

Answer 3

Rule 61.1(a)(3) states that B need not hail 'Protest' or display a red flag, but she must inform A of her intention to protest before A finishes or at the first reasonable opportunity after A finishes.

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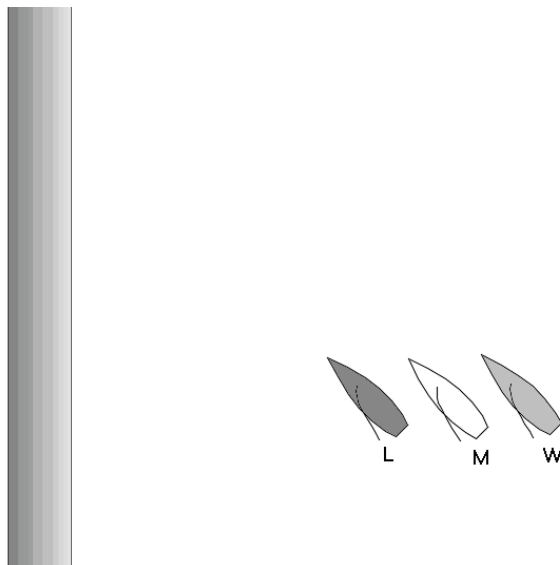
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Rule 20, Room to Tack at an Obstruction

An explanation of the application of rule 20 when three boats sailing close-hauled on the same tack are approaching an obstruction and the leeward-most boat hails for room to tack, but cannot tack unless both boats to windward of her tack.

Facts

L, M and W are sailing close-hauled on starboard tack. They are approaching an obstruction they cannot safely avoid without making a substantial course change. The obstruction is not a mark. When the boats are in the positions shown in the diagram, L hails 'Room to tack' loudly enough to be heard by both M and W. When L hails, it is clear that M and W must both tack in order to give room to L, and M does not have room to tack and avoid W.



Question 1

Does rule 20.2(c) require W to respond to L's hail?

Answer 1

Yes. When a boat that is not adjacent to the hailing boat has heard the hail, and will have to respond before the hailing boat is able to tack, she is a 'hailed boat' in the context of rule 20.2 and she shall respond accordingly.

Question 2

Is M required to hail W for room to tack immediately after L's hail?

Answer 2

Yes, if W is not already responding to L's hail. Because replying 'You tack' is not an option for M in this case, M is required by rule 20.2(c) to respond to L's hail by tacking as soon as possible. Therefore, if M cannot tack because of the presence of W, she must immediately hail W for room to tack, and rule 20.3 permits her to do so even if, in the absence of L, M would not yet need to hail for room to tack. If she fails to hail for room, and as a result is unable to tack as soon as possible, she breaks rule 20.2(c).

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Rule 16.1, Changing Course

Rule 18.2, Mark-Room: Giving Mark-Room

When a boat is entitled to room, the space she is entitled to includes space for her to comply with her obligations under the rules of Part 2 and rule 31.

Facts for Question 1

A, B and C are overlapped and on the same tack when the first of them reaches the zone of a mark. A is on the outside, C is on the inside and B is between them.