

2017 Palmer & Baldwin Cups - Event Call 2

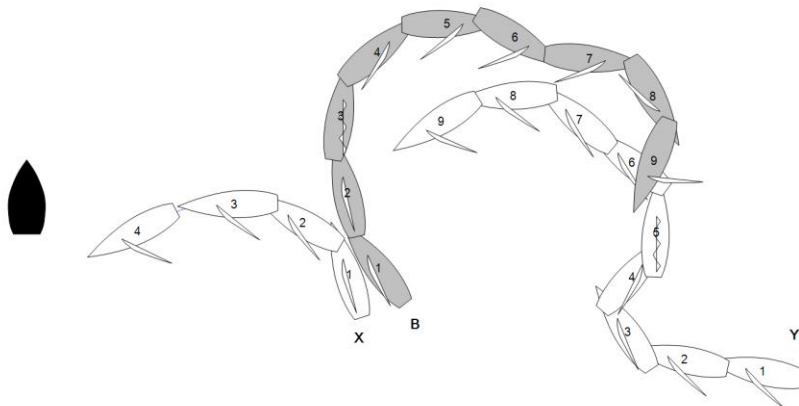
Interrupting a Penalty Turn

Rule 22.2 **Taking Penalties**
Rule 24.2 **Interfering with Another Boat**
Rule 44.2 **One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties**

Question 1

About thirty seconds before the start, X protests windward boat B for failing to keep clear. B immediately turns up to begin taking a penalty. Before B passes head-to-wind, there are no boats in or sailing into the space where B plans to take her penalty. As B bears away to gybe after tacking, X's teammate Y tacks and sails a steady course to intercept her. B alters up to keep clear of Y, then promptly bears away and gybes to sail towards the starting line. There is a protest. What should the call be?

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Answer 1

Penalize Y.

Y breaks rule 24.2. If reasonably possible a boat should not interfere with a boat taking a penalty. After B has tacked to begin her penalty turn, Y tacks twice and sails a course to engage B, causing her to interrupt her penalty to keep clear and comply with rule 22.2.

B is initially well clear of other boats when she turns up to tack and begin her penalty turn. After B changes course to keep clear of Y, she promptly bears away and completes her penalty by gybing. B complies with rule 44.2.

Question 2

In the same situation, B fails to change course soon enough to avoid Y, and there is minor contact. B then promptly bears away and gybes to sail towards the starting line. There is a protest. What should the call be?

Answer 2

Penalize both boats.

Penalize Y for breaking rule 24.2 (see answer 1).

Penalize B for breaking rule 22.2. B fails to keep clear of Y while taking her penalty, and was not compelled to do so. After interrupting her penalty turn, B promptly completes her penalty for the incident with X.

Question 3

In a similar situation, B begins to sail clear to take a penalty for breaking rule 11 with respect to X. However, a teammate is already sailing into the space where B plans to take her penalty. After tacking, B has to interrupt her penalty turn to keep clear of her teammate. What should the call be?

Answer 3

Penalize B.

B is not well clear of other boats before she starts her penalty turn, and therefore does not comply with rule 44.2. No boat has taken a penalty for the incident between B and X.

The expression “after getting well clear of other boats” in rule 44.2, refers to when a boat is clear enough to complete her penalty in a space that she can reasonably expect will remain clear of other boats which are, or are about to be, sailing tactically appropriate courses such as approaching the line to start or rounding a mark.

If after getting well clear of other boats, including a teammate, a boat interrupts taking her penalty in order to comply with rule 22.2, she may promptly resume taking her penalty and comply with rule 44.2, whether or not she has broken rule 22.2.