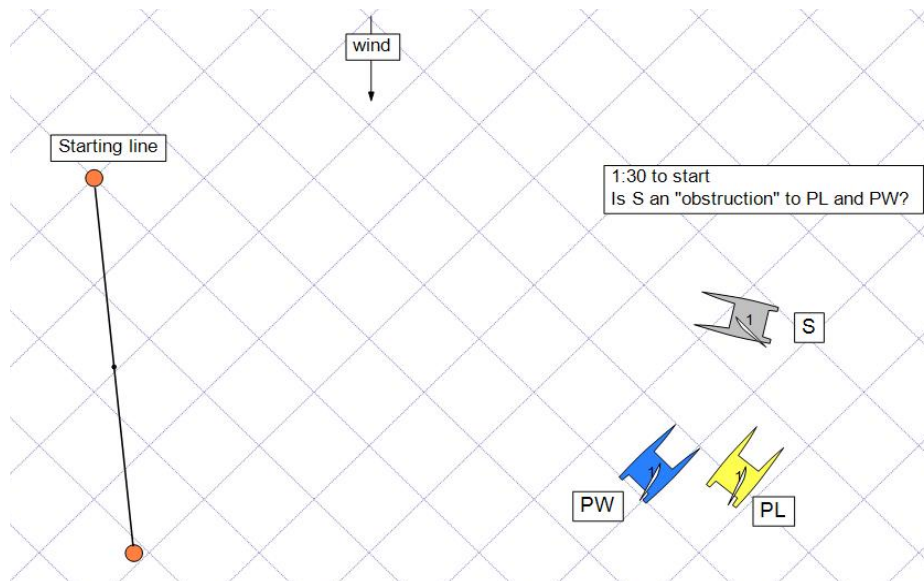


## Umpire Question and Answer #10

### Question:

With reference to the diagram below:

- (A) is S an “obstruction” to PL and PW?
- (B) If the answer is “Yes”, then when are yachts “approaching the starting line to start” in the RRSAC?



### Answer:

- (A) Yes.  
S is an object that a yacht could not pass without changing course substantially, if she were sailing directly towards it and one of her hull lengths from it AND PW and PL are required to keep clear of S and PW and PL are not approaching the line to start.
- (B) Yachts are “approaching the starting line to start” when their course is in the general direction of the starting line and the umpires are certain, given the time to the start and the distance to the starting line that the yachts will not need to change tack in order to start.

Note: With reference to the definition – “obstruction” and this question, it is whether PW and PL are approaching the starting line to start, not the course of S.