

Racing Rules of Sailing

New MR Call C3

A submission from the Chair of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

Add to the Match Racing Call Book an interpretation originating from Rapid Response Match Racing Call 2020.001.

Proposal

Add new MR Call :

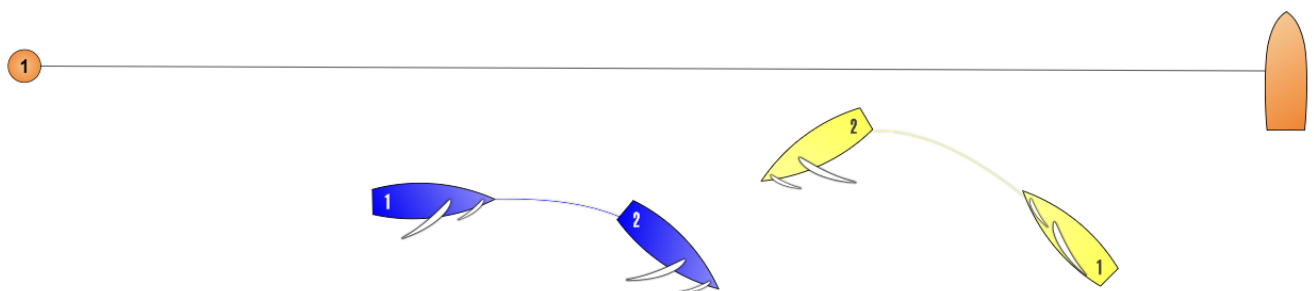
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Rule 10 **On Opposite Tacks**

C2.7 (Rule 16.2) **Changing Course**

Definitions **Room**

At position 1, the starting signal has been made but Yellow and Blue have not started. At position 2, Yellow bears away below a course that is ninety degrees to the true wind. Blue has to immediately bear away to keep clear. There is a Y flag. What should the call be?



Answer 1

Penalize Yellow for breaking C2.7 (Rule 16.2)

Call L9, Answer 3, provides the interpretation of when boats should be considered to be sailing on the same leg. Here, after the starting signal, both boats are sailing to the windward mark. Therefore, the boats are on a leg to the windward mark.

Question 2

Would the answer to Question 1 be different if Yellow had started and Blue had not?

Answer 2

No

Question 3

Would the call be different, if the boats are above the starting line, or its extensions at the starting signal and are signalled OCS?

Answer 3

If the boats are above the line, or its extensions, at the starting signal, and the umpires are satisfied that Yellow's change of course is consistent with her proper course (to sail a course to start), then the umpires should display the green and white flag. If the umpires agree that Yellow is sailing a course that is not her proper course, then they should penalize Yellow.

Current Position

This is a new Call in the Call Book.

Reasons

1. This originates from the Rapid Response Match Racing Call 2020.001. It helps sailors and umpires interpret new rule C2.7 (Rule 16.2).