

## **Umpires Question and Answer #16 Updated**

### **Question A**

Would a yacht, whose chase boat uses its engines whilst alongside to change the heading of the yacht between the Warning and the Preparatory signals, break rule 27.5?

### **Answer A**

No.

### **Question B**

- i) On a leg to a windward gate, if a port-tack yacht luffs (above her proper course), to remain within the zone of the boundary, is she still protected under 20.2(a)?
- ii) On a leg to a windward gate, if a port tack yacht bears away below her proper course while in the zone of the boundary, and the starboard yacht has to avoid her, is the port tack yacht protected under rule 20.2(a)?

### **Answer B**

- i) Yes. Rule 20.2(a) describes the requirements for the outside overlapped or clear-astern yacht. There is no requirement on the inside or clear-ahead yacht to sail her proper course; the requirement is for the right of way yacht the room to sail her proper course.
- ii) No. The protection is effectively from the port tack yacht's proper course and above.

### **Question C**

- i) With reference to rule 16.2 and 16.3, when is a port-tack yacht sailing to pass astern of a starboard-tack yacht?
- ii) Must a starboard tack yacht bear away to break rule 16.2?

### **Answer C**

- i) A port-tack yacht is sailing a course to pass astern of the starboard-tack yacht when the port tack yacht's course and speed will result in the port tack yacht passing astern (downwind) of the starboard-tack yacht.
- ii) Yes, a luff is not restricted by 16.2. Note: Rule 16.1 still applies.

### **Question D**

What action will the umpires take if they believe that a non-penalised yacht is attempting to affect or manipulate the outcome of a penalty?

### **Answer D**

Only when the umpires are certain that a non-penalised yacht is attempting to affect how the loss of distance is being incurred will the umpires act under rule 44.3(b).

**Question E**

How would a course with an MP or MS Finish option be shortened?

**Answer E**

When a course with an MP or MS Finish option is shortened it will be shortened to finish at a gate.

**Question F**

What happens if the Measurement Committee cannot decide on the water whether a boat has serious damage. For instance, they need to haul the boat and have a look inside the hulls?

**Answer F**

The Measurement Committee will always make a decision on requests to check a yacht for possible damage or injury whether on or off the water.

**Question G**

On the last day of a stage, a yacht has two races. In her first race she gets serious damage through no fault of her own, and the Measurement Committee decide she can no longer race that day. In her second race that day, does the other boat get 0 or 1 point?

**Answer G**

Neither boat wins the race and the race will not be run.