

TR Rapid Response Call

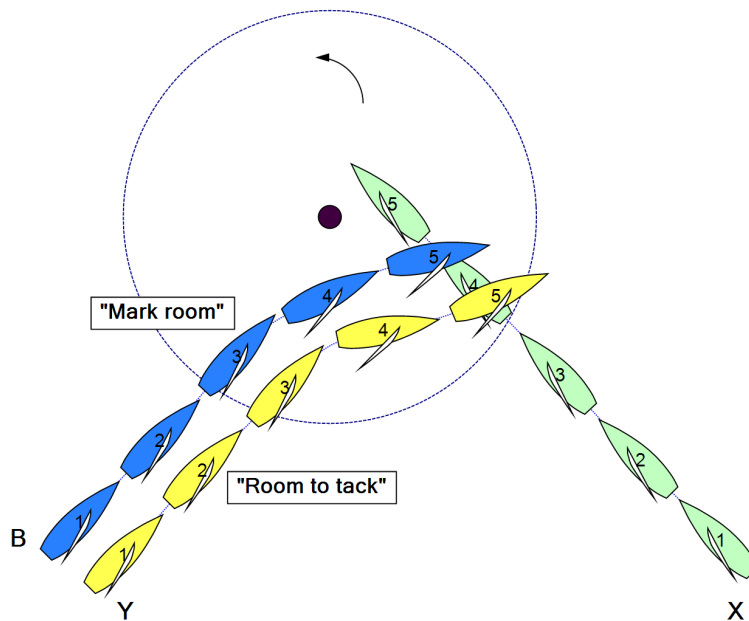
Room to Tack at a Windward Mark

Rule 18.2 Giving Mark-Room

Rule 20 Room to Tack at an Obstruction

Question 1

B and Y are overlapped on port tack approaching a windward mark to be left to port. Neither is able to cross X who is fetching the mark on starboard tack. At position 2 Y hails B for room to tack. At position 3 when both boats have entered the zone, B responds by hailing Y to give her mark-room. As Y bears away she protests and both boats pass behind X. What should the call be?



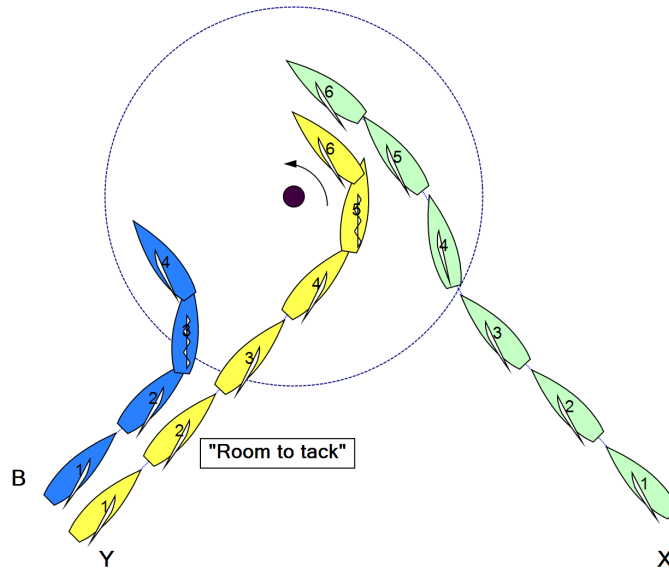
Answer 1

Penalise B.

B breaks rule 20.2(c) by failing to tack as soon as possible or immediately replying ‘you tack’ and giving Y room to tack and avoid her. When the two boats reach the zone, Y is not required to give B mark-room because rule 18.2 does not apply between them from the time Y hails until she has tacked and avoided B. See rule 20.2(e).

Question 2

In a similar situation, B responds to Y's hail by tacking at position 3. Y has room to tack between B and the mark but holds course and then tacks below teammate X who luffs giving her room to round the mark. B protests. What should the call be?



Answer 2

Penalise Y.

After B tacks as soon as possible, Y as the hailing boat is required to tack as soon as possible. Y fails to do so and breaks rule 20.2(d).

If after taking the penalty Y has gained an advantage by her breach despite taking a penalty, the umpires should further penalise her under rule D2.3(c).