

Answer to Scenario 2 – Gybing While Ahead

Boat X's protest is disallowed. When both boats are on port tack, Y has the right of way under rule 12, On the Same Tack, Not Overlapped, as the boat clear ahead. When Y gybes and her mainsail lies on her port side, Y has the right-of-way under rule 10, On Opposite Tacks. Rule 15, Acquiring Right of Way, does not apply because Y remains the right-of-way boat throughout, and X is required to keep clear, which she does.

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