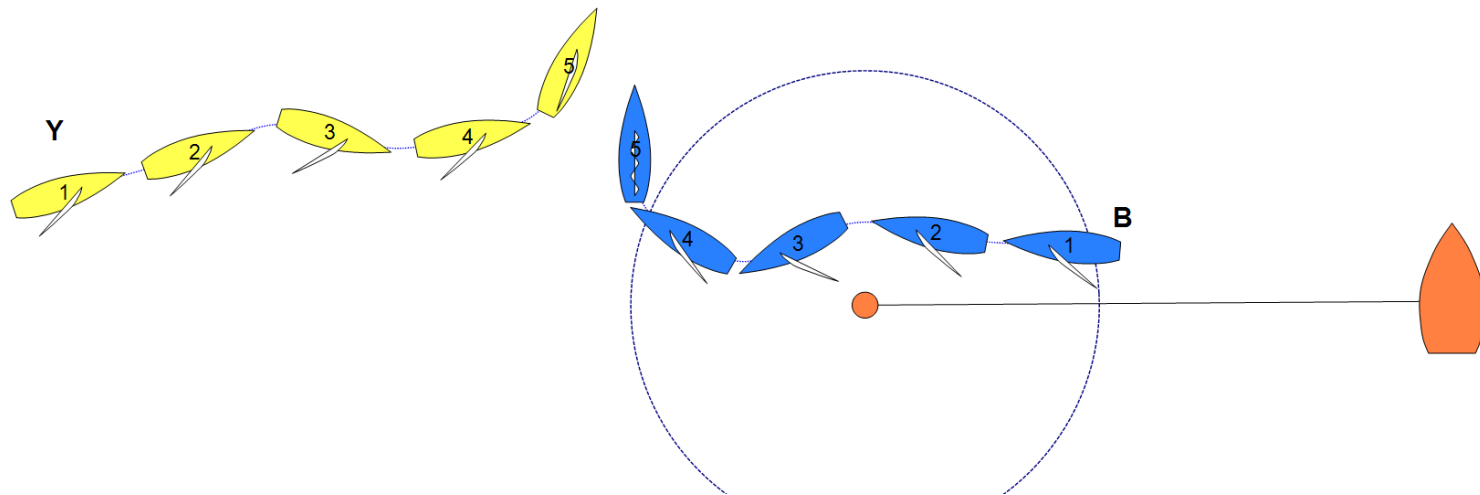


Gybed

Event Call #1



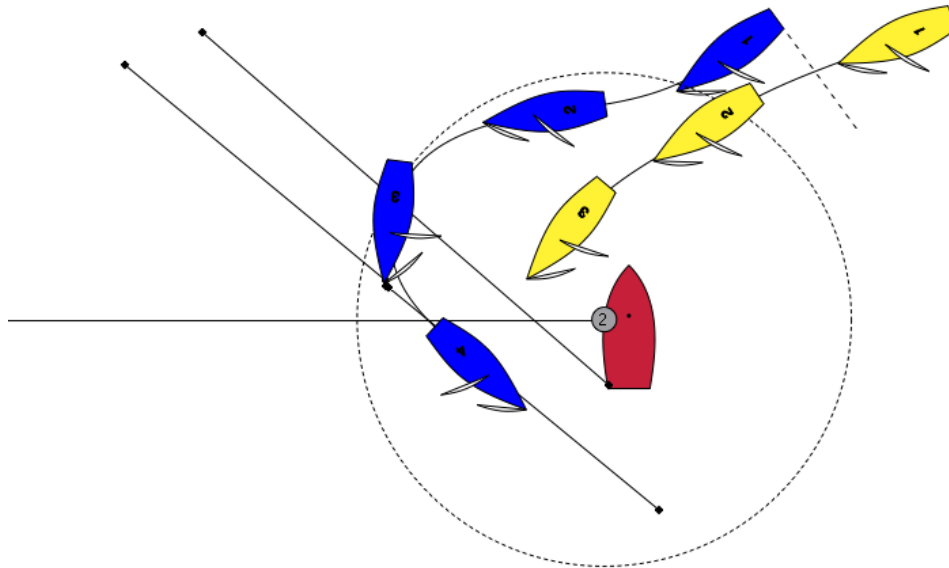
- **When B enters the zone**
 - **Rule 18 turns on between B and Y**
 - **B and Y are overlapped as neither are clear astern**
 - **Y is entitled to mark-room and is inside boat**
 - **Y's mark-room includes room to sail to the mark**
- **B fails to give Y this room when she luffs up at position 4**





Closing the Door at a Finish Line

When Y overlaps B inside, she continues to owe B room to pass the mark and also room to sail proper course – to finish as soon as possible



When B gybes sooner and Y has to avoid her, if B is sailing her proper course she is exonerated from breaking rule 10.



Rule 14 and Addendum F (Damage Penalties)

There does not have to be contact for a boat to break a rule !

Rule D2.3(d) – Umpire initiated penalties for damage is changed in SI Addendum A (A3.8) and explained in Addendum F.

Umpires may;

- Decide that hard contact (rigs/hulls) is damage, and initiate a penalty.
- Hold a post-race damage hearing and impose race-win penalties
 - Competitors can ask for a protest hearing only at that time
- Report the incident directly to the Protest Committee when they believe there was **reckless sailing** and a multiple race-win penalty is called for.



Initiating a Penalty – Rule 2

When are umpires likely to initiate a penalty for a breach of rule 2 (sportsmanship)?

When a boat;

- Clearly indicates she will take a penalty and fails to (D2.3e)
- Abuses a competitor or race official (TR Call M8) – Zero Tolerance for this behavior
- Acts in any other way that is clearly not ‘fair sailing’

Questions for the Umpires



Any questions should be submitted in writing and written in a way that will require a 'yes' or 'no' answer.

Thank you.

SAIL FAST, FAIRLY, AND HAVE FUN