



RRS 2017-2020 | Part 2: When Boats Meet

SECTION A: Right of Way (ROW)	SECTION B: General Limitations	SECTION C: At Marks & Obstructions	SECTION D: Other Rules
4 physical relationships define ROW boat.	There are limitations on the rights of the ROW boat.	Mark-Room and Room at obstructions.	Technical / Not commonly used.
10 Opposite Tacks (Starboard)	14 No Contact	18.1 When Mark-Room applies	21 Exoneration, if (only) taking Room or Mark-Room
11 Same Tack – Overlapped (Leeward)	15 Your action acquires ROW (Initially give room)	18.2 Giving Mark-Room	22 OCS returning, taking penalty, moving astern
12 Same Tack – not Overlapped (Clear Ahead)	16 Changing Course (Give room to keep clear)	18.3 Tacking in the zone	23 Capsized, anchored or aground or rescuing
13 Tacking (not Tacking or Starboard side)	17 Same tack overlap from astern (Not above Proper Course)	18.4 Gybing	24 Interfering with another boat
These rules are applied in order.	ROW is not absolute.	<p>19 Room to Pass an Obstruction</p> <p>20 Room to Tack</p> <p>ROW never turns off.</p> <p>ROW rules allow a boat to do a proper course rounding provided they don't break 15 & 16 when taking more than mark room.</p>	<p>21 Exonerates for breaking ROW rules and 15, 16 & touch mark if taking room or Mark room entitled to.</p> <p>If using ROW rules for proper course rounding, not necessarily exonerated for breaking 15,16 (or 17).</p>