

AC35 Umpire Call 12 Updated 8th June

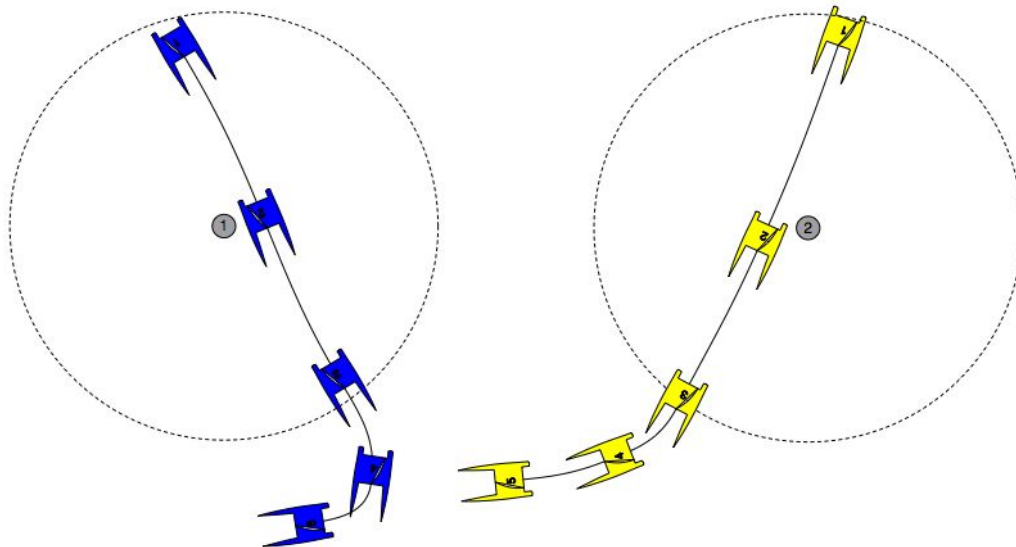
DELETED 16 June following amendment 18 to the Racing Rules.

Rule 19 ROOM TO PASS AN OBSTRUCTION

Question A

Blue and Yellow are approaching the final gate before the leg to the finishing line, which is off to the right in the diagram. Both boats pass through the gate and enter the final leg. Yellow is passing the boundary to port and Blue is passing the boundary to starboard. Yellow luffs to continue passing the boundary to port and Blue gybes to keep clear. Both boats 'Y-flag' protest.

What should the call be?



Answer B

Signal 'No penalty'.

When Yellow and Blue get to the zone of the boundary (which is also an obstruction) they are on the last leg for the purposes of deciding which rule applies at the boundary, so rule 19 applies as per Sailing Instruction 8. Yellow is the right of way boat and so may choose to pass the boundary on either side. Yellow chooses to pass the boundary to port and so blue is required to give her room.



Question B

In the situation in Question A is Yellow obliged to pass the boundary to port.

Answer B

No. Yellow may subsequently decide to gybe and pass the boundary to starboard.