



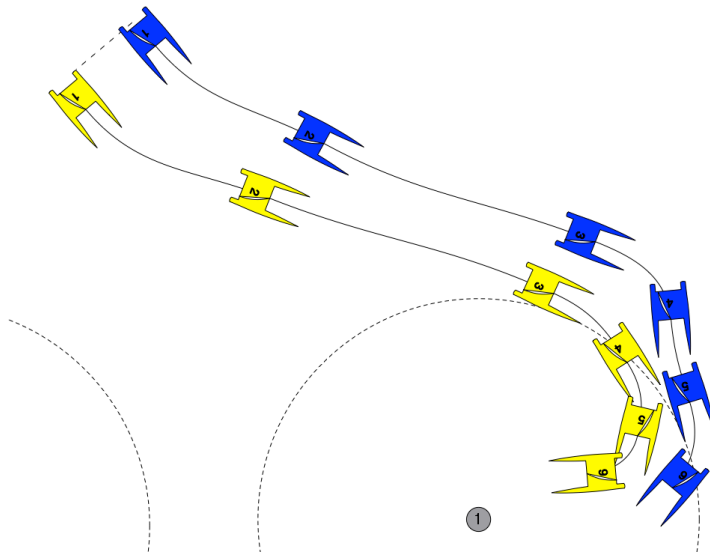
AC35 Umpire Call 01

Rule 18.2 Giving Mark-Room
Definitions Mark-Room and Proper Course

Question

Blue is overlapped to windward of Yellow. Prior to the zone of a leeward gate mark, Yellow luffs Blue and Blue keeps clear.

At position 3 Yellow remains overlapped with Blue and enters the zone of a leeward gate mark. Yellow gybes shortly after entering the zone but Blue is unable to sail her proper course to the mark. A Y flag protest is made, what should the call be?



Answer

Penalize Yellow. Yellow breaks rule 18.2(a)(i) by not giving Blue room to sail her proper course to round or pass the mark.

At position 3 Yellow reaches the zone. At that point Blue is entitled to mark-room and from the angle of Blue to the course and wind, the umpires consider Blue's proper course is to gybe immediately. Yellow has been able to give mark-room from the time the overlap with Blue was established so Yellow is required to give Blue room.