

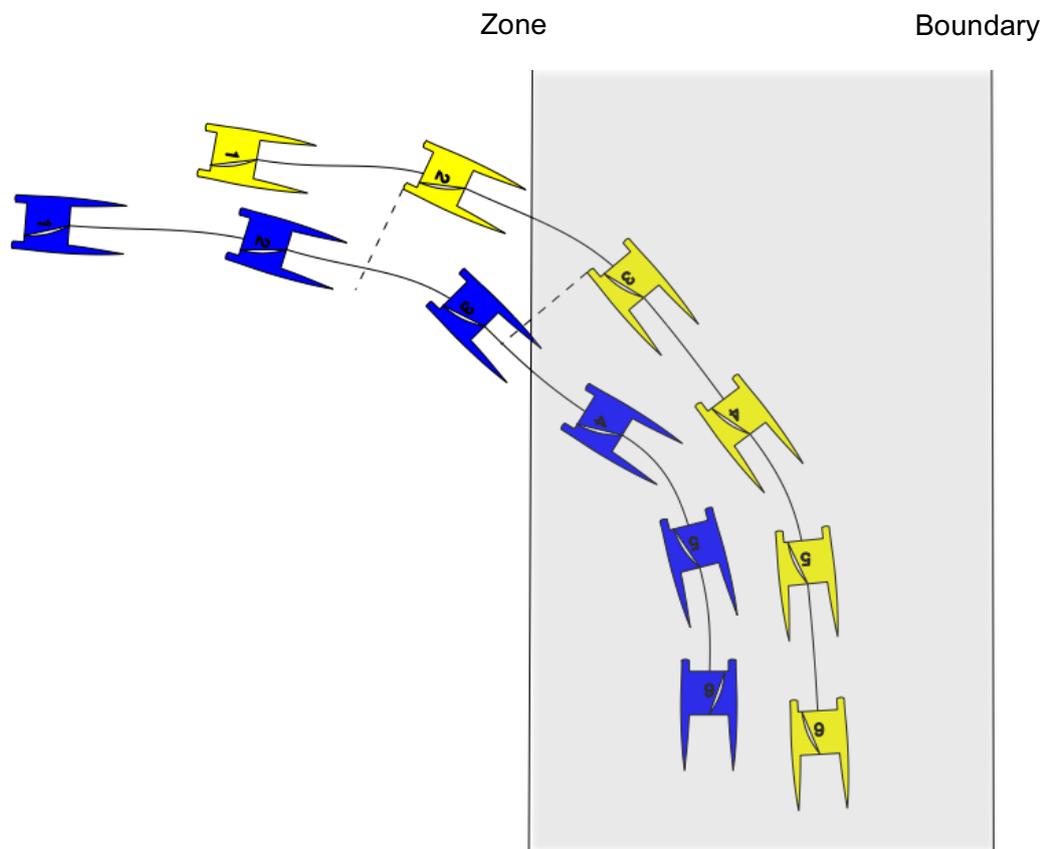
AC35 Umpire Call 06

RULE 19 ROOM TO PASS AN OBSTRUCTION

Question A

Both boats are approaching the Boundary during the pre-start. Yellow is clear ahead of Blue when they reach the zone. Yellow turns to run parallel with the boundary and in doing so becomes overlapped to windward of Blue. Blue luffs and has to bear away to avoid contact.

Both boats Y-Flag protest, what should the call be?



Answer A

Signal 'No Penalty.'

When Yellow reaches the zone of the Boundary, which is also an obstruction, she is the right of way yacht. Under rule 19 she may choose on which side to pass the obstruction and Blue is required to give her room to pass it.



When Yellow becomes a windward keep clear yacht, and is inside the zone of the Boundary, she is entitled to room to pass the Boundary while sailing parallel to or converging with it.

Question B

If Yellow sails outside the Boundary and Y-flag protests, what should the call be?

Answer B

If Blue does not give Yellow room to pass the boundary, and forces Yellow to sail outside the Boundary, signal 'Blue Penalty.'

However, if Yellow is given room to stay inside the Boundary and chooses to sail outside the Boundary, signal 'No Penalty.' Blue is then no longer required to give Yellow room to pass the Boundary.

Question C

Is Yellow entitled to gybe while sailing parallel to or converging with the Boundary?

Answer C

If Yellow is able to gybe while sailing within the room she is entitled to, namely when parallel to or converging with the Boundary, she may do so but is not entitled to further room while she is a keep clear yacht.

If Yellow gybes and becomes a right of way yacht she would be required to give room to Blue to keep clear under rules 15 and 16.