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Rule of the Week



The ILYA #FAIRSAILING Initiative

YOUTH - You are first and foremost!

Throughout the Inland this week, sailing schools began in earnest. It was so encouraging to walk into Lake Beulah Sailing School and see instructor Caroline Skotarzak teaching rules to the RWB Optis. Or to hear that in week one, Charlie Kutsch was spending time reviewing rules with the X's. The picture below is of real interest - Geneva Coaches Kate Cox and Kyle Navin have students on a hiking bench but the rules are on the white board to review at the same time -- multitasking or active learning, for sure, but RULES are key. It's a new year in the ILYA. Thanks to all who are working so diligently to keep our sport self-policing and fair in all age groups, in all classes.

Lake Beulah Sailing School Opti and TRAP

The early regattas are an opportunity to receive your gift for passing the quiz. Al Haeger, committee member presented decals and buffs to those in attendance who have passed the test - RC included. If you take the quiz before TRAP, Al Haeger will be there to reward you.



The Quiz

Eighty- eight of you have taken the quiz but 48 are from non-ILYA clubs! We have representation from Arizona, the Caribbean, Canada, US Sailing, Sailing World Magazine, Cape Town and St. Maarten. EVERYONE gets the gift. If you want to keep track or keep up with the Joneses - Wayzata, Minnetonka, Pewaukee, Geneva have three folks who have passed; Lake Beulah 18! Catch and surpass Beulah. They are a small "puddle." Here it is again:

Key Points about the Quiz

---15 questions. Need to get 11 right (73%) to pass.

- The questions test basic knowledge of the rules and are not designed to be tricky.
- The quiz is open reference. We encourage you to use a rule book or other references while taking it.
- If you don't pass, you can re-take the quiz as many times as needed. You will get slightly different questions when you re-take.

Accessing the quiz:

Go to the #FairSailing page at SailZing.com.

[Register for an account at SailZing](#) or log in with your existing account.

[Click on the link for the #FairSailing Rules Quiz.](#)

- Take the quiz. After submitting your answers you will see the results, with the correct answers explained.

An Open Letter to Sailing Schools from the Committee

Dear ILYA Sailing School Boards, Directors and Instructors,
Our ILYA #FairSailing campaign is in full swing. Many ILYA sailors, as well as many from other locations and associations have taken our #FairSailing quiz and are strongly supporting our initiative. We hope you are incorporating our ILYA #FairSailing presentation into your curriculum and talking with your sailing school students about the importance of sailing clean and fair at all times.

Early results at regattas this summer are very encouraging. We are observing skippers exonerating themselves on the water, competitors filing protests when needed, more requests for arbitration, and skippers retiring after finishing in some cases. Competitors are reporting circles performed. Sailors are saying, "FAIR SAILING" to their competitors.

With X and Opti championships coming up soon, we encourage you to help your students take part in #FairSailing by taking the quiz. Once a person passes the quiz, he or she will have the choice of receiving an ILYA #FairSailing hat or gator. In addition, each X or Opti sailor who passes the quiz will be recognized at the 2018 X and Opti Championship regattas. We encourage you to share the enthusiasm and help your students pass the quiz so they can be honored at the regattas next month at the Pewaukee Yacht Club.



RULE OF THE WEEK - RULE 18 - Part 1 of 2

All videos are contributed by UK Sailmakers, the text was organized by SailZing.

Our next series of articles cover the rules of Part 2, Section C - At Marks and Obstructions. Section C covers Rules 18-20. Rule 18 - Mark Room is complex, so we'll cover it in two separate articles. Later, we'll move on to Rules 19 and 20.

Section C - Preamble

"Section C rules do not apply at a starting mark surrounded by navigable water or at its anchor line from the time boats are approaching them to start until they have passed them."

Rule 18.1 - When Rule 18 Applies

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Rule 18 opens by discussing when the rule does or does not apply:

"Rule 18 applies between boats when they are required to leave a mark on the same side and at least one of them is in the zone. However, it does not apply

(a) between boats on opposite tacks on a beat to windward,

(b) between boats on opposite tacks when the proper course at the mark for one but not both of them is to tack,

(c) between a boat approaching a mark and one leaving it, or

(d) if the mark is a continuing obstruction, in which case rule 19 applies."

Definitions

Mark An object the sailing instructions require a boat to leave on a specified side, and a race committee vessel surrounded by navigable water from which the starting or finishing line extends. An anchor line or an object attached accidentally to a mark is not part of it.

Zone The area around a mark within a distance of three hull lengths of the boat nearer to it. A boat is in the zone when any part of her hull is in the zone.

Obstruction An object that a boat could not pass without changing course substantially, if she were sailing directly towards it and one of her hull lengths from it. An object that can be safely passed on only one side and an area so designated by the sailing instructions are also obstructions. However, a boat racing is not an obstruction to other boats unless they are required to keep clear of her or, if rule 23 applies, avoid her. A vessel under way, including a boat racing, is never a continuing obstruction.

Previously-defined terms (click to refresh your memory): [tack](#), [proper course](#)

Rule 18.1 Key Points

- The rule does not "turn on" until one of the boats is in the zone.
- When beating to windward, such as at the windward mark or the finish line, the rule does not apply when two boats are on opposite tacks. In such cases, Rule 10 (port-starboard) applies.
- The rule does not apply between boats on opposite tacks when one boat has to tack to sail her proper course.

Rule 18.2 - Giving Mark Room

"(a) When boats are *overlapped* the outside boat shall give the inside boat *mark-room*, unless rule 18.2(b) applies.

(b) If boats are *overlapped* when the first of them reaches the *zone*, the outside boat at that moment shall thereafter give the inside boat *mark-room*. If a boat is *clear ahead* when she reaches the *zone*, the boat *clear astern* at that moment shall thereafter give her *mark-room*.

(c) When a boat is required to give *mark-room* by rule 18.2(b),

(1) she shall continue to do so even if later an *overlap* is broken or a new *overlap* begins;

(2) if she becomes *overlapped* inside the boat entitled to *mark-room*, she shall also give that boat *room* to sail her *proper course* while they remain *overlapped*.

(d) Rules 18.2(b) and (c) cease to apply when the boat entitled to *mark-room* has been given that *mark-room*, or if she passes head to wind or leaves the *zone*."

(e) If there is reasonable doubt that a boat obtained or broke an *overlap* in time, it shall be presumed that she did not.

(f) If a boat obtained an inside *overlap* from *clear astern* or by *tacking to windward* of the other boat and, from the time the *overlap* began, the outside boat has been unable to give *mark-room*, she is not required to give it."

Definitions

Previously-defined terms (click to refresh your memory): [overlap](#), [clear ahead](#), [clear astern](#)

Rule 18.2 Key Points

- This rule applies at both the windward and leeward marks. We'll cover windward



mark situations when we cover Rule 18.3.

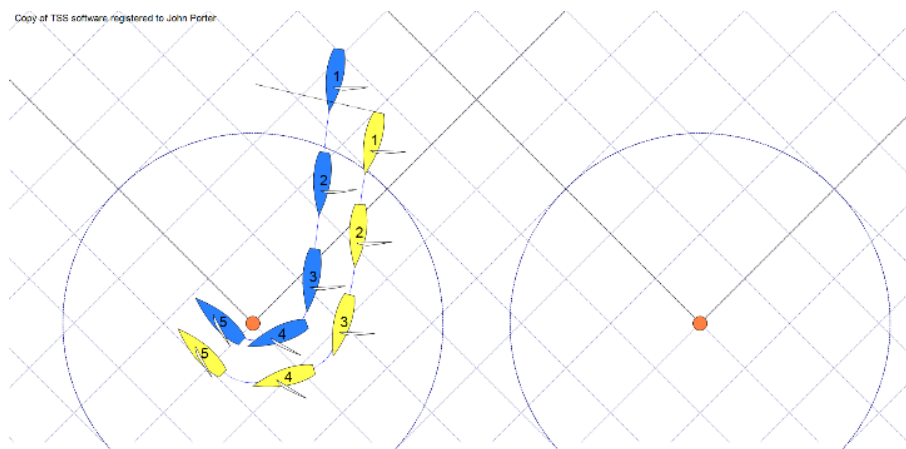
- The key to understanding Rule 18.2 is to think of a "snapshot" when the first boat enters the zone. If the first boat enters the zone clear ahead, she need not give mark room to boats that are clear astern. However, if she is not clear ahead, she must give mark room to any inside boats that are overlapped, regardless of whether the overlap is maintained.
- Recall that overlap is determined based on a line from your transom. If you are sailing a wide angle, boats that are "behind" you may actually be overlapped.
- When a boat claims she obtained or broke an overlap in time, the claim must be well-supported. If there is reasonable doubt, the claim will not be accepted.

Scenarios

For each scenario, read the description, watch the animation by clicking on the link below the picture, and decide your answer to the question. Then click the Answer link to check your thinking.

#1 "From Behind 1"

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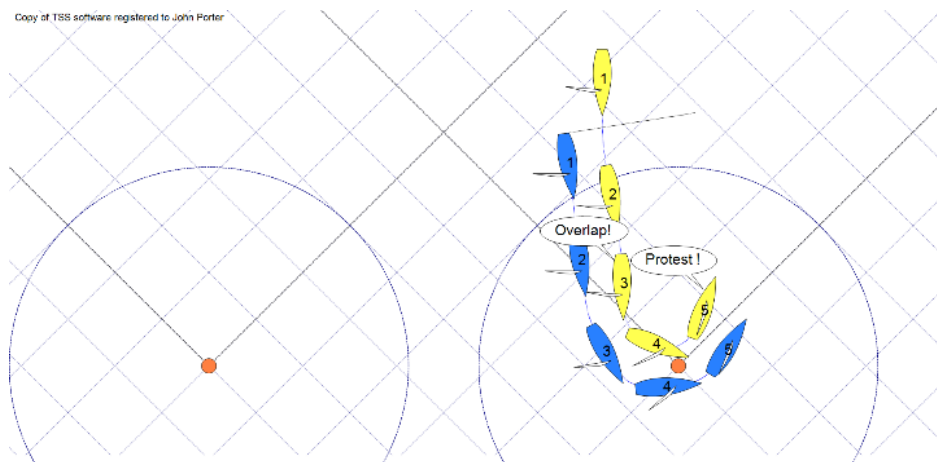
Click [here](#) to see animation.

Description: Yellow and Blue are sailing downwind on the same tack. When Yellow enters the zone, Blue is overlapped.

Is Yellow required to give mark-room to Blue? [Answer](#)

#2 "From Behind #2"

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Description: Yellow and Blue are sailing downwind on opposite tacks. When Blue



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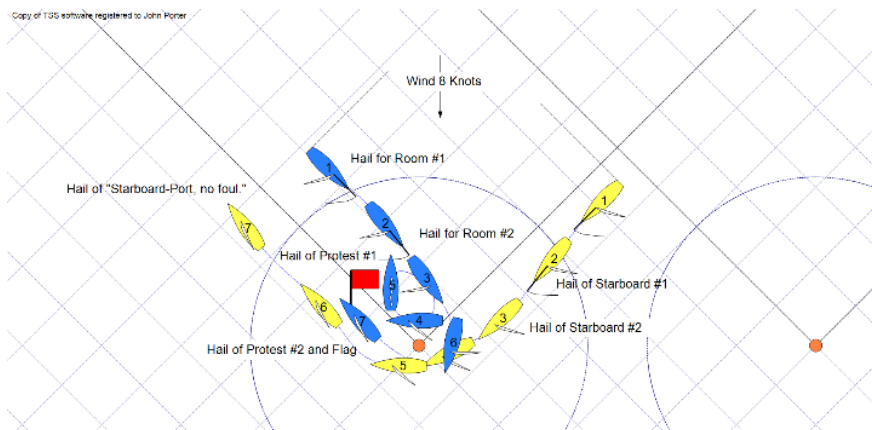
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enters the zone, she is clear ahead of Yellow. After entering the zone, Yellow becomes overlapped with Blue.

Is Blue required to give mark-room to Yellow? [Answer](#)

#3 "Protecting the Lead"

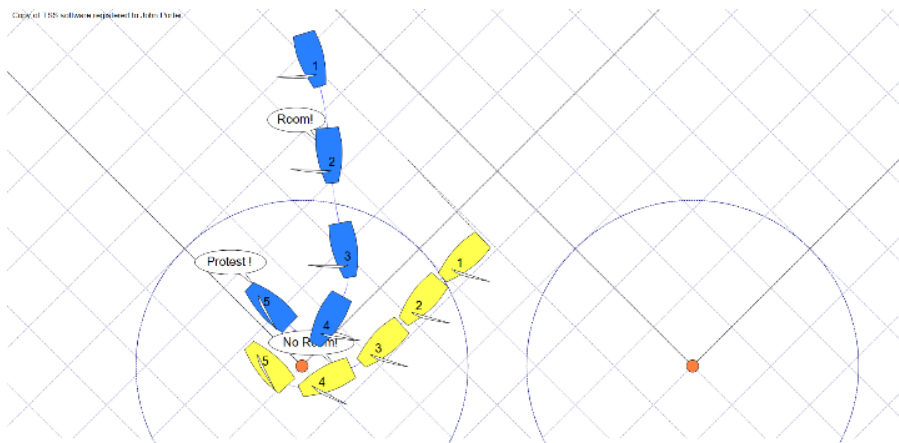


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Description: Yellow and Blue are sailing downwind on opposite tacks with spinnakers. Yellow reaches the mark first and does not give Blue mark-room. Blue heads up to avoid Yellow. There was no contact.

Is Yellow required to give mark-room to Blue? [Answer](#)

#4 Does Rule 17 Apply, example 1?



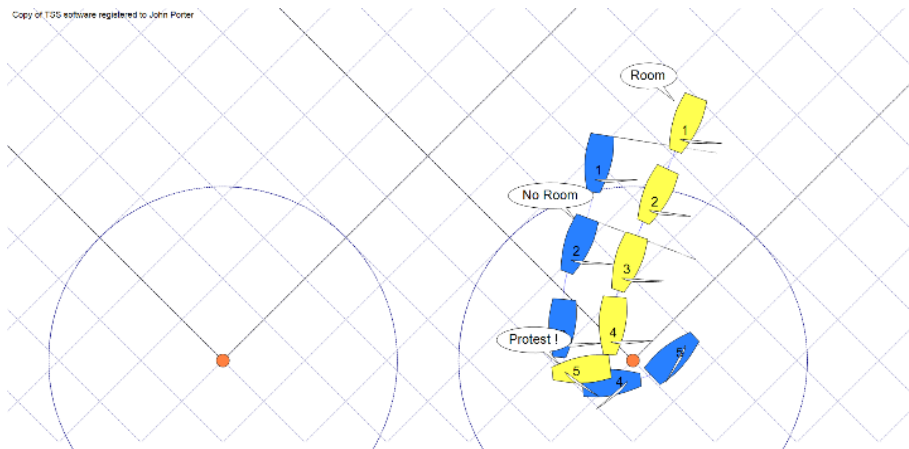
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Description: Yellow and Blue are sailing downwind on opposite tacks. Shortly after Yellow reaches the zone, Blue hails for room. Yellow does not respond verbally until reaching the mark, and then hails "no room." Yellow does not give Blue mark room. Blue protests Yellow. Yellow alleges that the overlap was broken before she entered the zone. There was no contact.

Is Yellow required to give mark-room to Blue? [Answer](#)

Would a protest committee be likely to accept Yellow's claim that she broke the overlap just before reaching the zone? [Answer](#)

#5 Does Rule 17 Apply, example 2?

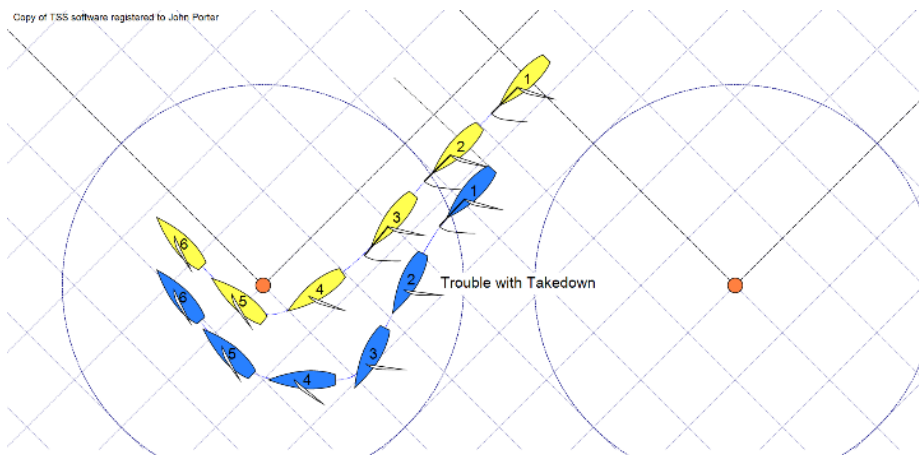


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Description: Yellow and Blue are sailing downwind to the leeward gate on the same tack. When Blue enters the zone, Yellow is overlapped. After entering the zone, Blue turns up, sails faster, and breaks the overlap.

Is Blue required to give mark-room to Yellow? [Answer](#)

#6 Does Rule 17 Apply, example 3?

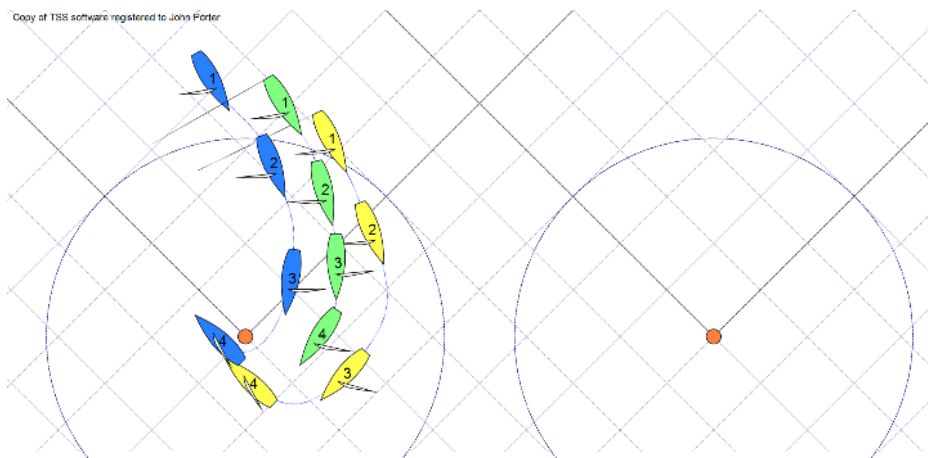


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Description: Yellow and Blue are sailing to the leeward mark. Blue is clear ahead when reaching the zone. Blue sails wide of the mark due to trouble with the spinnaker takedown. Yellow sails inside of Blue around the mark.

Is Yellow within her rights to round the mark inside Blue? [Answer](#)

#7 Does Rule 17 Apply, example 4?

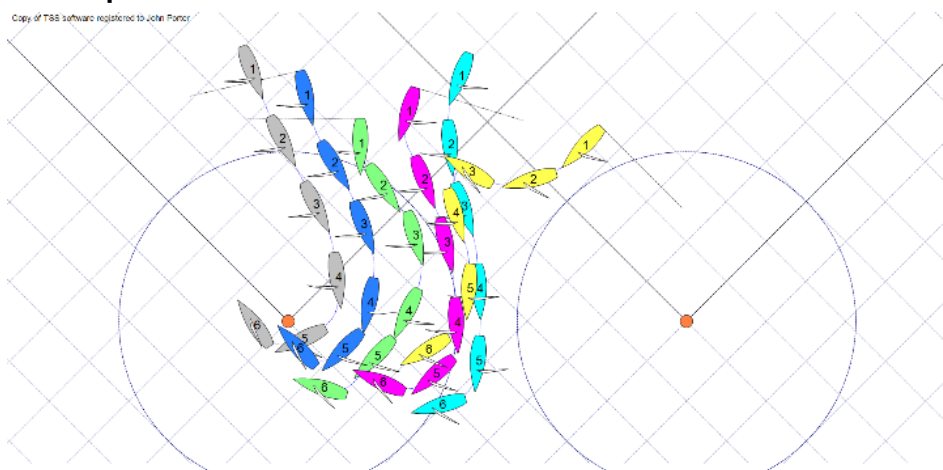


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Description: Yellow, Blue, and Green are approaching the leeward mark. After entering the zone, Green slows down, but Blue speeds up and rounds inside of Yellow. Yellow heads up and contacts Blue. There was no damage.

Which boat should promptly take a penalty? [Answer](#)

#8 "Complex leeward mark"



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Description: Multiple boats are approaching the leeward mark. Watch the scenario several times.

Is Yellow entitled to mark-room from Light Blue? [Answer](#)

Is Magenta entitled to mark-room from Green? [Answer](#)

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