

EVENT CALL 1

WOMEN'S MATCH RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Rule 10 On opposite tacks

Rule 13.1 While Tacking

Rule 18.2(a)(1) Giving Mark-Room

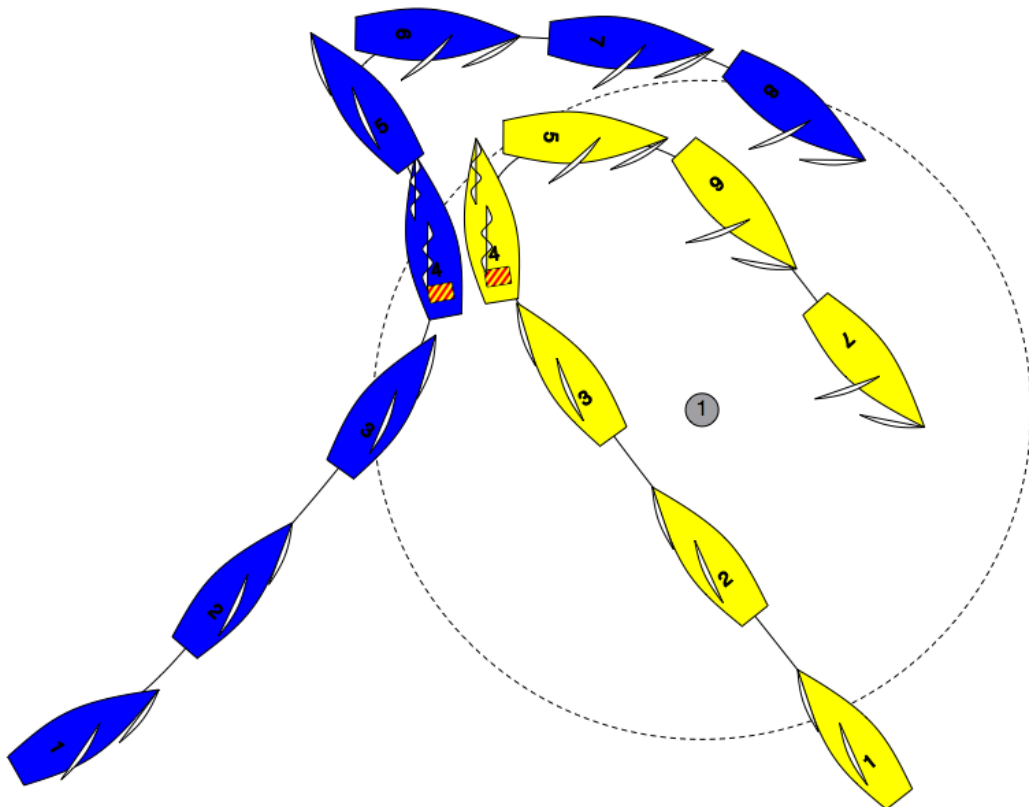
Rule 18.3(b) Tacking or Gybing

Definitions Keep Clear, Proper Course, Mark-Room

Question

Blue on Port and Yellow on Starboard are approaching the windward mark. Yellow sails past the mark and continues sailing on starboard tack beyond the point where her proper course would be to tack to round the mark. Yellow affects Blue's course.

Blue tacks to keep clear of Yellow. Before Blue reaches a close-hauled course, Yellow has to luff to avoid Blue. Both boats protest. What should the call be?



Suggested answer

Blue breaks rule 13.1 by not keeping clear before reaching a close-hauled course.

Yellow, the inside overlapped right-of-way boat breaks rule 18.3(b) by sailing farther from the mark than needed to sail her proper course. While doing so, the course of Blue is affected.

Penalize Blue for breaking rule 13.1 and Yellow for breaking rule 18.3(b) by displaying a twin penalty.

The umpires may also consider penalizing Yellow if Yellow broke the rule deliberately or gained significantly from the breach.