

Racing Rules of Sailing

MR Call A1

A submission from the Chair of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

Add to the Match Racing Call Book by incorporating question and answer given in Rapid Response Match Racing Call 2021.001

Proposal

Add question 3 to Call A1 as follows

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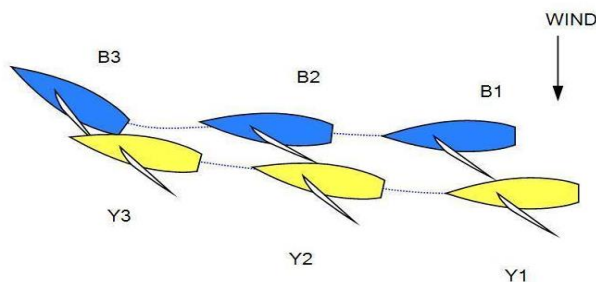
Rule 11 **On the Same Tack, Overlapped**

Rule 16.1 **Changing Course**

Definitions **Keep Clear**

Question 1

Yellow and Blue are sailing parallel courses. Blue has adequate room to move away but nevertheless maintains a parallel course. After about 10 seconds Yellow luffs slowly and from the moment the luff starts, there is no longer any means of Blue avoiding Yellow. Blue luffs and there is contact. Flag Y is displayed. What should the call be?



Answer 1

Penalize Blue. When Blue has had an opportunity to keep clear but then sails so close to Yellow that any luff by Yellow will result in contact, Blue fails to keep clear and breaks rule 11.

Question 2

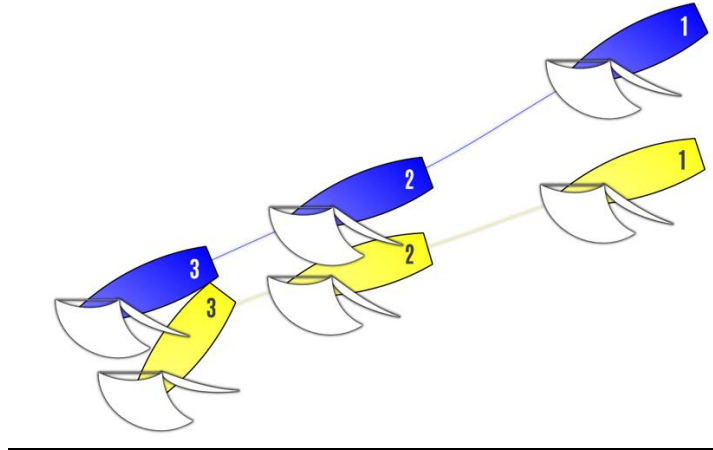
Would the answer be different if Blue came down, or Yellow sailed a slightly higher course thereby causing the separation between the boats to decrease?

Answer 2

No.

Question 3

Blue is sailing a converging course. Blue has adequate room to move away but nevertheless maintains a converging course. At position 2, Blue changes course to a parallel course and the sails of Blue make contact with Yellow. Flag Y is displayed at position 2 and umpires penalise Blue breaking rule 11. While Blue's sail is in contact, Yellow bears away promptly and there is contact between the hulls. Flag Y is displayed at position 3. What should the call be?



Answer 3

Display the green and white flag.

Blue was properly penalized for breaking rule 11 at position 2 as she was not keeping clear.

Rule 16.1 is a limitation on Yellow to allow Blue to continue to fulfil its requirement to keep clear when Yellow changes course. Rule 16.1 can only be broken when Blue is keeping clear before Yellow changed course. In this case, Blue was not keeping clear prior to Yellow changing course; therefore, Yellow did not break rule 16.1.

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. Add a new question to MR Call A1 originating from the question and answer given in Rapid Response Match Racing Call 2021.001