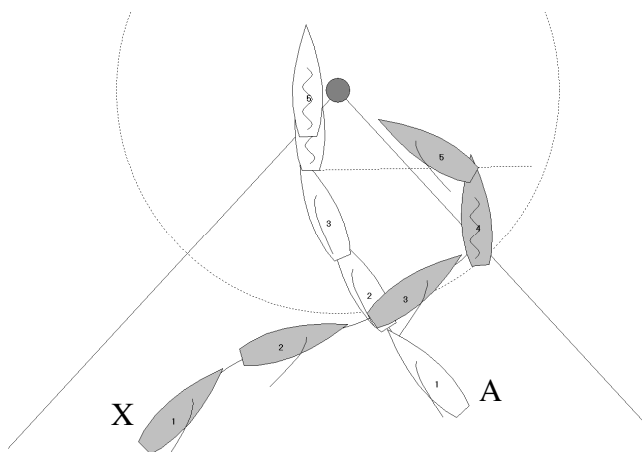


## RAPID RESPONSE TEAM RACING CALL 2009/003



**Rule 18.1**                    **Mark-room; when rule 18 applies**  
**Rule 18.2**                    **Giving mark-room**  
**Rule D1.1(b)**                **Changes to rule 18.2(b)**



### Question 1

A on starboard tack and X on port tack, both close-hauled, are approaching a windward mark. X bears away and passes astern of A. A luffs slowly and nearly stops head to wind with the mark abeam. While A is luffing, X tacks to starboard and bears away towards the mark. A does not give room at the mark, and X luffs to avoid a collision. There is a valid protest from X. What should the call be?

### Answer 1

When A enters the zone, the boats are on opposite tacks on a beat to windward. Therefore, rule 18 does not apply. When X has passed head-to-wind, the boats are overlapped on the same tack and are both in the zone. Therefore, rule 18 applies. There was neither an overlap nor were they clear ahead/clear astern when the first of the two boats entered the zone. Rule 18.2(a) applies and this requires A to give X as an inside boat mark-room. 18.2(e) does not apply because the overlap was created during the tack and not from clear astern. Although X is keep-clear boat, she is entitled to room to sail to the mark and then room to sail her proper course while at the mark. A fails to give this room. Penalize A.

### Question 2

Would the answer be different if X completes her tack outside the zone?

### Answer 2

No. However, if A is clear ahead when X passes head to wind, rule D1.1(b) applies and X is not entitled to mark-room. By luffing, X keeps clear. No penalty.