

2017 Palmer & Baldwin Cups - Event Call 3

When a Boat has been given Mark-Room

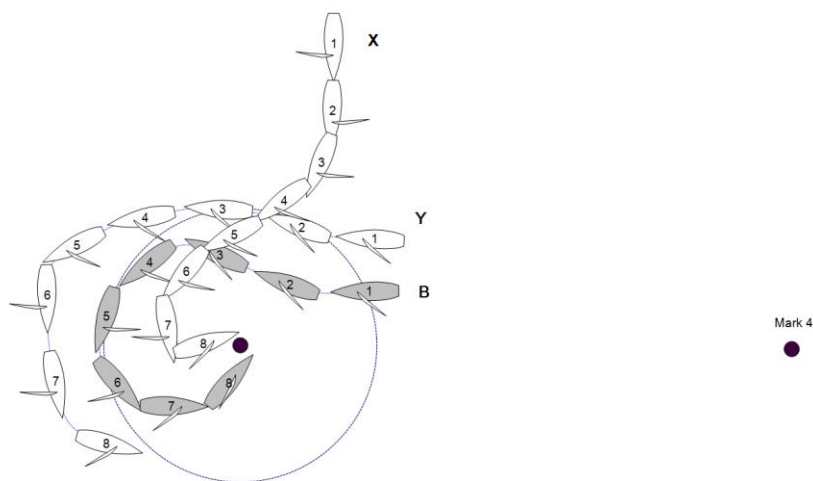
Rule 18.2 Giving Mark-Room

Definitions Mark-Room

Question

At mark 3 of a digital N course, B luffs Y and stays in the zone. After B gybes and turns to round the mark, she is a boat length below the mark and able to sail directly towards mark 4. At that point X becomes overlapped inside her and gybes to sail into the open space between B and the mark. B luffs X who keeps clear by sailing to the wrong side of the mark. There is a protest. What should the call be?

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Answer

Penalize B.

When B enters the zone overlapped inside both X and Y, rule 18.2(b) applies thereafter and she is entitled to room to sail to the mark and room to round it on the required side as necessary to sail the course. At position 7, B is a boat length below mark 3 and can pass it safely to port while sailing a course directly to mark 4; furthermore her proper course is not to sail close to the mark. Therefore, at position 7, she has been given mark-room. Rule 18.2(d) applies, and rules 18.2(b) and 18.2(c) cease to apply. B is also no longer entitled to exoneration under rule 21(a). At that time, X who is overlapped inside B is entitled to mark-room under rule 18.2(a). B fails to give X mark-room and breaks rule 18.2(a).

When a boat entitled to mark-room under rule 18.2(b) is no longer entitled to room to sail to the mark, and she is able to 'safely' leave the mark on the required side by sailing on a heading necessary to sail the course, she has been given mark-room and rules 18.2(b) and 18.2(c) cease to apply. Rule 18.2(a) applies between overlapped boats in the zone when rule 18.2(b) does not apply.