

Racing Rules Committee

Rules 18.1(d) and 19.1

A submission from US Sailing

Purpose or Objective

To clearly state when rule 19 applies, and rule 18 does not apply, at a mark that is a continuing obstruction.

Proposal

1. Change rule 18.1(d) as shown:

18.1 When Rule 18 Applies

Rule 18 applies between boats when they are required to leave a *mark* on the same side and at least one of them is in the *zone*. However, it does not apply

- (a) *[no change]*
- (b) *[no change]*
- (c) *[no change]*
- (d) ~~if the~~ **while boats are passing a mark that** is a continuing *obstruction*, in which case rule 19 applies.

[no further changes]

2. Change rule 19.1 as shown:

19.1 When Rule 19 Applies

Rule 19 applies between two boats at an *obstruction* except

- (a) when the *obstruction* is a *mark* the boats are required to leave on the same side, or
- (b) when rule 18 applies between the boats and the *obstruction* is another boat *overlapped* with each of them.

~~However, at a continuing *obstruction*, rule 19 always applies and rule 18 does not.~~

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. Current rule 18.1(d) does not state when the mark is a continuing obstruction. It is unclear whether or not it applies when boats are approaching that mark, while the boats are at the mark, or only while the boats are passing the mark. Therefore, boats cannot know when rule 18 no longer applies. Adding 'while boats are passing' makes it clear. The wording is consistent with both rule 19.2(c) and the proposed added sentence to the definition *Obstruction*.

The proposed wording for rule 18.1(d) makes it clear that 'continuing' is a temporary property of an obstruction.

2. The current last sentence of rule 19.1 merely repeats what is stated in rule 18.1(d). There is no need for it in rule 19.
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