

TR Call C6

Room at the Start

A submission from the Chair of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To include Team Racing Rapid Response Call 2002.003 Obstruction Room at the Start in the Call Book

Proposal

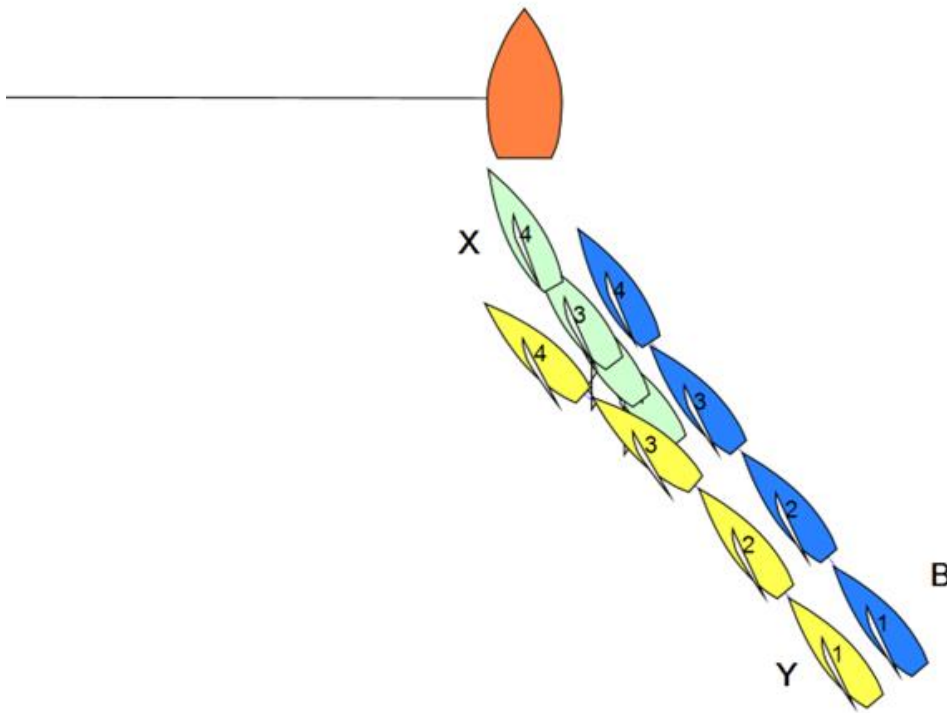
Insert into the Team Racing Call Book a new Call C6 as follows:

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Rule 11 Overlapped on the Same Tack
Rule 19 Giving Room at an Obstruction

Question 1

Three 7-metre keel boats B, X and Y are approaching the line 15 seconds before the starting signal. X has slowed. B and Y are overlapped and bows-even, closing on X from astern. Between positions 1 and 2, Y is steering a course directly toward X's transom. When Y is one metre astern of X she bears away to pass X to leeward. There is no room for B to pass between X and Y. B sails to windward of X and protests. What should the call be?



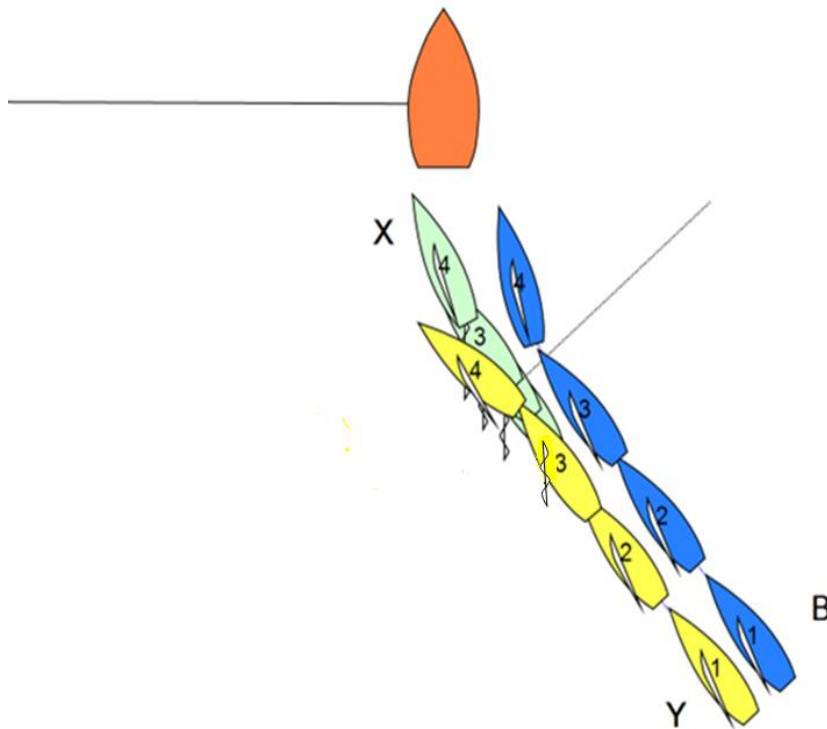
Answer 1

Penalize Y.

Rule 19 applies to Y just after Position 2 when she changes course to pass the obstruction. Rule 19.2(a) gives Y the right to choose on which side to pass the obstruction. If Y chooses to pass to leeward of X, she must do so far enough away from X to give B room to pass X on the same side. Y fails to do so and breaks rule 19.2(b).

Question 2

The situation is the same except that between positions 1 and 3 Y slows while maintaining her course. As a result B overlaps X to windward. Y then bears away and begins to pass X to leeward. B protests. What should the call be?



Answer 2

No penalty. Between positions 1 and 3, B keeps clear of Y as required by rule 11. From position 3 B is overlapped to windward of X and keeps clear of her as required. When Y then bears away to pass X to leeward, B is already passing X to windward so rule 19.2(b) does not apply between Y and B.

Current Position

This is a new call, derived from Rapid Response Call 2022.003.

Reasons

The substance of this proposed call is a current rapid response. The rapid response call has worked well and should be a permanent call.