

## Racing Rules of Sailing

### The Call Book for Match Racing, MR Call E3

A submission from the the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

#### Purpose or Objective

To correct a rules update mistake in the current MR Call E3.

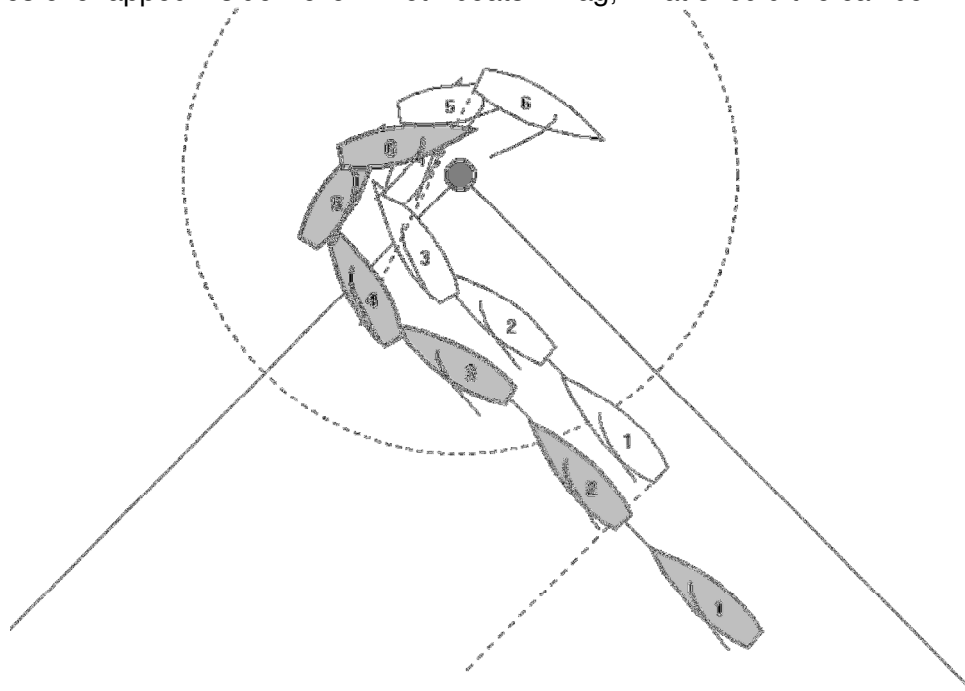
#### Proposal

**,MR CALL E3 (UMP 30)**

<b>Rule 15</b>	<b>Acquiring Right of Way</b>
<b>Rule 17</b>	<b>On the Same Tack; Proper Course</b>
<b>Rule 18.2</b>	<b>Giving Mark-Room</b>
<b>Rule C2.7</b>	<b>Tacking in the Zone</b>
<b>Definitions</b>	<b>Mark-Room</b>

#### **Question 1**

Yellow enters the zone clear ahead of Blue. Both boats tack and continue to round the mark. Blue becomes overlapped inside Yellow. Both boats Y-flag, what should the call be?



#### **Answer 1**

**When Yellow enters the zone, rule 18.2(b) applies until Yellow passes head to wind. When**

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**Blue thereafter passes head to wind, rule C2.7 applies because the boats are on the same tack and Yellow is fetching the mark. Rule 18.2 does not thereafter apply between them.**

**When Blue completes her tack, rule C2.7(b) applies because Yellow can by luffing avoid becoming overlapped inside Blue. Penalize Yellow for not giving Blue mark-room.**

~~When Yellow becomes overlapped to windward and on the inside of Blue in position 3, mark room includes room for Yellow to tack. After she has been given room to tack, 18.2(b) ceases to apply. From the moment Blue becomes overlapped inside Yellow, rule 18.2(a) applies.~~

~~Rule 18.2(c) applies and Yellow is only required to give mark room provided she has been able to do so from the time the overlap began. Since Yellow is unable to give mark room, she is not required to give it.~~

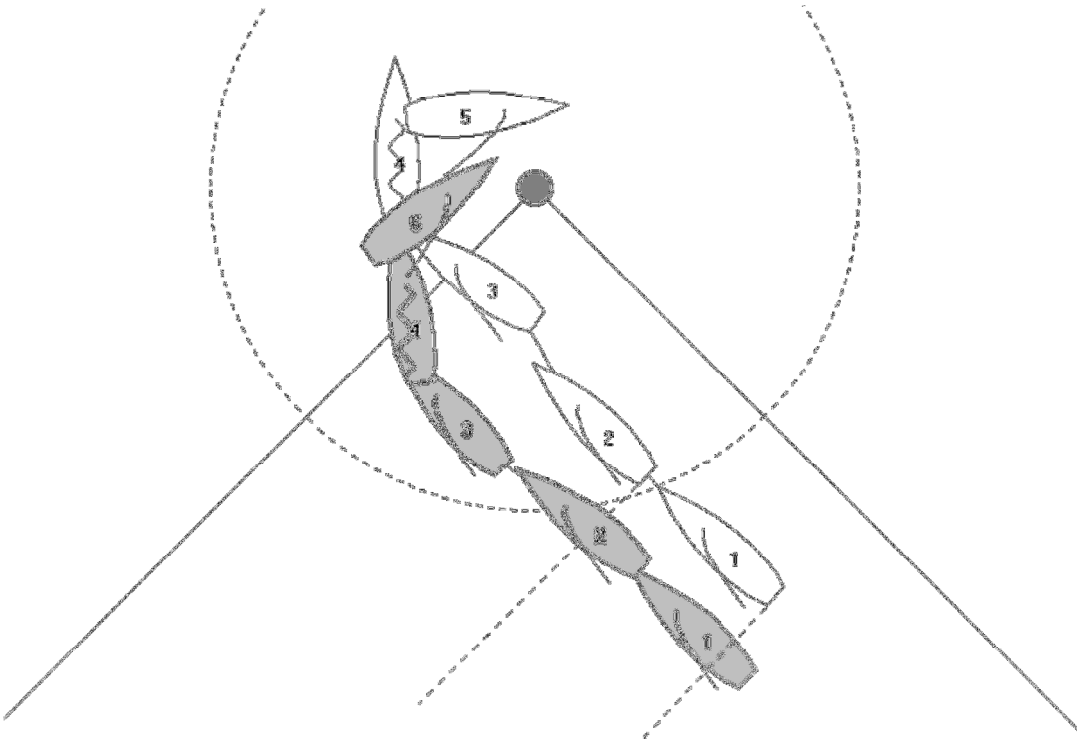
~~If the overlap was created by Blue bearing away, then rule 15 applies and Blue must initially give Yellow room to keep clear. If Yellow is unable to keep clear, penalize Blue.~~

~~If the overlap was created by Yellow bearing away, Blue acquires right of way, at least in part, through Yellow's actions. Therefore the second part of rule 15 applies, so Blue does not have to give Yellow room to keep clear. Penalize Yellow.~~

Because the overlap ~~is~~ **was** established from clear astern, rule 17 applies.

## **Question 2**

Yellow and Blue enter the zone overlapped. Both boats tack and continue to round the mark. Blue becomes overlapped inside Yellow. Yellow's boom touches Blue's hull. Both boats Y-flag, what should the call be?



## Answer 2

~~See answer 1.~~

When Yellow enters the zone, rule 18.2(b) applies until one of the boats passes head to wind. At that moment, rule 18 ceases to apply because the conditions of rule 18.1(a) are met. When the other boat then passes head to wind, rule C2.7 applies. However, if both boats pass head to wind simultaneously [as shown in the diagram], the conditions of rule C2.7 will apply to each of them and rule 18.2 does not thereafter apply between them.

When Yellow's tack is completed, Blue cannot by luffing avoid becoming overlapped inside Yellow. Rule C2.7(a) applies. When Blue's tack is completed, Yellow can by luffing avoid becoming overlapped inside Blue. Rule C2.7(b) applies. In either case, Blue is entitled to mark-room. At position 5, Yellow is not giving Blue mark-room. Penalize Yellow.

Because the new overlap was established from clear astern, rule 17 applies.

### Current Position

MR Call E3 as above.

### Reason

When updating the Call Book for Match Racing in November 2012 it had not yet become clear that rule 18.3 applied in this situation. Match racing has changed rule 18.3 in rule C2.7. The call has been updated to be in line with the current rule.