



AC35 Umpire Call 14

Rule 18 MARK-ROOM

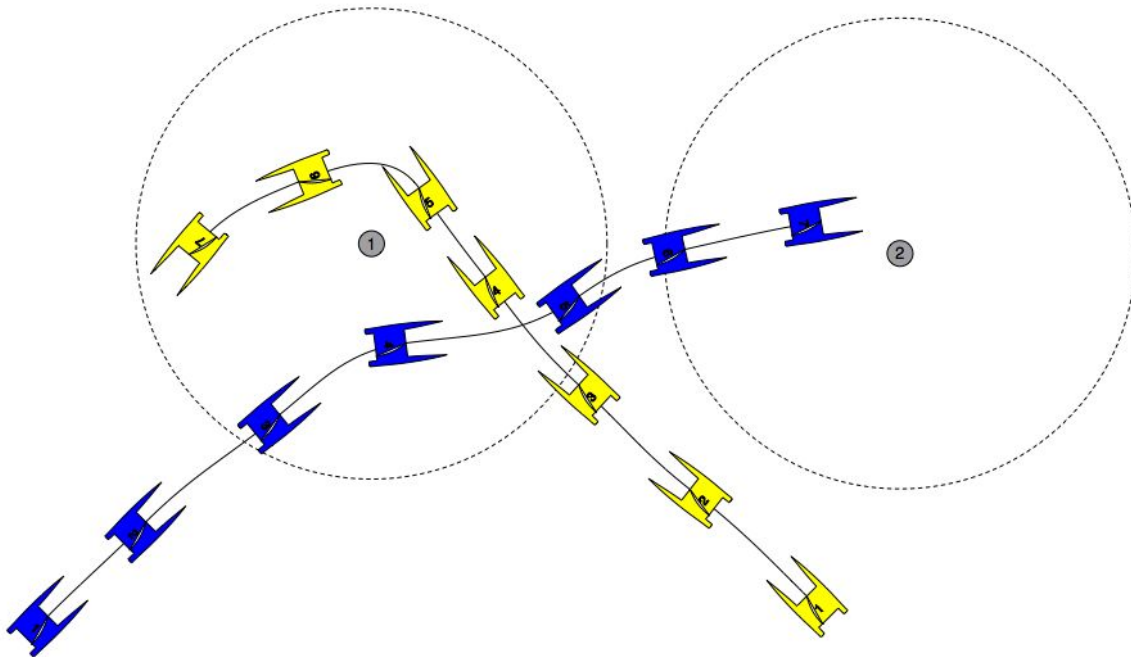
Definitions Mark-Room

Definitions Proper Course

Question 1

Blue and Yellow are approaching the windward gate on opposite tacks. When Blue reaches the zone of the left hand gate mark she is the inside boat. At position 4 Blue bears away behind Yellow and Y flag protests.

What should the call be?



Answer 1

Penalize Yellow. As Yellow approaches the zone of the port gate mark she is required to give Blue room to sail her proper course to round the mark, which she fails to do.

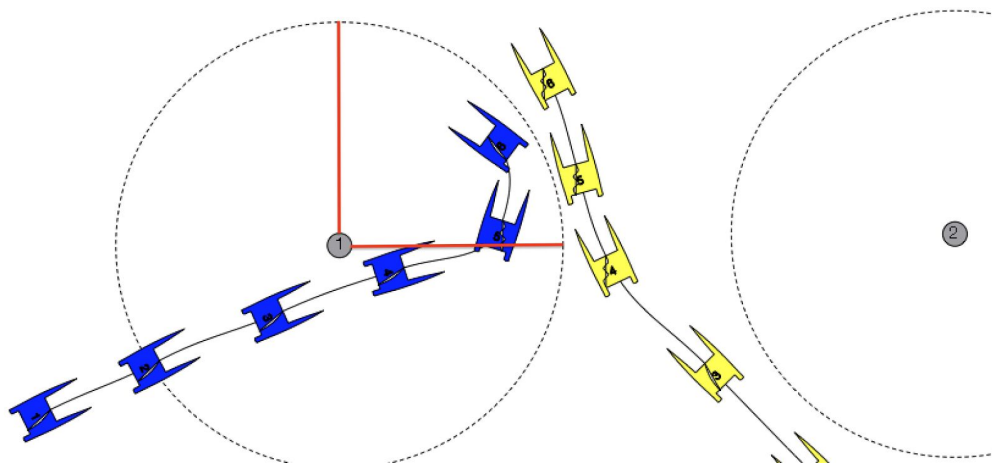
Question 2

How much room must Yellow give Blue at the left hand gate mark?

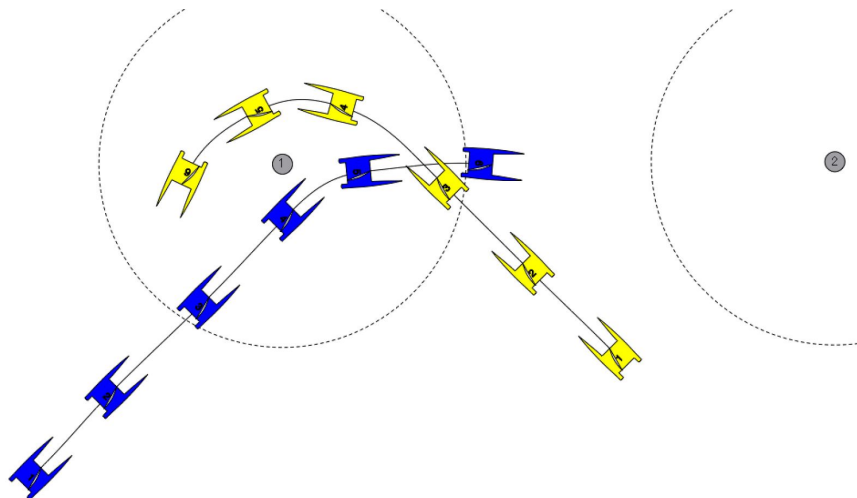
Answer 2

Yellow must give Blue room to sail her proper course to round the left hand gate mark.

To provide a point of certainty for the yachts, the umpires consider that Yellow has given Blue room if Yellow is not in the sector of the zone of the left hand gate mark from head to wind to a projected line between the gate marks.



If Yellow is within the sector she may be at risk of not giving Blue mark room at the left hand gate mark. If the Umpires are certain that Blue still had room to sail her proper course (including the room as described in Answer 3), then Yellow has still satisfied her obligation to give mark-room to Blue. An example of this is shown below:





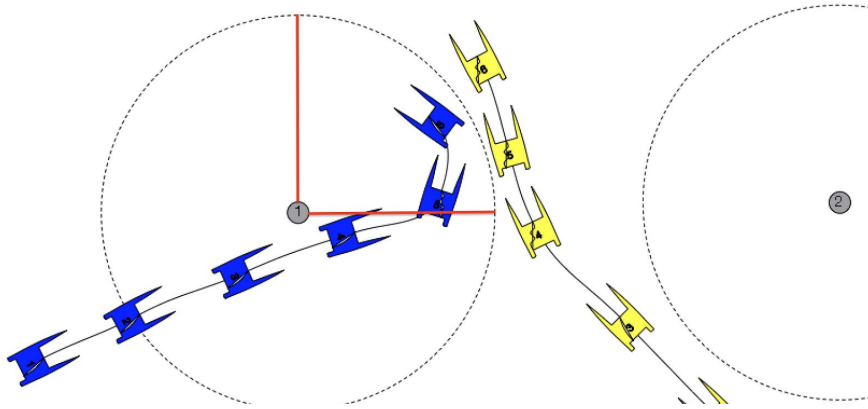
Question 3

How much room can Blue take at the left hand gate mark?

Answer 3

Blue is entitled to room to sail her proper course to pass or round the left hand gate mark.

To provide a point of certainty for the yachts, the Umpires consider that Blue has sailed her proper course to round the mark when any part of Blue's hulls are in the sector of the zone of the left hand gate mark from head to wind to a projected line between the gate marks and Blue's hulls remain entirely in the zone.



If Blue is out of the sector she may be at risk of sailing beyond her proper course but the Umpires have to be certain that Blue has sailed beyond her proper course before they will penalise her. An example of Blue being out of the sector, and not entirely within the zone, but still sailing her proper course is shown below:

