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Room to Leave the Mark Astern

Question 1

Mark-Room is room for a boat

- (a) to sail to the mark when her proper course is to sail close to it,
- (b) to round or pass the mark on the required side, and
- (c) to leave it astern.

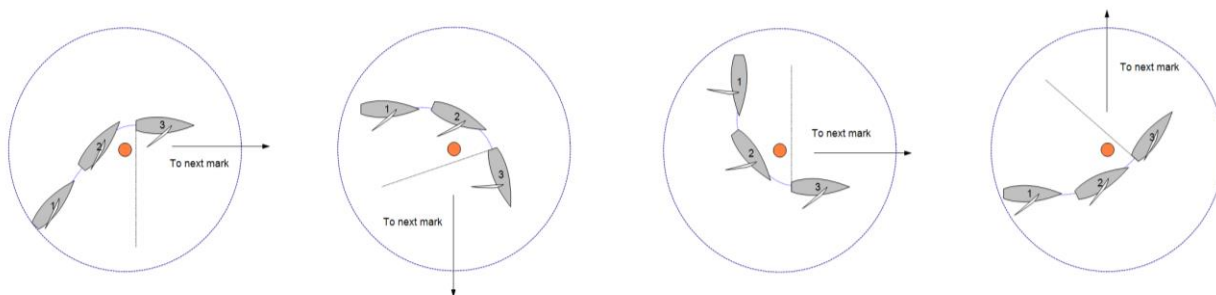
When does a boat leave a mark astern?

Answer 1

A boat leaves a mark astern when the mark is behind a line abeam from the aftermost point of her hull and equipment in normal position.

Question 2

In which of the diagrams below has Grey left the mark astern in position 3?



Answer 2

Grey has left the mark astern in position 3 in all these diagrams.

Question 3

If a boat entitled to mark-room and in the zone momentarily leaves the mark astern while she is manoeuvring in the zone, is she still entitled to mark-room?

Answer 3

If a boat is entitled to mark-room and momentarily leaves the mark astern while she is manoeuvring in the zone, she is still entitled to mark-room if her proper course is still to sail close to the mark, or if she has not yet rounded or passed the mark on the required side.

Question 4

When a boat is required to give another mark-room at a finishing mark, does her obligation include 'room to leave the mark astern'?

Answer 4

Yes.

At a finishing mark, mark-room also includes room to leave the mark astern.