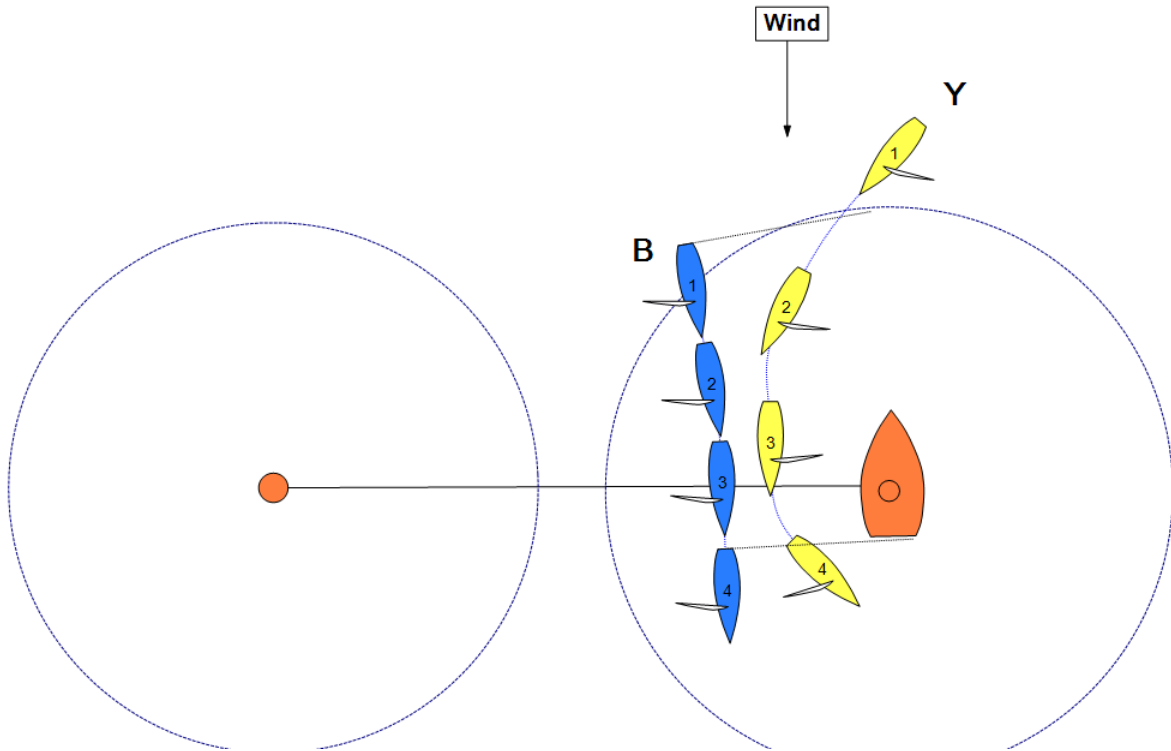


2026 BALDWIN CUP Event Call 1– Downwind Finish in 2v2

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Question

At a finishing mark at the end of a downwind or reaching leg, what is the “maneuver” that Boat B is entitled to make under rule 18.2(a)(2) and the definitions Mark-Room and Room? Also, how do the rules apply in this incident?

Answer

When Boat B reaches the zone, Boat Y has not reached the zone yet. Therefore, Y is required by rule 18.2(a)(2) to give B mark-room. Because B’s proper course is not to sail close to the finishing mark, B is not entitled to room to sail to the finishing mark. But, under rule 18.2(a)(2) and the definitions Mark-Room and Room, B is entitled to make the following maneuver: sail promptly in a seamanlike way on a course that passes the finishing mark and leaves it astern.

Y complied with rule 18.2(a)(2) by giving B mark-room. B broke rule 10, but because the course B chose to sail to pass the mark and leave it astern was a seamanlike course, B is exonerated by rule 43.1(b) for her breach.