

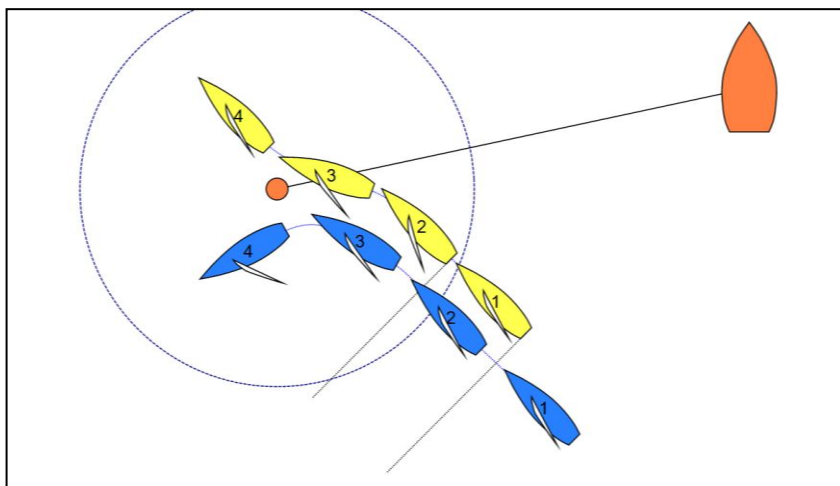
EVENT CALL

Rule 18 at a Finishing Mark

QUESTION

When Yellow enters the zone of the port end mark of the finishing line, she is clear ahead of Blue and sailing a course that will leave about half a boat length between her and the mark. Both boats are on starboard tack.

Yellow slows and continues on the same course so that Blue obtains an overlap to leeward. Between positions 2 and 3 Yellow bears away to pass close to the mark so there is no longer space for Blue to finish. Blue responds and protests. What should the call be?



ANSWER

After Yellow enters the zone, she continues to sail high of the mark and is not sailing to the mark within the space allowed by the definition Mark-Room. When Yellow bears away after position 2 she is now sailing to the mark. As Blue responds and gives room, Yellow is exonerated under rule 18.5(a) from breaking rule 11. No penalty.

Blue is required to give mark-room by rule 18.2(b). She does so at all times and breaks no rule.

If Blue is unable to respond, she breaks rule 18.2(b). Penalise Blue.

However

- (a) If Yellow bears away so that her course will not pass on the required side of the mark, she is no longer sailing within the mark-room allowed and she is not entitled to exoneration. Penalise Yellow for breaking rule 11. If Blue is unable to respond, she is exonerated under rule 64.1(c).
- (b) As soon as Yellow finishes she is at the mark and no longer has a proper course. Thereafter if she interferes with Blue, she breaks rule 23.1, as modified by rule D1.1(d), and she will be penalised.