

# 2017 Morgan Cup and Hinman Masters

## Q&A #1 - Luffing with Spinnakers

### Question 1

Blue is sailing to leeward of Yellow. Rule 17 does not apply. Both boats have spinnakers set. Blue luffs Yellow. What are the obligations for Blue and Yellow?

### Answer 1

Yellow is required to *keep clear* and Blue is required to give Yellow *room* to respond to her luff. While Yellow is able to keep the majority of her spinnaker filled and drawing she is not entitled to additional *room* to drop her spinnaker.

If Blue continues her luff so that Yellow, in order to *keep clear*, has to luff beyond the point where she can keep her spinnaker filled and drawing, then Blue must give Yellow *room* to drop her spinnaker.

If Blue fails to give this *room*, she may not be giving Yellow *room* to *keep clear* in a seamanlike way, and may break rule 16.1.

Whether or not Yellow drops her spinnaker at that time, she is still required to keep clear. If she does not drop her spinnaker at that time, then Yellow may not be doing 'all she can' to *keep clear*, and may break rule 11.

### Question 2

Does the answer change if Blue does not have a spinnaker set?

### Answer 2

No.

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### **Q&A # 2 “Well Clear of Other Boats”**

#### **Question**

When a boat plans to take a penalty, either voluntary or imposed, when has she sailed well clear of other boats to begin her penalty turn?

#### **Answer**

The expression “after getting well clear of other boats” in rule 44.2, refers to when a boat is clear enough to complete her penalty in a space that she can reasonably expect will remain clear of other boats which are, or are about to be, sailing tactically appropriate courses (such as approaching the line to start or rounding a mark).

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### **Q&A # 3 “Plastic Clip”**

#### **Question #3:**

May a competitor take onboard, tie to a shroud, and connect the spinnaker halyard to a plastic clip?

**Answer #3:** Yes. Items listed under Addendum B #3.1 may be used as provided in #3.2. A plastic clip can serve the same purpose as a shackle, which is permitted.