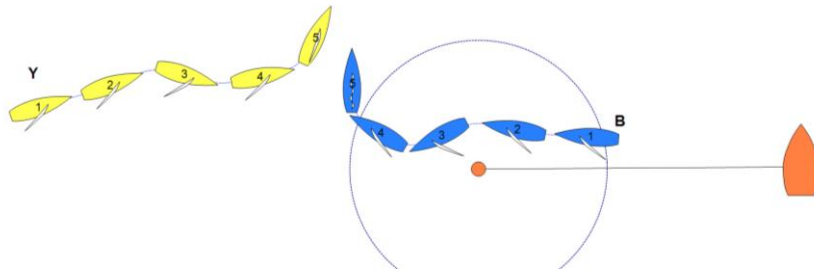




## Event Call #1 – Downwind Finish

### Question 1

Y and B are approaching a downwind finish. B enters the zone at the pin end and sails towards Y. After Y bears away toward the finish mark at position 3, B luffs towards Y. Y alters up and keeps clear. There is a protest. What is the umpire call?



### Answer 1

Penalize B.

When B enters the zone at position 1 rule 18 applies between Y and B, and they are overlapped because neither boat is clear astern (see definition *Clear Ahead and Clear Astern; Overlapped*). Y is overlapped inside and entitled to mark-room under rule 18.2(b), which includes room to sail to the mark. When B luffs causing Y to change course to keep clear at position 4, she fails to give Y mark-room and breaks rule 18.2(b).

### Question 2

The situation is the same except that Y is initially sailing away from the mark on starboard-tack when B enters the zone at position 1. Y then tacks back towards the mark. Is the answer the same?

### Answer 2

Yes.

When B enters the zone on starboard-tack she is neither clear ahead nor overlapped with Y, also on starboard. Rule 18 does not apply. However, when Y tacks to port and heads back towards the mark, and B is in the zone on starboard, rule 18 applies as the boats are now overlapped (see Answer 1). In this situation B is required to give Y mark-room under rule 18.2(a), which includes room to sail to the mark.