

Racing Rules Committee

Rule.19.1

A submission from US Sailing

Purpose or Objective

To make a complex rule easier for the reader to understand.

Proposal

19.1 When Rule 19 Applies

Rule 19 applies between two boats at an *obstruction* except **when rule 18 applies between them and**

- (a) ~~when~~ the *obstruction* is **the** a mark **that** 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

Consider the current wording of rule 19.1(a). Two boats are 'at' an obstruction, and that obstruction is a mark that that the boats are required to leave on the same side. When two boats are 'at' an obstruction, then one or both of them must be in the zone, and rule 18 applies between them (see rule 18.1).

Rule 19.1(b) also applies 'when rule 18 applies between the boats'.

Therefore, it is logical to add the phrase about rule 18 applying to rule 19.1's first line and remove it from rule 19.1(b), and that addition to rule 19.1's first line makes it easier for the reader to understand the two exceptions in (a) and (b) that follow.
