

TR Call E9

Room to Tack at Mark 1

A submission from the Chair of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To include Team Racing Rapid Response Call 2002.00 Tacking at Mark1 in the Call Book

Proposal

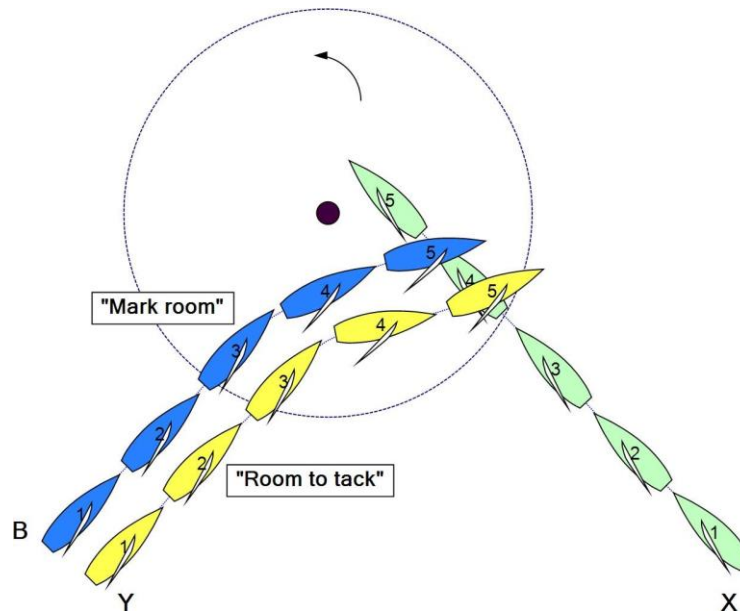
Insert into the Team Racing Call Book a new Call E9 as follows:

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Rule 14	Avoiding Contact
Rule 18.2	Giving Mark-Room
Rule 19	Room to Pass an Obstruction
Rule 20	Room to Tack at an Obstruction
Rule D2.3	Umpire-Initiated Decisions

Question 1

B and Y are overlapped on port tack approaching a windward mark to be left to port. Neither is able to cross X who is fetching the mark on starboard tack, and Y will have to change course substantially to avoid her. At position 2 Y hails B for room to tack. At position 3 when both boats have entered the zone, B responds by hailing Y to give her mark-room. Y bears away and protests. Both boats pass behind X. What should the call be?



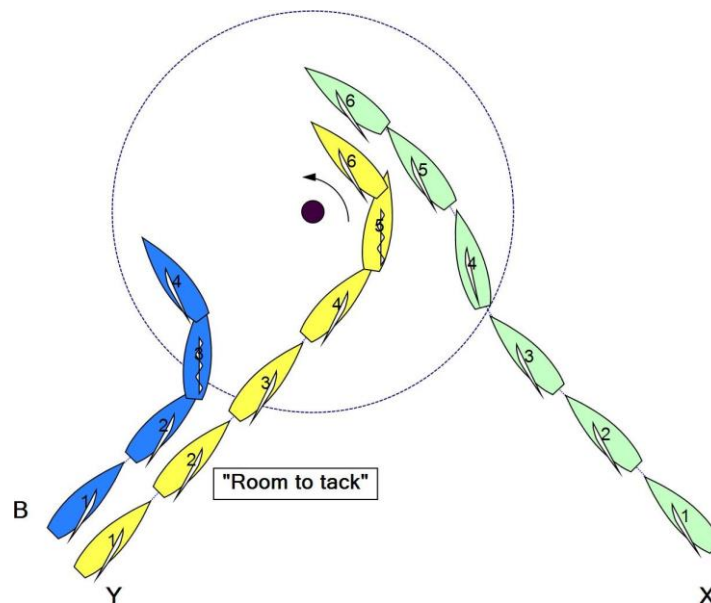
Answer 1

Penalize B. B breaks rule 20.2(c) by neither tacking as soon as possible nor immediately replying 'you tack' and giving Y room to tack and avoid her. When the two boats reach the zone, Y is not required to give B mark-room because rule 18.2 does not apply between them from the time Y hails until she has tacked and avoided B. See rule 20.2(e).

After B breaks rule 20.2(c), Y then complies with rules 14 and 19.2(b) by bearing away to give B room between her and X.

Question 2

In a similar situation, B responds to Y's hail by tacking at position 3. Y has room to tack between B and the mark but holds course and then tacks below teammate X who luffs giving her room to round the mark. B protests. What should the call be?



Answer 2

Penalize Y. After B tacks as soon as possible, Y as the hailing boat is required to tack as soon as possible. Y fails to do so and breaks rule 20.2(d).

If after taking the penalty Y has gained an advantage by her breach despite taking a penalty, the umpires should further penalize her under rule D2.3(c).

Current Position

This is a new call, derived from Rapid Response Call 2022.002.

Reason

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