

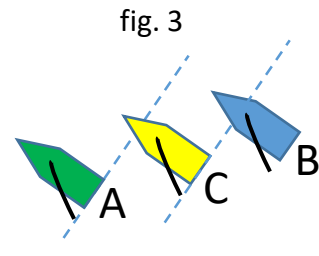
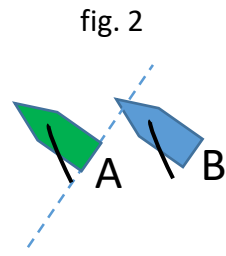
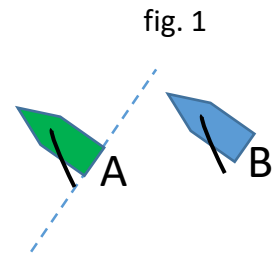
THE RACING RULES OF SAILING for 2021–2024

Note: Wind is from 000 in illustrations
Comments are in blue font
Red font for key words
All figures added to help illustrate

Definitions:

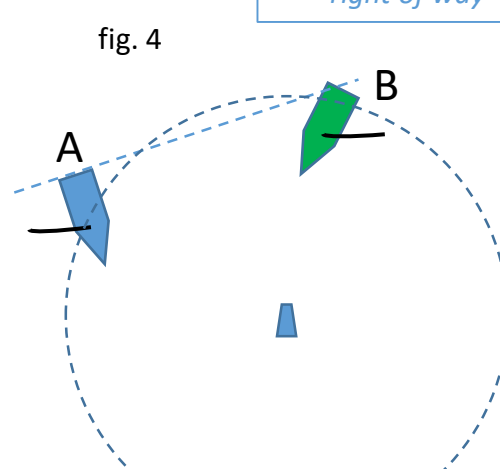
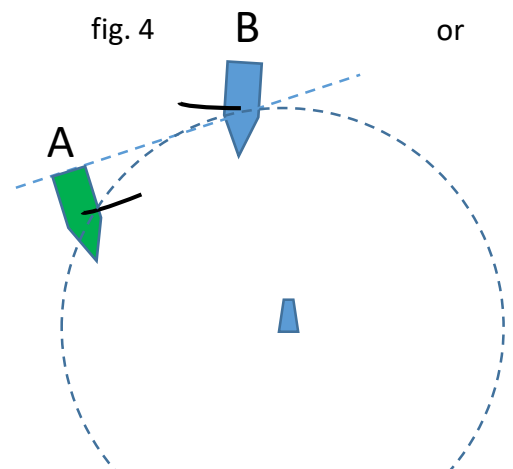
Abandon A race that a race committee or protest committee *abandons* is void but may be resailed.

Clear Astern and Clear Ahead; Overlap One boat is *clear astern* (B) of another when her **hull and equipment** in **normal position** are **behind a line abeam** from the aftermost point of the **other boat's hull and equipment** in **normal position**. The other boat (A) is *clear ahead* (fig. 1). They *overlap* when neither is *clear astern* (fig. 2). However, they also *overlap* when a boat between them *overlaps* both (fig. 3). These terms always apply to boats on the **same tack**. They **apply** to boats on opposite tacks only when **rule 18** applies between them **or** when both boats are sailing **more than ninety degrees from the true wind** (fig. 4).



Rule 18 and last sentence states opposite tacks only overlap on downwind. So, you can be on the downwind and be on opposite tacks but still have overlap for mark-room

- A is starboard tack, has right of way.
- B has overlap within zone.
- B has mark-room



Starboard tack has right of way

- B is starboard tack, has right of way.
- B has overlap within zone.
- B has mark-room

18 MARK-ROOM
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) between boats on **opposite tacks** on a **beat to windward**,
 (b) between boats on **opposite tacks** when the *proper course* at the *mark* **for one** but not both of them is **to tack**,
 (c) between a boat **approaching** a *mark* and one **leaving** it, or
 (d) if the *mark* is a continuing *obstruction*, in which case rule 19 applies.

Definitions continued:

Conflict of Interest A person has a *conflict of interest* if he

- (a) may gain or lose as a result of a decision to which he contributes,
- (b) may reasonably appear to have a personal or financial interest which could affect his ability to be impartial, or
- (c) has a close personal interest in a decision.

Fetching A boat is *fetching a mark* when she is in a position to **pass to windward** of it & leave it on the **required side without changing tack**.

Finish A boat *finishes* when, after *starting*, **any part of her hull crosses** the finishing line from the course side. However, she has **not finished** if **after crossing the finishing line** she

- (a) **takes a penalty** under rule 44.2, Rule 44.2: One-turn and two-turn penalties
- (b) **corrects an error** in *sailing the course* made at the line, or
- (c) **continues to sail the course**.

The definition for racing also comes into play for the finish!

*Racing: A boat is **racing** from her **preparatory signal** until she **finishes and clears the finishing line and marks** or retires, or until the race committee signals a general recall, postponement or abandonment.*

So, no propulsion until clear of the finishing line and marks.

Keep Clear A boat *keeps clear* of a right-of-way boat

- (a) if the **right-of-way boat can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action and**,
- (b) when the boats are **overlapped**, if the **right-of-way boat can also change course** in both directions **without immediately making contact**.

Leeward and Windward A boat's *leeward* side is the side that is or, when she is head to wind, was **away from the wind**. However, when **sailing by the lee** or **directly downwind**, her *leeward side* is the side on which her **mainsail lies**. The other side is her *windward* side. When two boats on the same *tack overlap*, the one on the *leeward* side of the other is the *leeward* boat. The other is the *windward* boat.

Mark An **object** the sailing instructions require a boat to **leave on a specified side**, a **race committee vessel surrounded by navigable water from which the starting or finishing line extends**, and an **object intentionally attached to the object or vessel**. However, an **anchor line is not part of the mark**. *Some race committee boats trail a fender or buoy behind their stern to keep racers from getting too close, that fender is part of the mark at the start or finish line, don't touch it!! On a KSx2 race, when rounding S, the race committee boat is no longer a mark. It is an obstruction until it functions as the finish line.*