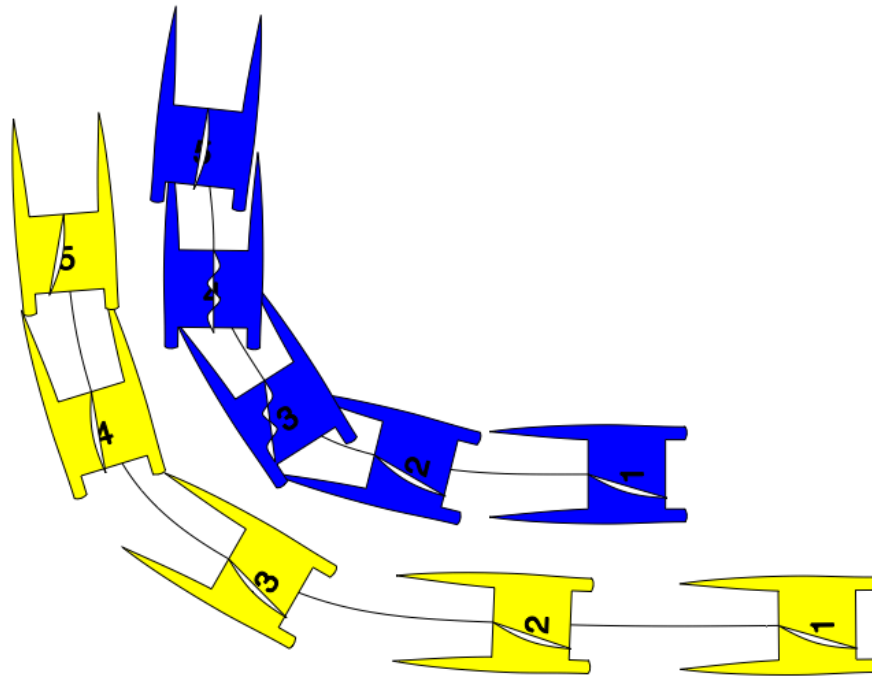


Question B

Blue is clear ahead of Yellow with both yachts on starboard tack. Yellow, travelling faster, establishes an overlap close to leeward from astern and luffs Blue to head to wind. Both yachts slow down, and Yellow inverts her wing causing her to crab sideways towards Blue. What are the rights and obligations of each yacht?



Answer B

When Yellow establishes an overlap from clear astern, she must initially give Blue room to keep clear under rule 15, and then when she luffs under rule 16. Blue must do everything she can in order to keep clear and to continue doing so, which could include tacking, inverting her wing or other actions to help her keep clear.