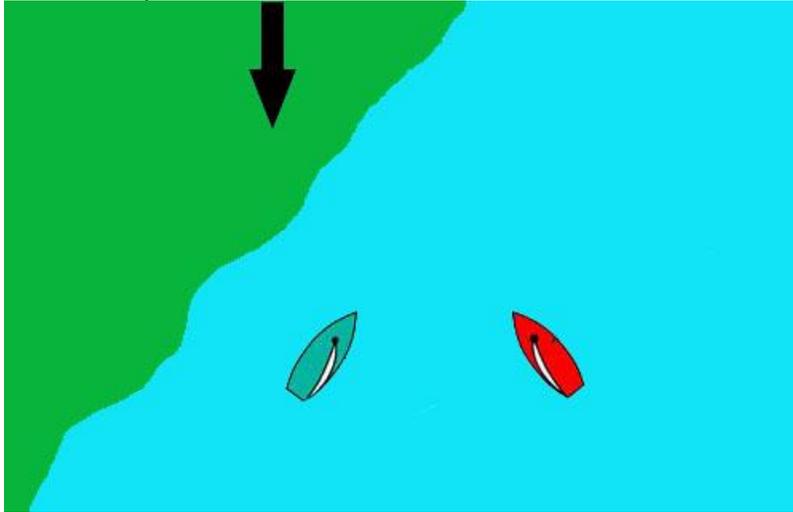


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Rule questions is about Obstructions.

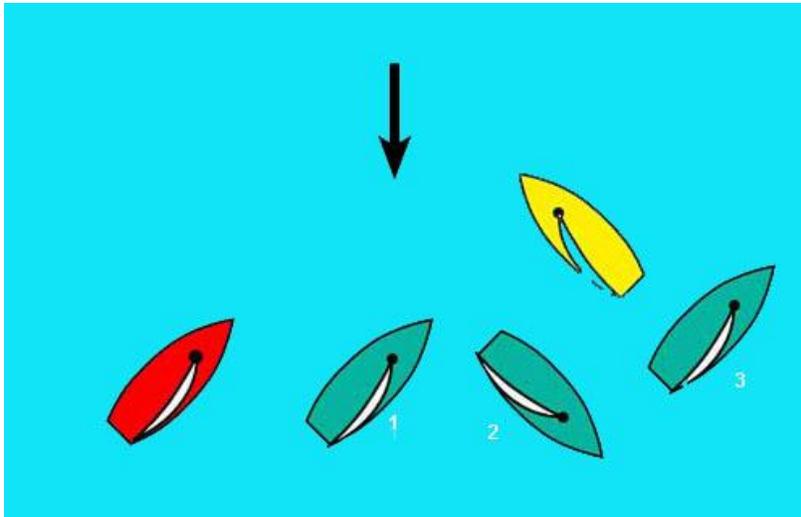
Question 1:

In the following graphic, Green Port tack boat hails for room to pass the shoreline Obstruction. 1. What rule(s) applies? 2. Who is the ROW boat? 3. Does the starboard Red boat have to allow the Green Port tack boat to pass the obstruction?



Question 2:

In the following graphic, Yellow starboard tack boat is on a beat to windward. Green port tack boat is leeward of of Red port tack boat. 1. What rule applies? 2. Who is/are the ROW boat(s)? 3. Is Yellow boat an obstruction to Green and Red boats? 4. If Green boat decides to duck astern of Yellow boat, does Green boat have to allow room for Red boat to also duck the Yellow boat ?



Answers:

Question 1:

Part 1: Rule 10, 14, 20 applies.

Part 2: Red Starboard tack boat

Part 3: Rule 20 applies to boats on the **same tack**. Since they are not on the same tack, Green boat is **not** entitled to room under Rule 20 and must bear off and duck the Red Starboard boat to Keep-Clear of the Starboard Red tack boat.

Question 2:

Part 1: Rule 10, 11, 14, 19 and 20 applies.

Part 2: Yellow has ROW over Green and Red boat, Green has ROW over Red boat.

Part 3: Yes! Since both Green and Red boats must Keep-Clear of the Yellow boat, Rule 10, and the 3rd sentence of Obstruction definition requires that they Keep-Clear of her.

Part 4: Yes! Since Green boat is Leeward of Red boat, Rule 19 allows Green ROW boat, to choose which side of the obstruction she will pass. Rule 19 also requires the outside Green boat to provide room to the Red boat to also pass astern of the yellow boat. It's important to note that the Red boat is not required to follow the Green boat astern of the Yellow boat, but if Red boat chooses to pass the obstruction the follow the Green boat, then Green boat must provide the room to pass the Yellow boat. Rule 20 allows Green boat to hail for room to tack to avoid the Yellow ROW boat. If Green hails Red for room to tack, Red boat must immediately respond by tacking or hailing for the green boat to tack and Red boat must then keep clear of Green. If Red boat tacks, Green boat must also tack as soon as possible.

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 22 applies, avoid her. A vessel under way, including a boat racing, is never a continuing obstruction.

10 ON OPPOSITE TACKS

When boats are on opposite tacks, a port-tack boat shall keep clear of a starboard-tack boat.

11 ON THE SAME TACK, OVERLAPPED

When boats are on the same tack and overlapped, a windward boat shall keep clear of a leeward boat.

14 AVOIDING CONTACT

A boat shall avoid contact with another boat if reasonably possible. However, a right-of-way boat or one entitled to room or mark-room

(a) need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other boat is not keeping clear or giving room or mark-room, and

(b) shall not be penalized under this rule unless there is contact that causes damage or injury.

19 ROOM TO PASS AN OBSTRUCTION

19.1 When Rule 19 Applies

Rule 19 applies between boats at an obstruction except when it is also a mark the boats are required to leave on the same side. However, at a continuing obstruction, rule 19 always applies and rule 18 does not.

19.2 Giving Room at an Obstruction

(a) A right-of-way boat may choose to pass an obstruction on either side.

(b) When boats are overlapped, the outside boat shall give the inside boat room between her and the obstruction, unless she has been unable to do so from the time the overlap began.

(c) While boats are passing a continuing obstruction, if a boat that was clear astern and required to keep clear becomes overlapped between the other boat and the obstruction and, at the moment the overlap

begins, there is not room for her to pass between them, she is not entitled to room under rule 19.2(b). While the boats remain overlapped, she shall keep clear and rules 10 and 11 do not apply.

20 ROOM TO TACK AT AN OBSTRUCTION

20.1 Hailing and Responding

When approaching an obstruction, a boat sailing close-hauled or above may hail for room to tack and avoid another boat on the same tack. After a boat hails,

(a) she shall give the hailed boat time to respond;

(b) the hailed boat shall respond either by tacking as soon as possible, or by immediately replying 'You tack' and then giving the hailing boat room to tack and avoid her; and

(c) when the hailed boat responds, the hailing boat shall tack as soon as possible.

20.2 Exoneration

When a boat is taking room to which she is entitled under rule 20.1(b), she shall be exonerated if she breaks a rule of Section A or rule 15 or 16.

20.3 When Not to Hail

A boat shall not hail unless safety requires her to make a substantial course change to avoid the obstruction. Also, she shall not hail if the obstruction is a mark that the hailed boat is fetching.