

Answer to Scenario 1 – Room to Pass

Boat L is penalized for breaking [Rule 19.2\(b\)](#), Giving Room to Pass at an Obstruction. With respect to X, both L and W are clear astern and are required to keep clear of her under [Rule 12](#), On the Same Tack, Not Overlapped. X therefore ranks as an obstruction to both (see the definition Obstruction). L, as the right-of-way boat, has the option of luffing and passing X to windward, or of steering a course to pass X to leeward (see rule 19.2(a)). When L elects to pass to leeward, and is overlapped with W, rule 19.2(b) requires her to give room to W, as the inside boat, to do the same. Note that had L decided to pass X to windward, W would be required to keep clear under [Rule 11](#), On the Same Tack, Overlapped; and as the outside boat, to give room under rule 19.2(b).

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