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Summary of Changes and Additions

The Case Book Supplement for 2022 consists of one new case, Case 147. It is based on action taken during the World Sailing Annual Conference in 2021. The new case has been added to *The Case Book* on the website.

CASE 147

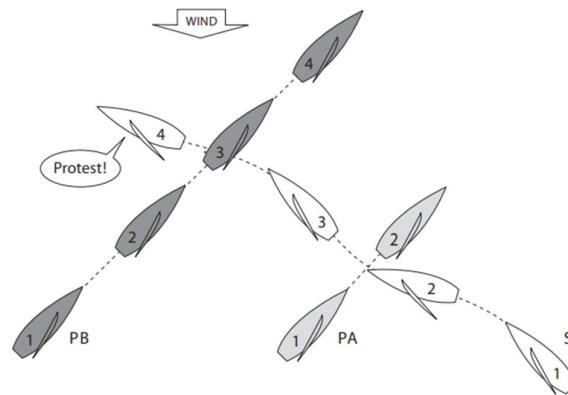
Rule 10, On Opposite Tacks

Rule 16, Changing Course

Rule 43.1(b), Exoneration

When a right-of-way boat changes course, her obligation to give a keep-clear boat room to keep clear under rule 16.1 begins. The right-of-way boat may give that room by making an additional change of course. If, while the right-of-way boat is making that additional change of course, the keep-clear boat unavoidably breaks a rule of Part 2 Section A, the keep-clear boat is exonerated by rule 43.1(b).

Facts and Protest Committee Decision



At position 1, three J/105s, S, PA and PB, were racing upwind, with S on starboard tack and PA and PB on port tack. At position 2, S bore away to avoid contact with PA. PA took a penalty.

When S luffed after avoiding PA, she was on a collision course with PB (position 3). Due to the proximity of the boats, PB was unable to keep clear of S either by tacking or by maintaining her course. S promptly bore away to avoid contact and hailed “Protest!”

The protest committee disqualified PB for breaking rule 10. PB appealed.

Decision

At position 2, S could continue to sail the course she was sailing with no need to take action to avoid PB; therefore PB was keeping clear (see the definition Keep Clear). At position 3, after S luffed, the boats were on collision courses, and PB was unable to keep clear of S either by tacking or maintaining her course. S needed to change course to avoid contact with PB.

When S, the right-of-way boat, changed course between positions 2 and 3, rule 16.1 required her to give PB room to keep clear. By promptly bearing away and avoiding PB, S complied with her obligation to give PB room.

Because S needed to change course to avoid PB, PB broke rule 10. However, she is exonerated for that breach by rule 43.1(b) because she was sailing within the room to which she was entitled under rule 16.1. PB's appeal is upheld and she is to be reinstated.

See also Case 146.

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