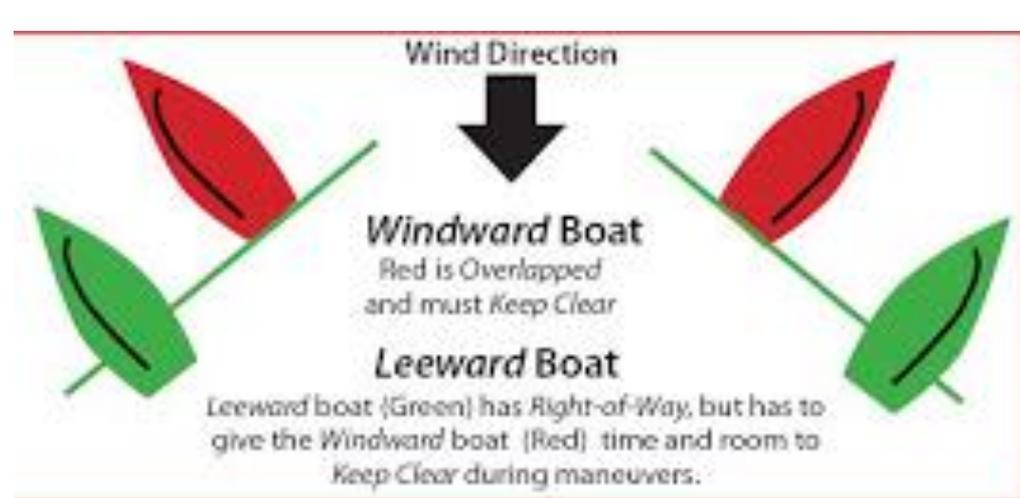
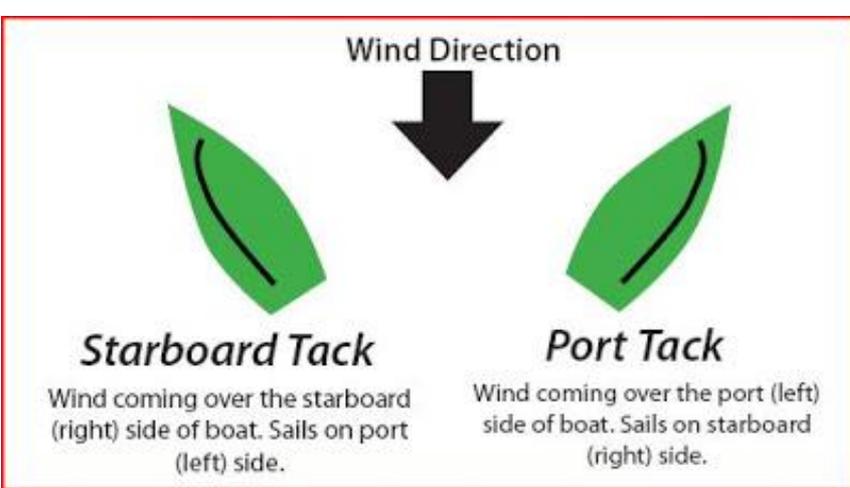


# UNDERSTAND YOUR SPACE IN THE CROWD

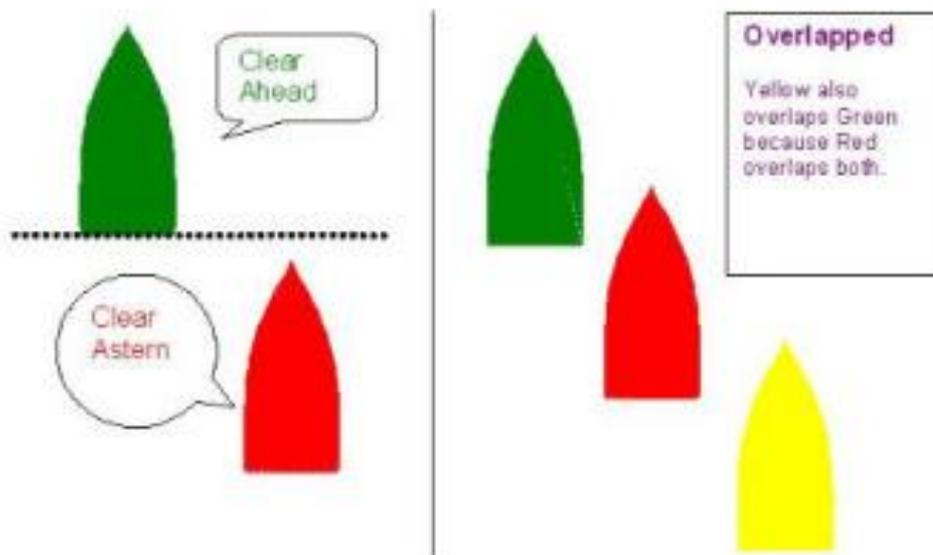


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**RIGHT OF WAY:**  
**STARBOARD** over **PORT**

**RIGHT OF WAY:**  
**LEEWARD** over **WINDWARD**



**CLEAR ASTERN/CLEAR AHEAD:**  
-a boat is **CLEAR ASTERN** when her hull and equipment in normal position are behind a line abeam from the most aftermost point of the other's boats hull and equipment in normal position.

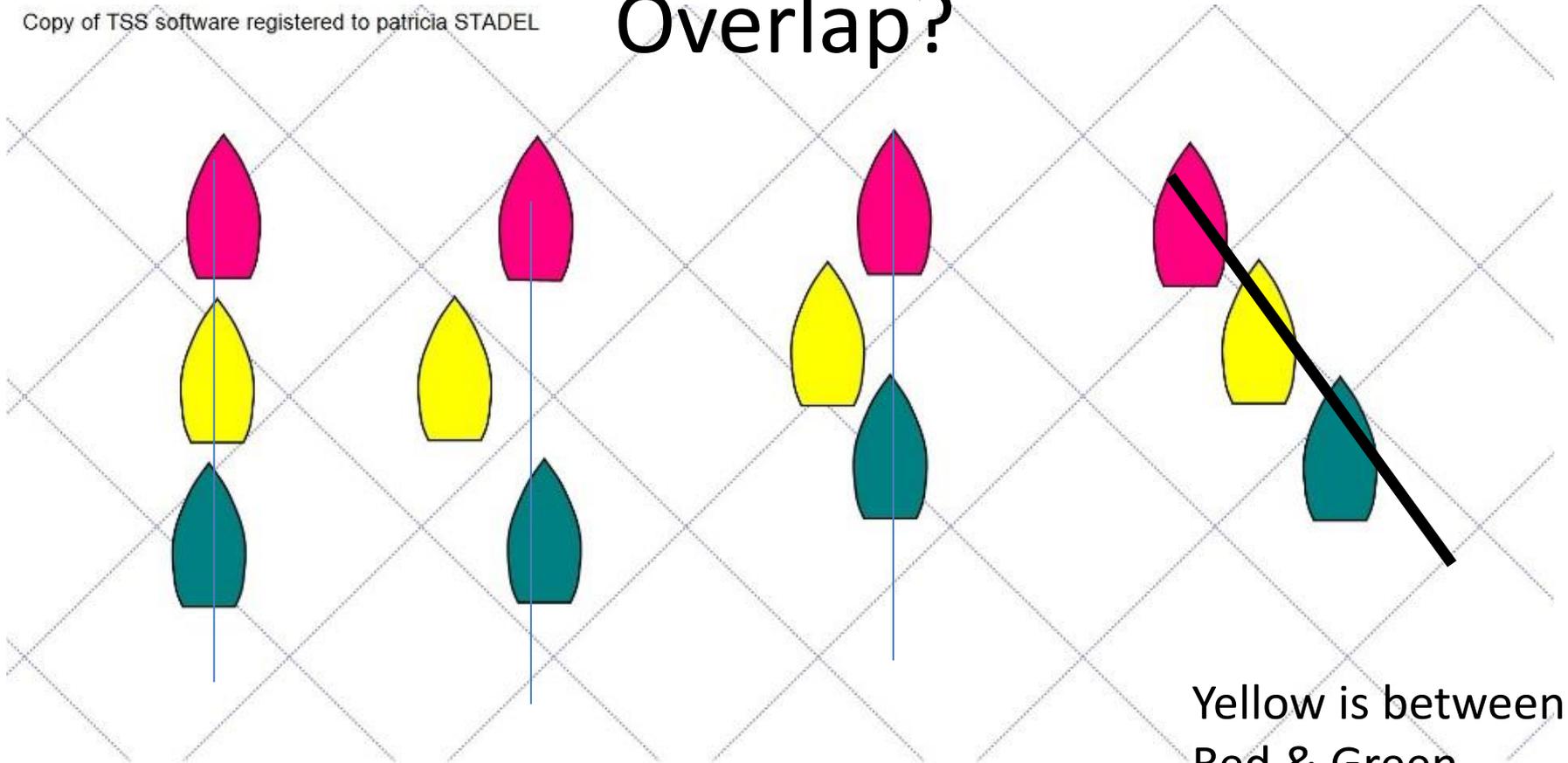
The other boat is **CLEAR AHEAD**

**OVERLAP:**

When neither boat is clear astern

# What Constitutes “Between” for an Overlap?

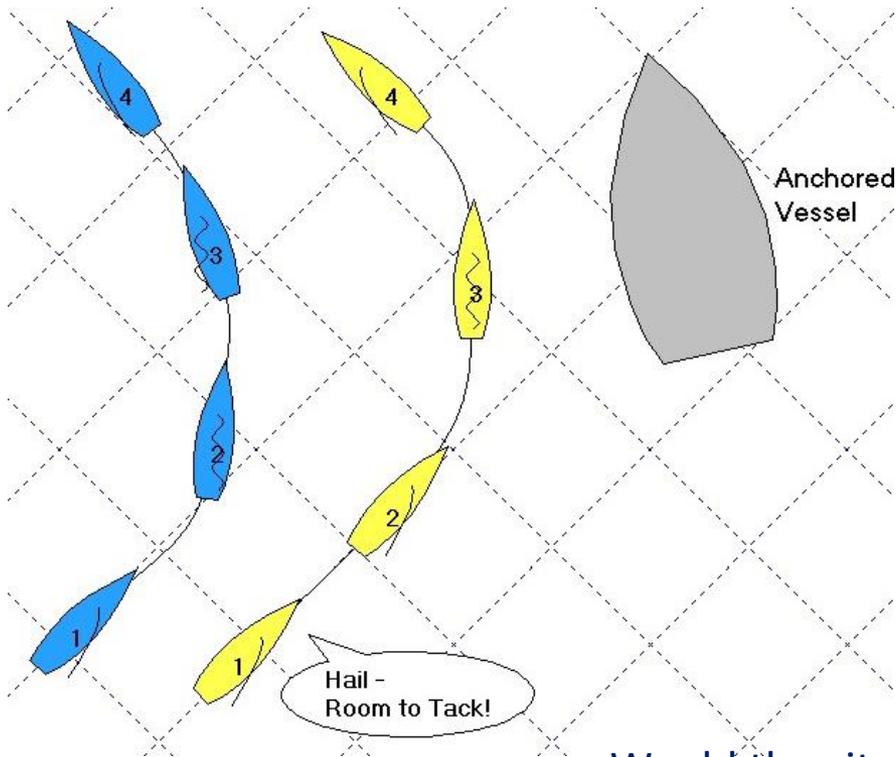
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Yellow is between  
Red & Green

Red & Green  
**ARE** overlapped

# Room to Tack at an Obstruction – Harbors Starts



Yellow is approaching an *obstruction*.

- Yellow is entitled to hail for *room* but she must do so early enough to give Blue time to respond
- What must Blue do?  
Either tack as soon as possible, or hail “You tack” and give *room* to Yellow
- And then what must Yellow do?  
Tack as soon as possible after Blue responds.

Would the situation change if the boats were approaching the RC boat and starting line to *start*?

Yellow would not be permitted to hail for *room*

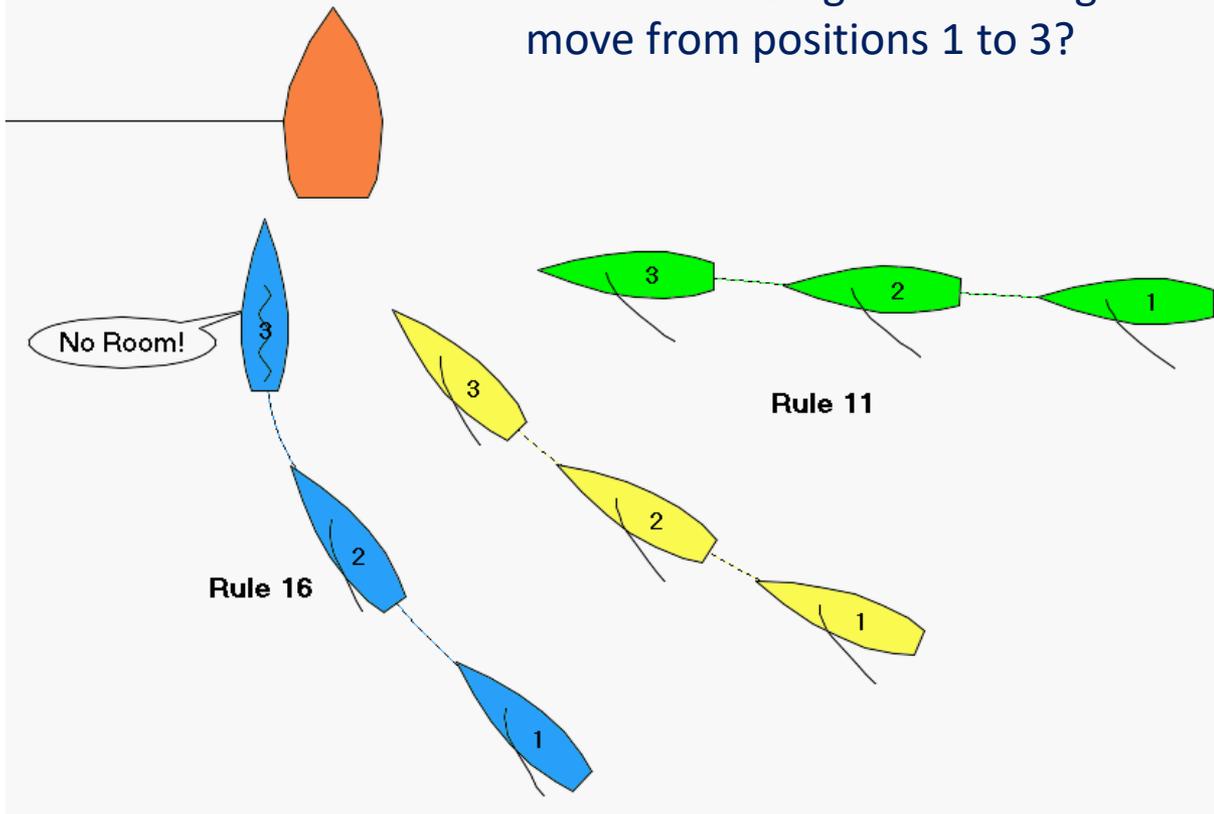
What if the boats were coming to the finishing line to *finish*?

Yellow would be allowed hail for *room*

# Starts with an anchored Race Committee Boat

Prior to the starting signal, the boats are approaching the line to start.

What are the rights and obligations of each of the boats as they move from positions 1 to 3?



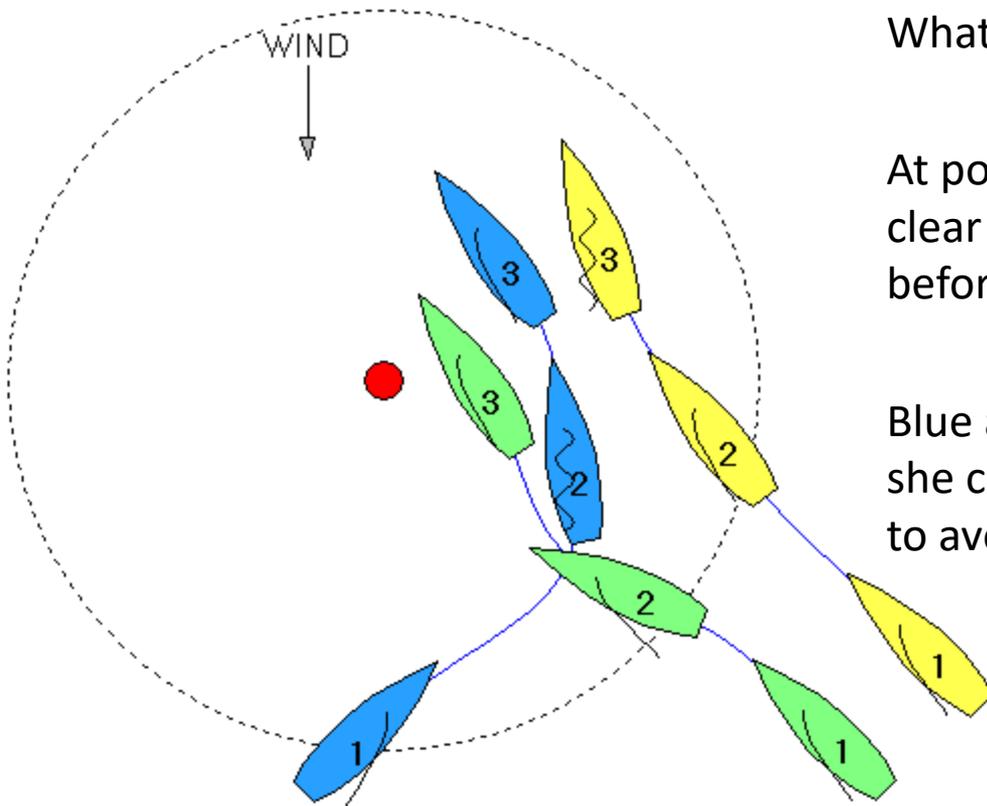
# Tacking at the *Weather Mark*

Blue, on port, is passing head to wind inside the *zone* close to *starboard* tack boats that are *fetching* the *mark*.

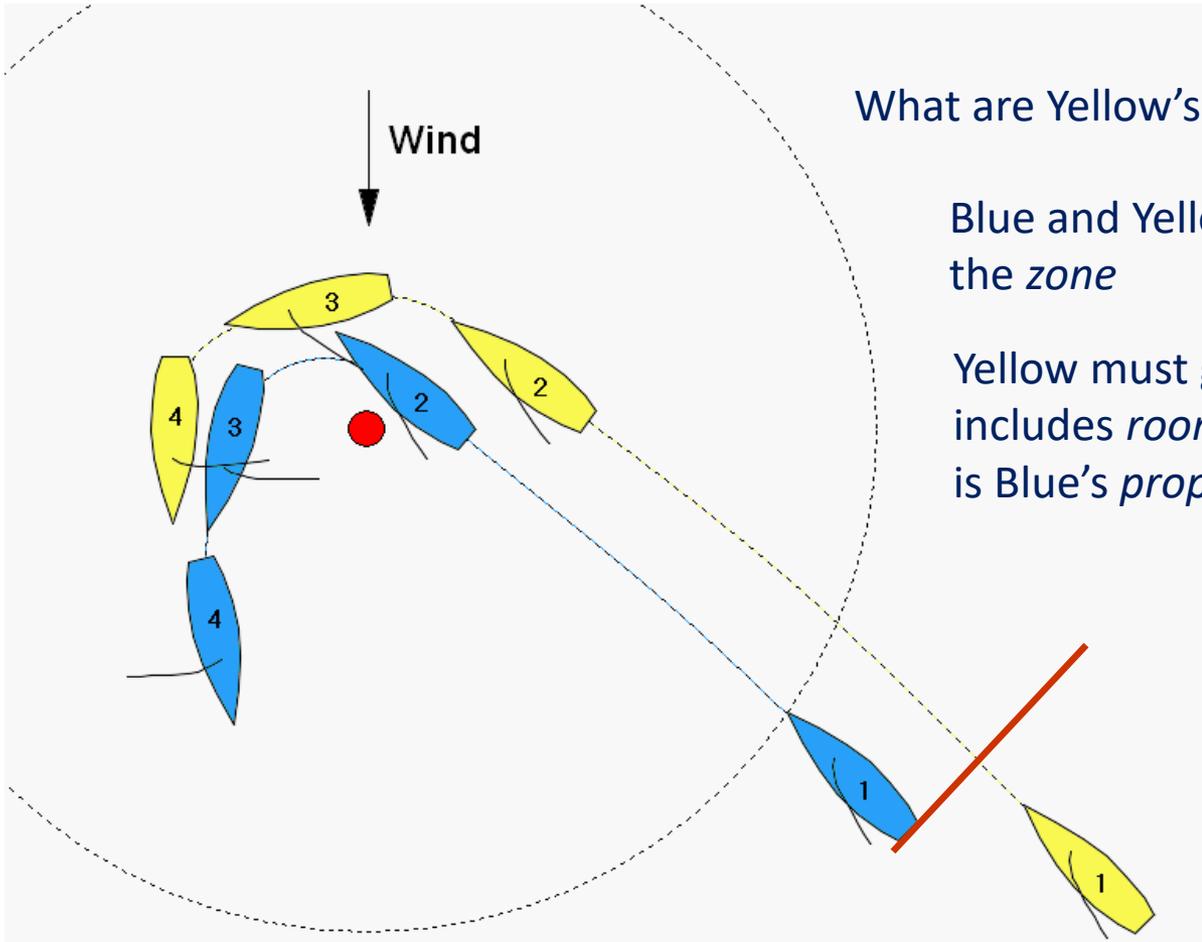
What problems does Blue face?

At position 2, blue is at fault for not keeping clear of green. Green had to change course before blue was sailing close hauled.

Blue also is at fault against Yellow because she causes yellow to sail above close-hauled to avoid contact.



# Mark-Room – Weather Mark Rounding



What are Yellow's obligations to Blue?

Blue and Yellow are not *overlapped* at the *zone*

Yellow must give Blue *mark-room*, which includes *room* to gybe at the mark if that is Blue's *proper course*.

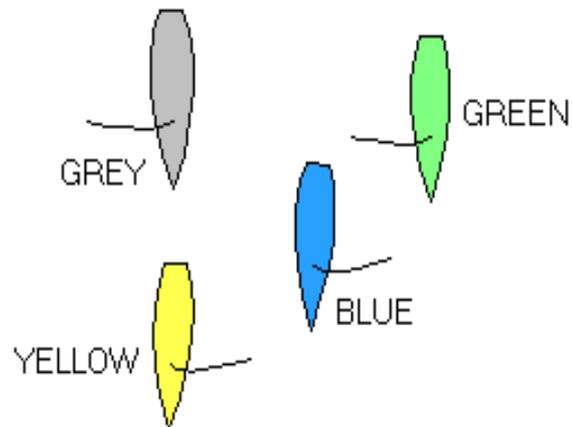
# Overlap –downwind

Which boats have Right of Way?

- Blue & Yellow over Green & Grey (stbd)
- Blue is leeward of Yellow
- Grey is leeward of Green

Which boats are overlapped?

- Green on everyone
- Blue on everyone
- Yellow on Blue & Green
- Grey on Blue & Green



# Mark-Room – Downwind at Zone

Blue, Yellow & Green are approaching the *leeward mark*.

- Are they *overlapped*?

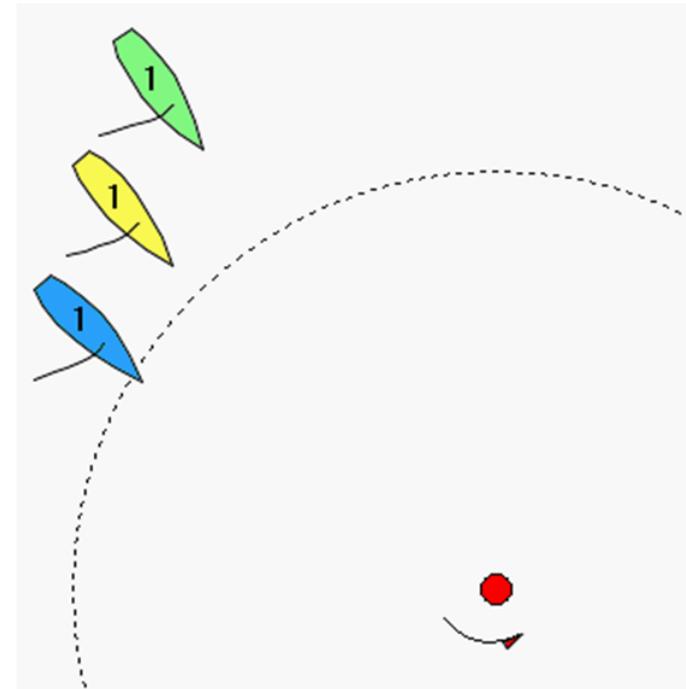
Yellow is *overlapped* on Blue & Green is *overlapped* on both Yellow & Blue (definition *overlap*)

- Who has right of way?

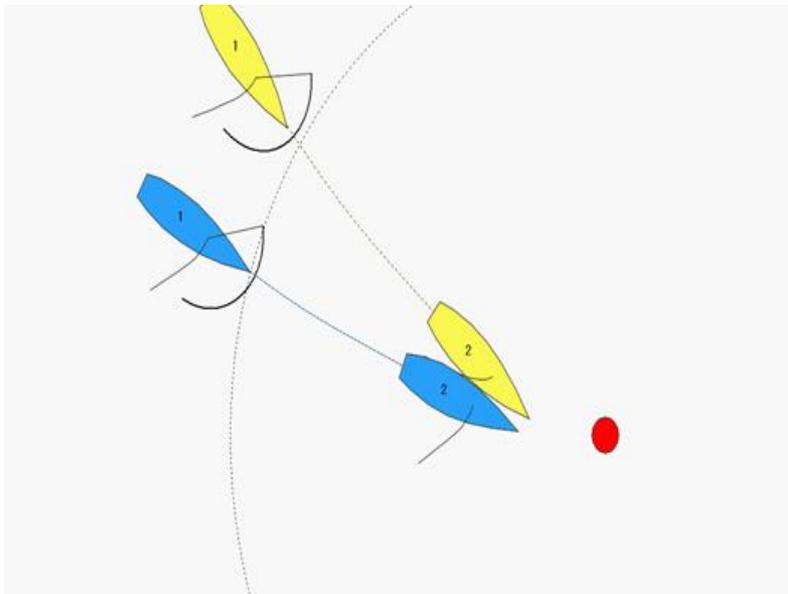
Yellow over Green (windward/leeward) & Blue over Yellow (windward/leeward)

- Who is entitled to *mark-room*?

Green from Yellow & Blue, Yellow from Blue (Mark Room)



# Mark-Room –Leeward Mark



Yellow and Blue are *overlapped* at the zone.

Yellow must *keep clear* because they are on the same tack and overlapped. Blue must give *mark-room*. Yellow is taking *mark-room* to which she is entitled because she was the inside boat at the zone.

At position 2 Blue is at fault for not giving mark room. Yellow is at fault for breaking windward/leeward overlap. However, Yellow is exonerated per Rule 21 (exoneration).

If there's contact that causes damage both Blue and Yellow. Yellow may be DSQ'd under rule 14 (avoid contact)

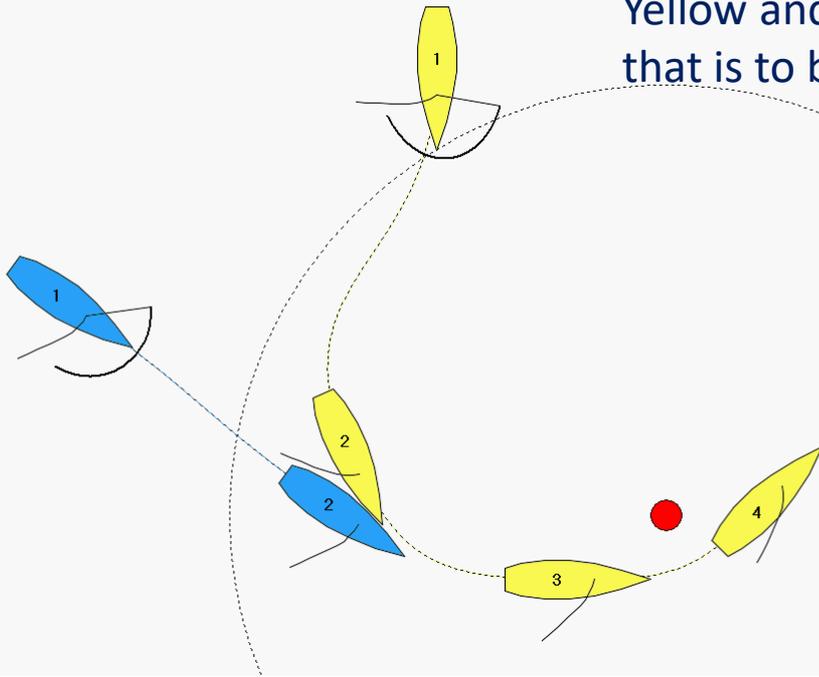
# Mark-Room –Leeward Mark

Yellow and Blue, on *port*, are approaching a leeward *mark* that is to be left to *port*.

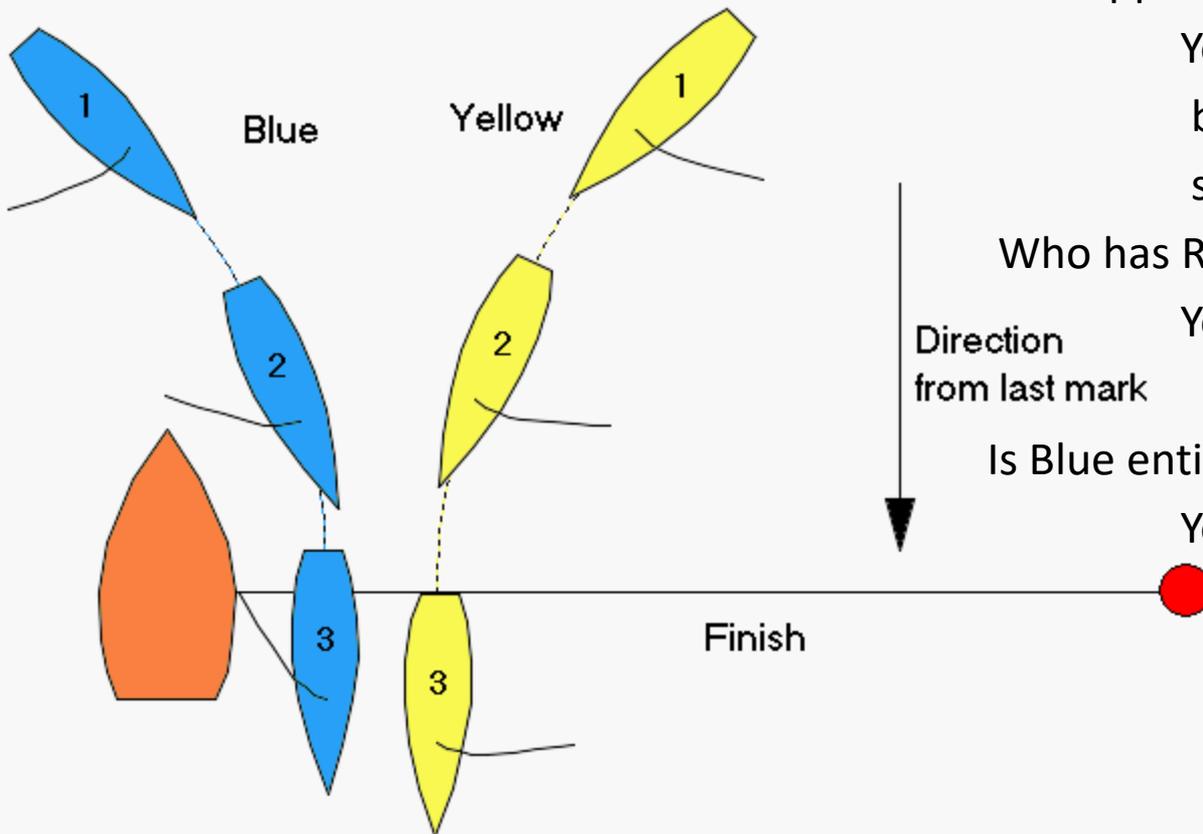
Who has Right of Way?  
Blue (leeward)

Who is entitled to *mark-room*?  
Yellow

At position 2 Who is at fault?  
Yellow. Blue is giving *mark-room* as required but Yellow is taking more *room* than she is entitled to take.



## Mark-Room at Finish



Blue & yellow are on converging courses approaching the finishing line. Were they overlapped at the zone?

Yes, assuming they have been converging for some time.

Who has Right of Way?

Yellow, (opposite tacks)

Is Blue entitled to *room*?

Yes (Mark Room)

Just because a boat may have right of way, does not mean that the other boat does not have room.