

Racing Rules of Sailing

Match Racing Callbook E11

A submission from the Chair of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

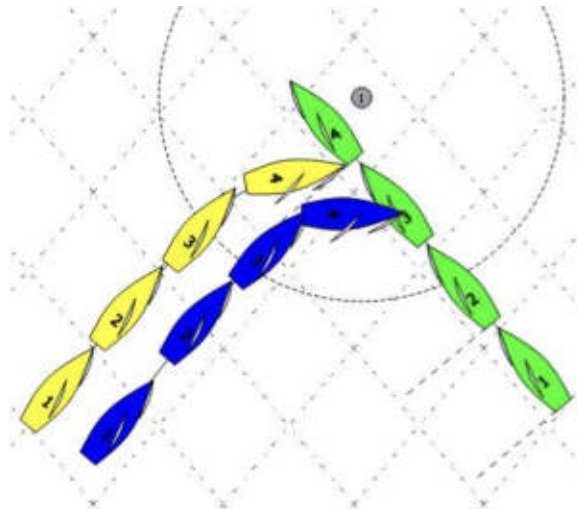
Improve the existing call to better describe the link between the boats in different matches in one incident.

Proposal

Change MR Call E11 Answer 2 and add new Question and Answer 3 as shown:

Question 2

The situation is the same as in Question 1, but instead of luffing and tacking, Yellow bears away with Blue to pass behind Green and there is contact between Yellow and Green. Blue displays flag Y. What should the call be?



Answer 2

Penalize Yellow.

Rule 19 does not apply, therefore Blue is not required to give Yellow room to pass between Green and herself. Yellow fails to keep clear of (and give mark-room to) both Green and Blue under rules 10, 11, and 18.2(a)(1). **Even though the contact happened between Yellow and Green, the umpires should consider this as an incident involving all three boats. Flag Y from any of the boats involved should result in a Yellow penalty.**

Question 3

Would a call for room to tack from Blue break a rule? And would Yellow be required to respond as described in rule 20.2?

Answer 3

Blue's hail would not break a rule. Even though rule 19 does not apply (see 19.1(b)), Green is still an obstruction to both Yellow and Blue. Blue is allowed to call for room to tack by rule 20.1. Rule 20.2(c) requires Yellow to respond. If Yellow does not respond, she breaks rule 20.2(c).

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. This clarifies that Blue was involved in the incident and therefore had the right to protest (see rule C6.1(a)).
 2. This clarifies that although rule 19 does not apply (see rule 19.1(b)), rule 20 does apply.
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