

Answer to Scenario 3 – Sculling

Boat A is penalized for breaking [rule 42.2\(d\), Propulsion: Prohibited Actions](#), which says that repeated movement of the helm that is forceful is sculling. The facts that her actions are necessary for steering and that she is not propelling the boat are immaterial. However, rule 42.3(d), Propulsion: Exceptions, permits a boat that is above close-hauled and stationary or moving slowly to scull to turn to a close-hauled course. Therefore, A breaks rule 42.2(d) when she is sculling to turn to windward to avoid the mark, but not while she is sculling to turn back down to a close-hauled course.