



RACING TOUR

2021 Umpire Q&A 1
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Questions regarding situations at a left turn windward gate mark

Situation:

A port tack boat is approaching the left turn mark of an upwind gate. A starboard tack boat approaching the same mark will soon be required to give mark-room to the port tack boat.

Question 1:

What rights and obligations do the boats have?

Answer 1:

When the port tack, inside overlapped, boat enters and remains within the zone, she has the right, not the obligation, to sail her proper course to round or pass that mark. The starboard tack, outside overlapped, boat is obliged to give her that room.

Question 2:

If an inside boat decides not to take the mark-room to which she is entitled and subsequently Y-Flag protests what action will the umpires take?

Answer 2:

When it is not clear to the umpires that sufficient room was given by the outside boat to allow the inside boat to sail her proper course to round that mark from the moment rule 18 first applied, they will penalise the outside boat under rule 44.1(b) or (c).

When it is clear to the umpires that sufficient room was given by the outside boat to allow the inside boat to sail her proper course to round that mark from the moment rule 18 first applied, they will signal 'no penalty'.

