

MR CALL B10

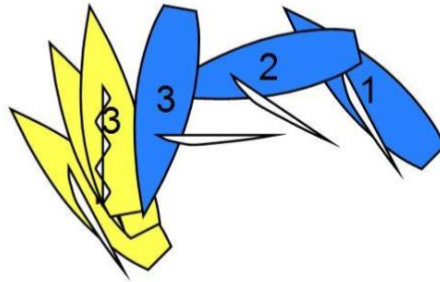
- Rule C2.5 (7)** **Last Point of Certainty**
Rule 11 **On the Same Tack, Overlapped**
Rule 14 **Avoiding Contact**
Rule 16.1 **Changing Course**

Question

Blue the windward boat bears away hard to pass behind Yellow. Yellow luffs shortly after Blue begins to bear away. Blue keeps clear in position 2.

In position 3 both boats are passing each other's windward side. There is contact between the boats. Both boats display flag Y.

What should the call be?



Answer

Penalize Blue as the keep clear boat unless Yellow breaks rule 16.1 by changing course without giving Blue room to keep clear.

As stated in rule C2.5 (7), the umpires will assume that the state of a boat or its relationship with another has not changed until they are certain that it has changed. The umpires cannot be certain which is the right-of-way boat in position 3. Their last point of certainty was that Yellow was the right-of-way boat.