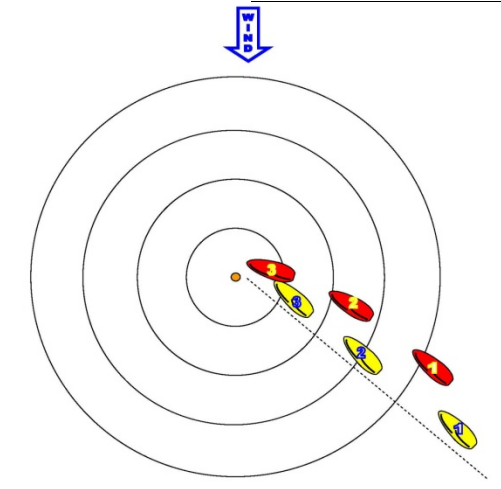


## New Mark-Room Definition Part 2



### **Situation:**

At position 1, Red boat has reached the zone clear ahead of Yellow boat. Rule 18.2 requires Yellow boat to give Mark-Room to Red.

At position 2, Yellow boat has obtained an inside overlap on Red boat.

At position 3, Red boat sailed to the mark and blocked Yellow boat from passing the mark and Yellow boat contacted Red boat's port side without damage.

At position 1, Red boat is entitled to Mark-Room which includes sailing "to the Mark" when it is her proper course to do so, Rule 18.2(b). Yellow boat is clear astern of Red boat and rule 12 requires her to keep clear of Red.

At position 2, Yellow boat has obtained an inside overlap with Red and is now the ROW boat, Rule 11. Yellow must continue to provide Mark-Room to Red boat, Rule 18.2(b) while they are in the zone.

At position 3, Red boat bore off close to the mark and block Yellow boat from passing the mark.

Yellow boat hailed the Red boat to keep clear, Rule 11. Yellow boat contacted Red boat's port side and Red boat protested.

### **The Call:**

Red boat entered the zone clear ahead and was entitled to Mark-Room from Yellow. Rule 18.2(b) second sentence, "the boat clear astern at that moment shall thereafter give her mark-room". Mark-Room entitles Red to pass the mark on the correct side, also to sail to the mark when it is her Proper Course to do so. Red sailed to the mark and started her rounding which she was entitled to. Yellow boat attempted to force Red boat to sail wide of the Mark to allow her to pass the mark on the correct side. Yellow boat hailed "Protest, you must keep clear of the leeward boat." Yellow boat broke Rule 18.2(b) by not providing Mark-Room to Red. Yellow also broke Rule 14 by not avoiding contact with Red. Red broke Rule 11 and 14 but is exonerated by Rule 21 as she was taking room to which she was entitled to.

Yellow made a tactical mistake by overlapping Red to leeward as even though she would become the ROW boat, her limitation to provide Mark-Room to Red could prevent her from passing the mark on the correct side.

## 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.

However, if the boat entitled to mark-room passes head to wind or leaves the zone, rule 18.2(b) ceases to apply.

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

(e) 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.

### New Mark-Room definition

**Mark-Room** Room for a boat to leave a mark on the required side. Also,

(a) room to sail to the mark when her proper course is to sail close to it, and

(b) room to round the mark as necessary to sail the course.

However, mark-room for a boat does not include room to tack unless she is overlapped inside and to windward of the boat required to give mark-room and she would be fetching the mark after her tack.