

2017 Palmer & Baldwin Cups - Event Call #1

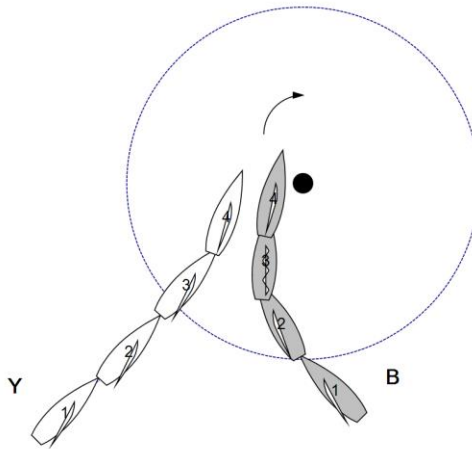
Tacking in the Zone – Starboard-hand Windward Mark

Rule 13	While Tacking
Rule 18.2	Giving Mark-Room
Rule 21	Exoneration
Definitions	Mark-Room

Question 1

B on starboard tack and Y on port tack are approaching a windward mark to be left to starboard. B luffs and passes head-to-wind at position 3. B continues turning to sail towards the mark but does not reach a close-hauled course, and Y luffs to avoid contact. There is a protest. What should the call be?

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Answer 1

No Penalty.

After B passes head-to-wind she is on the same tack as Y, is overlapped on the inside of Y, and is sailing to the mark. Y owes B mark-room under rule 18.2(a), which includes room to sail to the mark and round it as necessary to sail the course. Y changes course and gives B mark-room.

B is in the act of tacking and has not reached a close-hauled course, and is therefore subject to rule 13. When Y has to change course to avoid contact with B at position 4, B breaks rule 13. However, B is exonerated under rule 21(a) because she is sailing within the mark-room to which she is entitled.

Question 2

Would the answer to Question 1 change if after B passes head to wind in the zone she is not fetching the mark?

Answer 2

No. However, B is only permitted to sail up to head to wind as part of her entitled mark-room. Once she passes head to wind from port to starboard tack, her right to mark-room under rule 18.2(a) ceases to apply (see rules 18.1(a) and 18.2(d)).