

Lesson 3

SECTION B

GENERAL LIMITATIONS

14 – Avoiding Contact

A boat shall avoid contact with another boat if reasonably possible. However, a right-of-way boat or one entitled to *room* or *mark-room*

(a) need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other boat is not *keeping clear* or giving *room* or *mark-room*, and

(b) shall be exonerated if she breaks this rule and the contact does not cause damage or injury.

Damage? A scratch in the gelcoat? World Sailing Case 19 – A boat is considered damaged if its value or usefulness is at all reduced. Serious damage? Penalty shall be to retire 44.1(b)

Proper lookout? [World Sailing Case 107.](#)

Figure 14

Exoneration

Rule 21 is a special rule that exonerates a boat in some cases where two boats break a rule – It's in Section D, but we'll introduce you to it here.

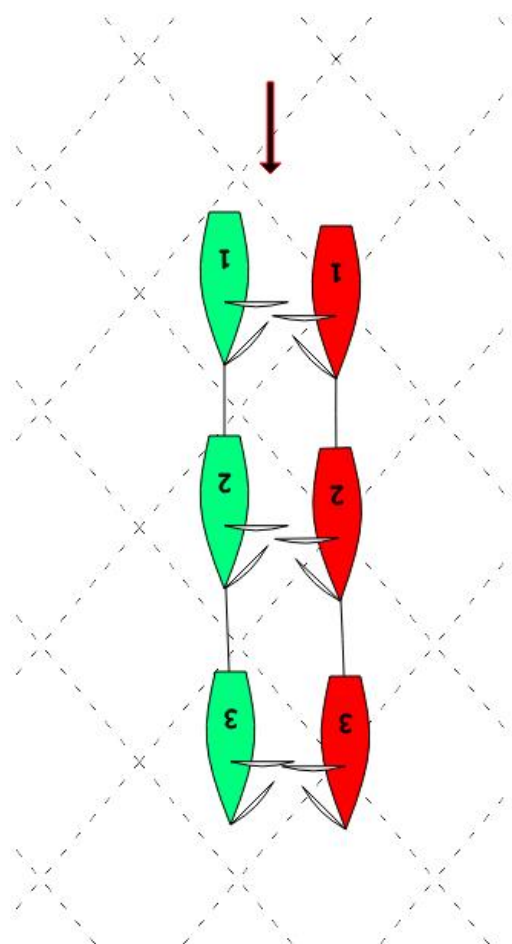
A boat may be right of way, but break a Limitation rule a Mark room rule or an other rule

21 EXONERATION

When a boat is sailing within the room or mark-room to which she is entitled, she shall be exonerated if, in an incident with a boat required to give her that room or mark-room,

(a) she breaks a rule of Section A, rule 15 or rule 16, or

(b) she is compelled to break rule 31.



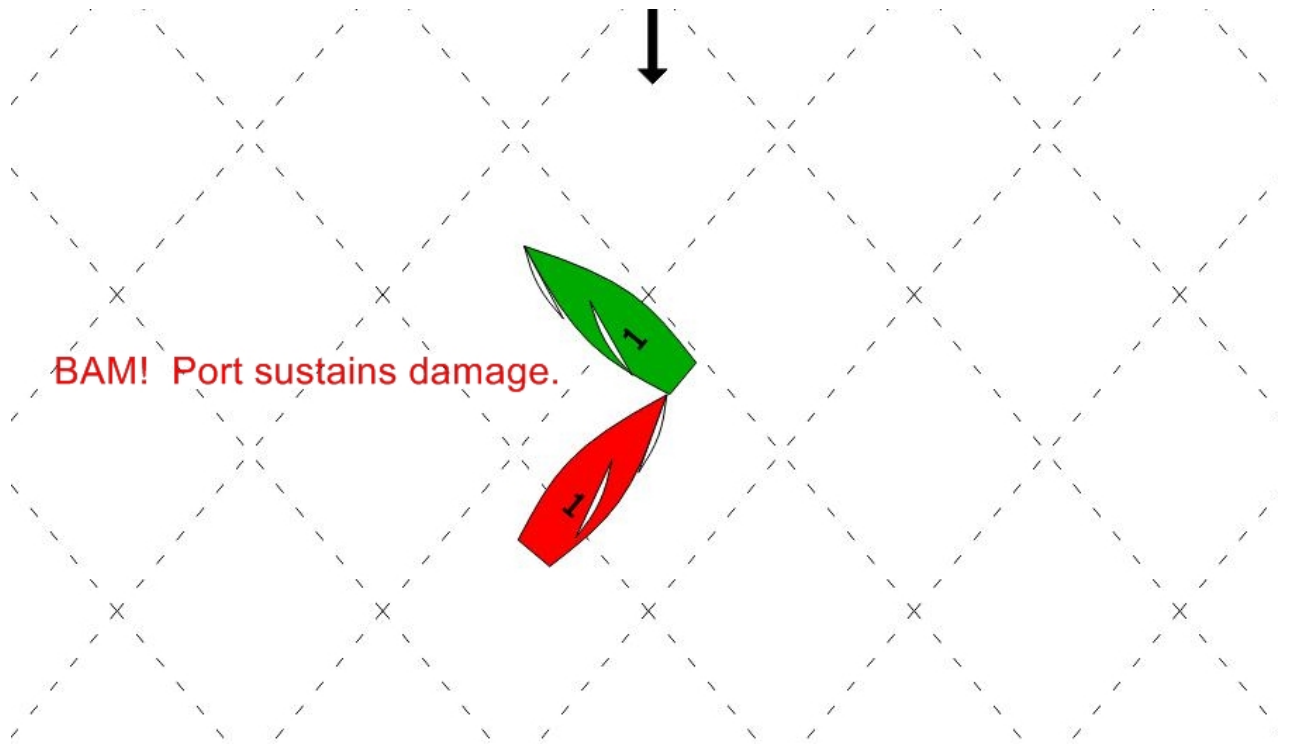


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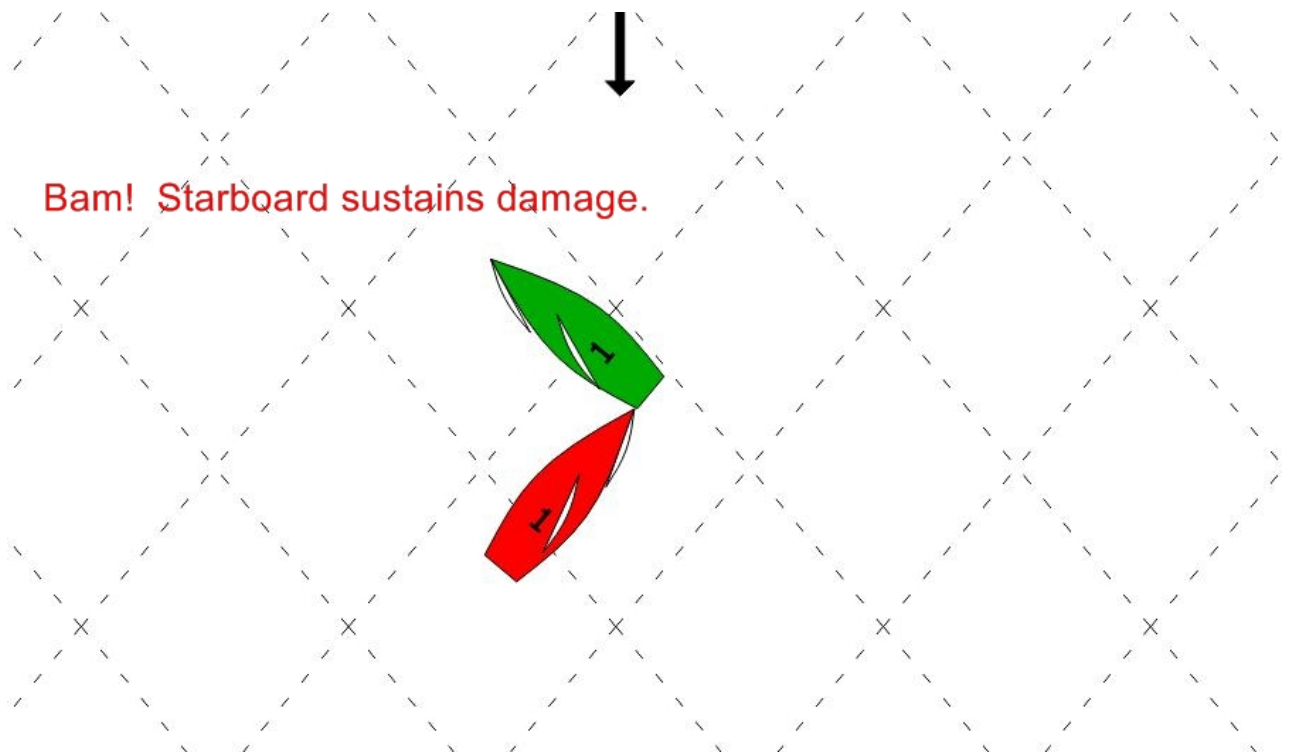


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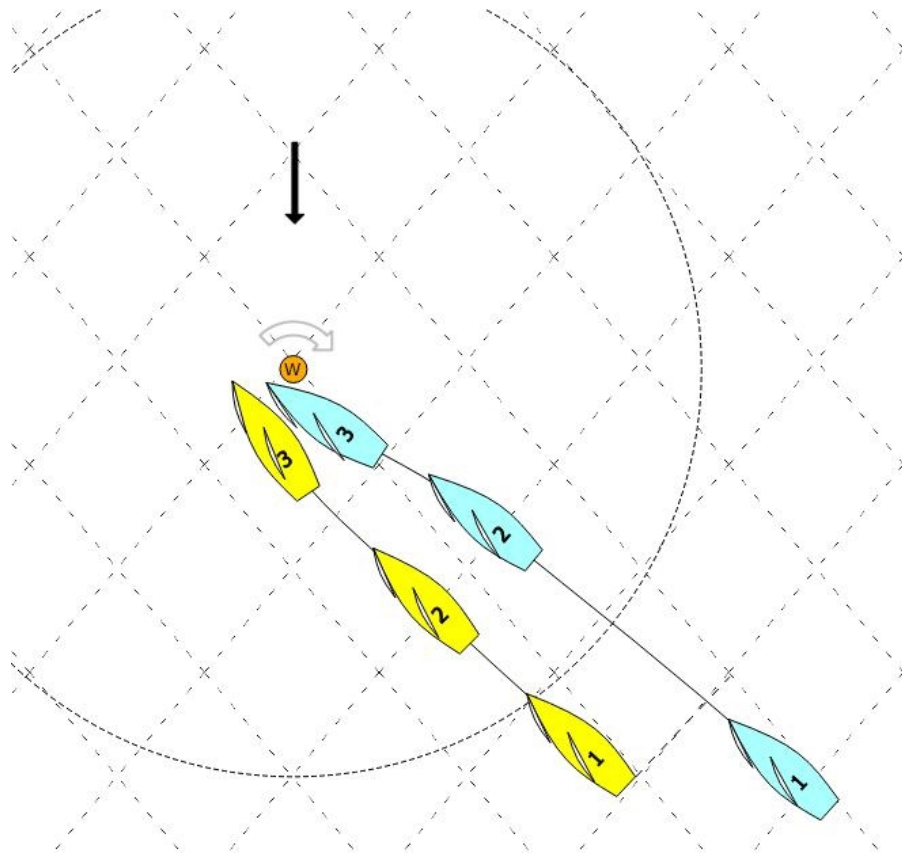


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15 – Acquiring the Right of Way

When a boat acquires right of way, she shall initially give the other boat *room to keep clear*, unless she acquires right of way because of the other boat's actions.

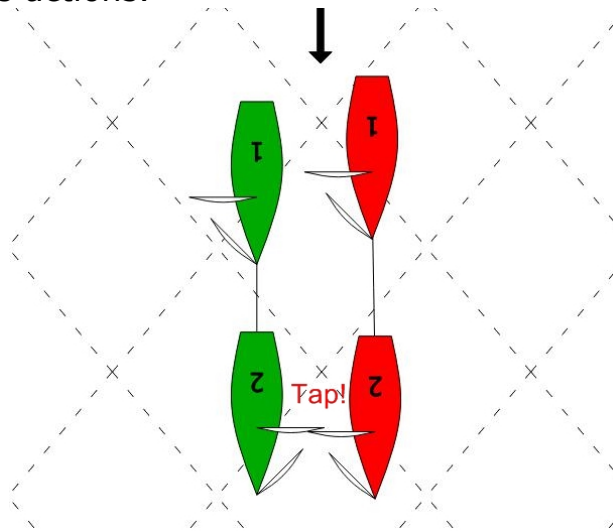


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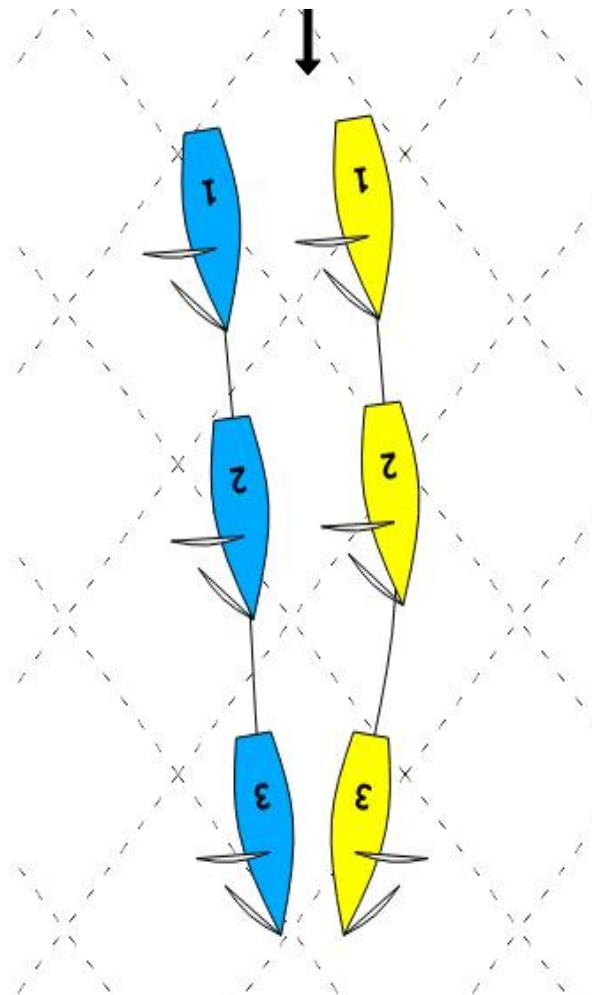


Figure 19

16 – Changing Course

16.1 When a right-of-way boat changes course, she shall give the other boat *room to keep clear*.

16.2 In addition, when after the starting signal a *port-tack* boat is *keeping clear* by sailing to pass astern of a *starboard-tack* boat, the *starboard-tack* boat shall not change course if as a result the *port-tack* boat would immediately need to change course to continue *keeping clear*.

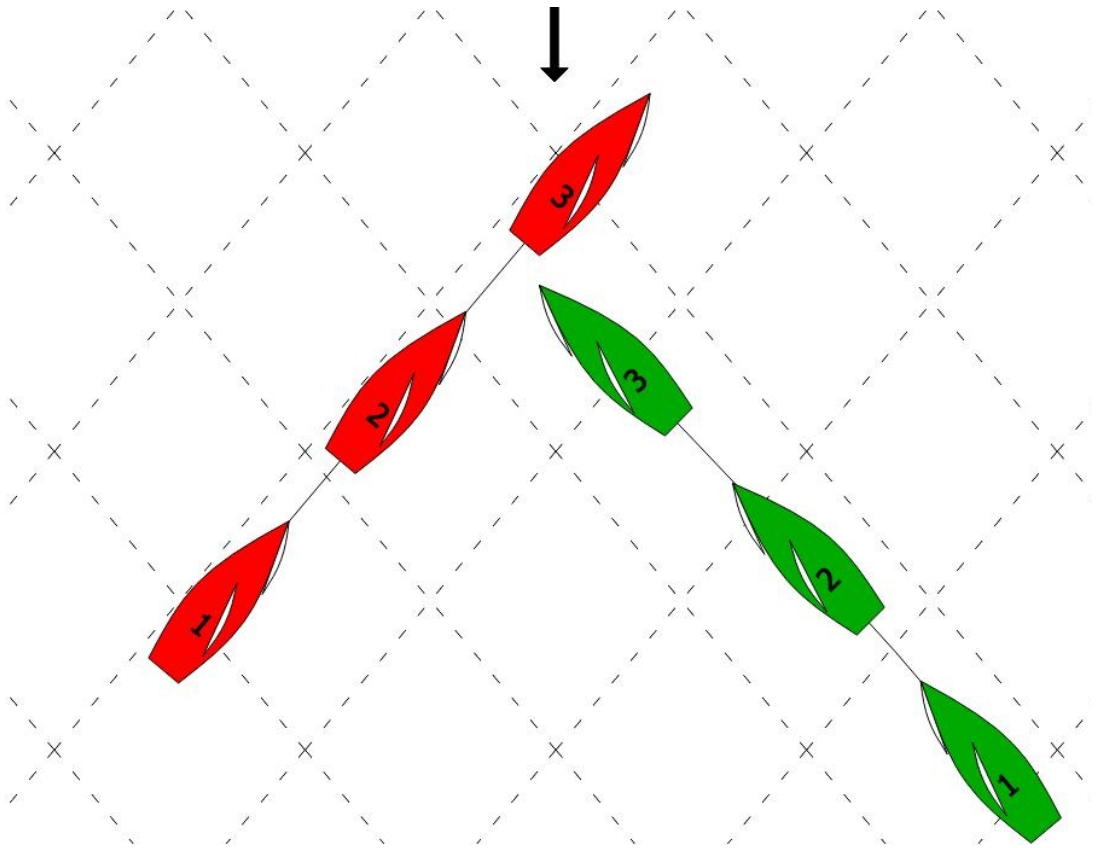


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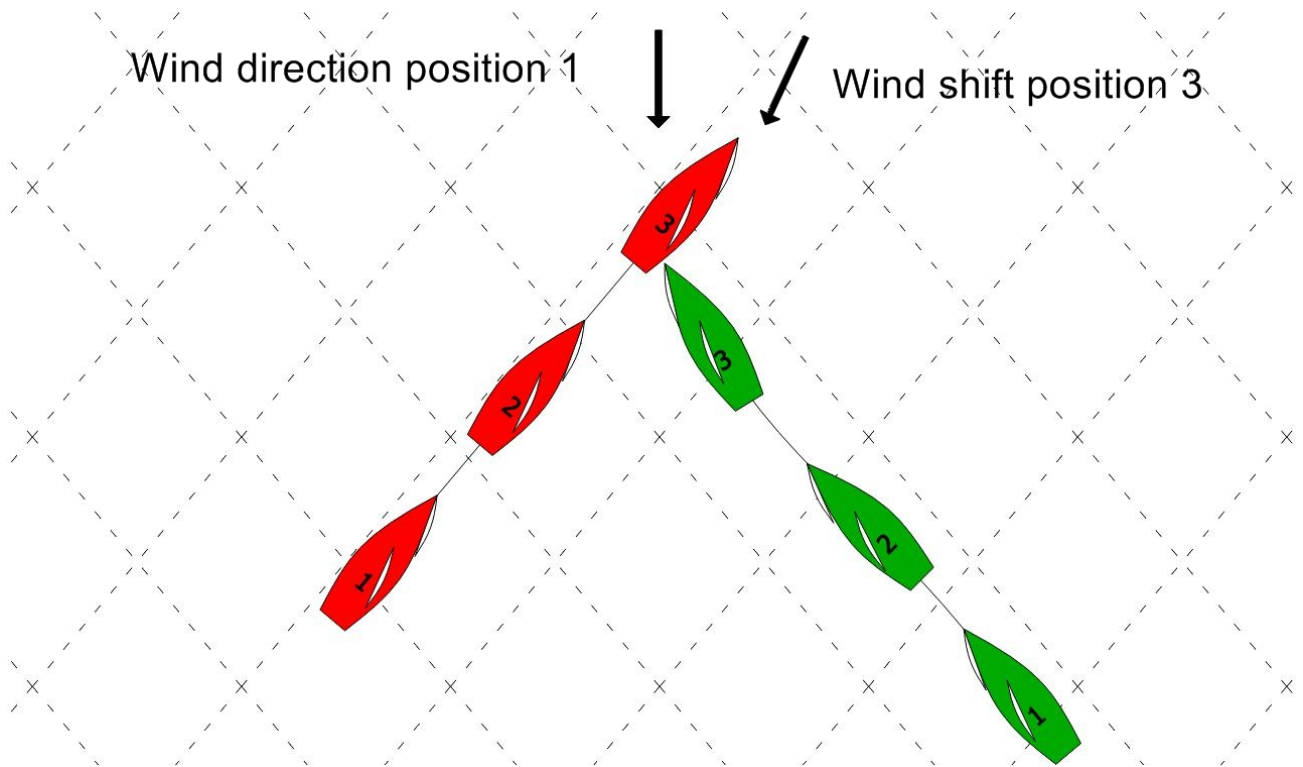


Figure 21

17 - On the Same tack; Proper Course

If a boat *clear astern* becomes *overlapped* within two of her hull lengths to *leeward* of a boat on the same *tack*, she shall not sail above her *proper course* while they remain on the same *tack* and *overlapped* within that distance, unless in doing so she promptly sails astern of the other boat. This rule does not apply if the *overlap*

begins while the *windward* boat is required by rule 13 to *keep clear*.

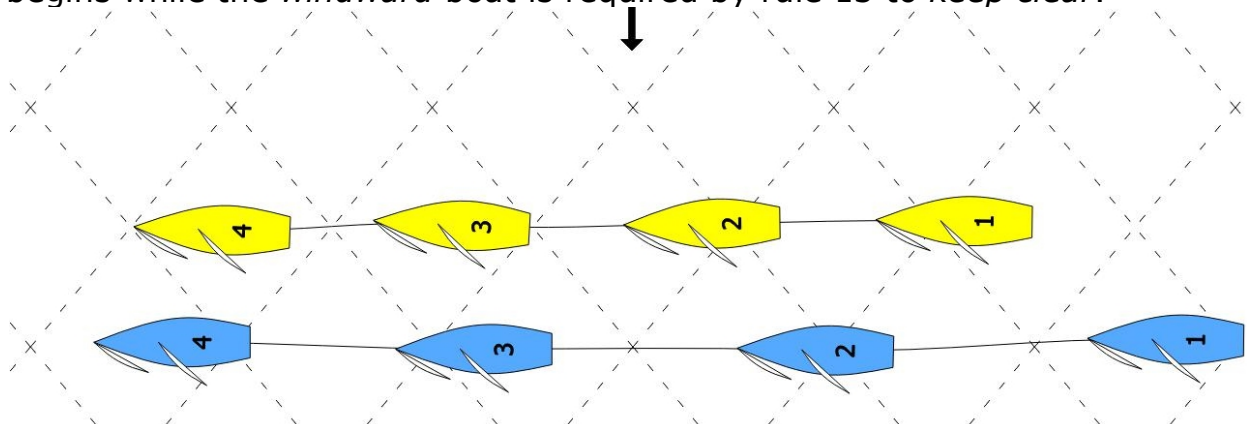


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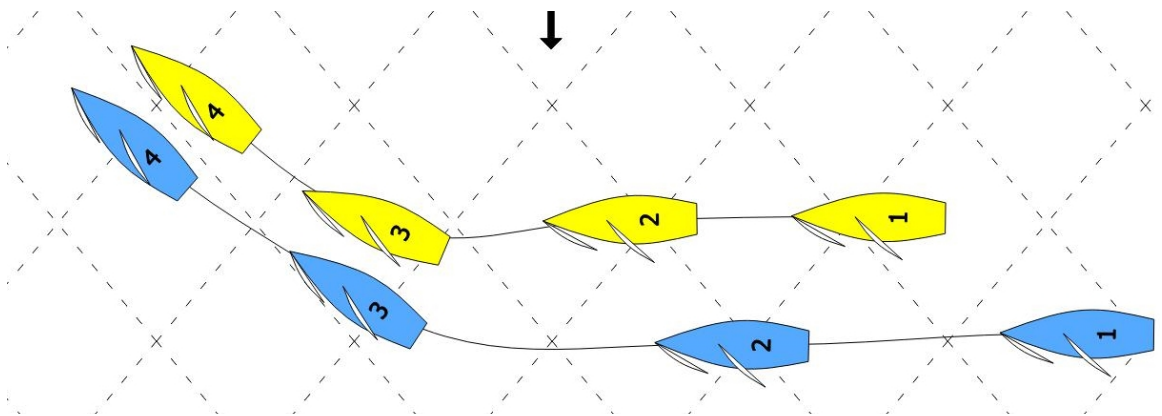


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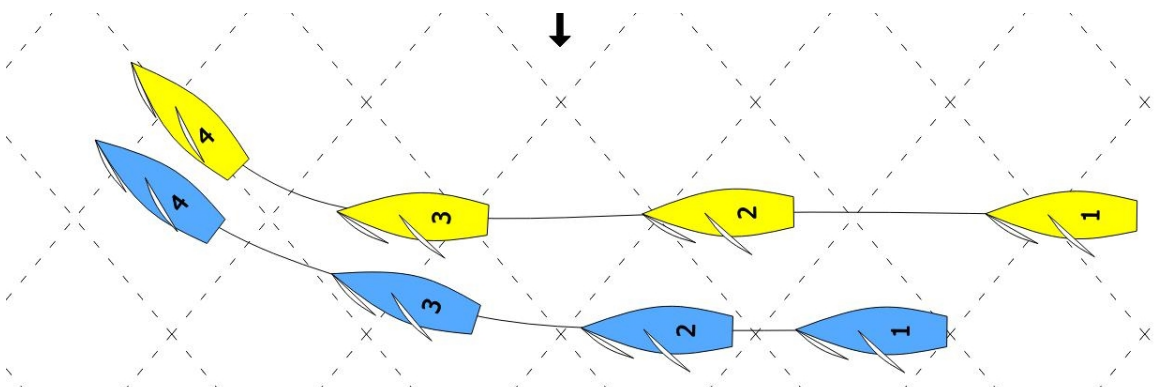


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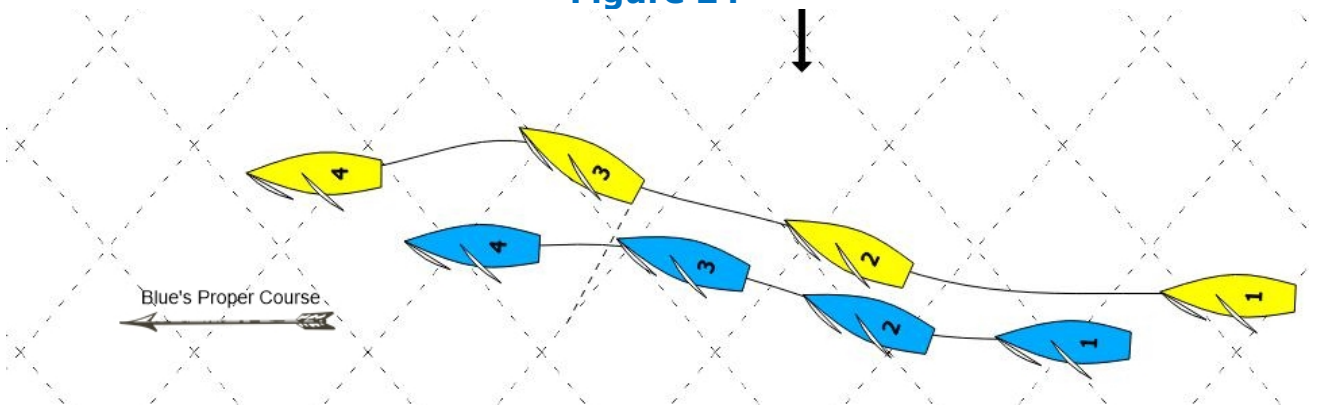


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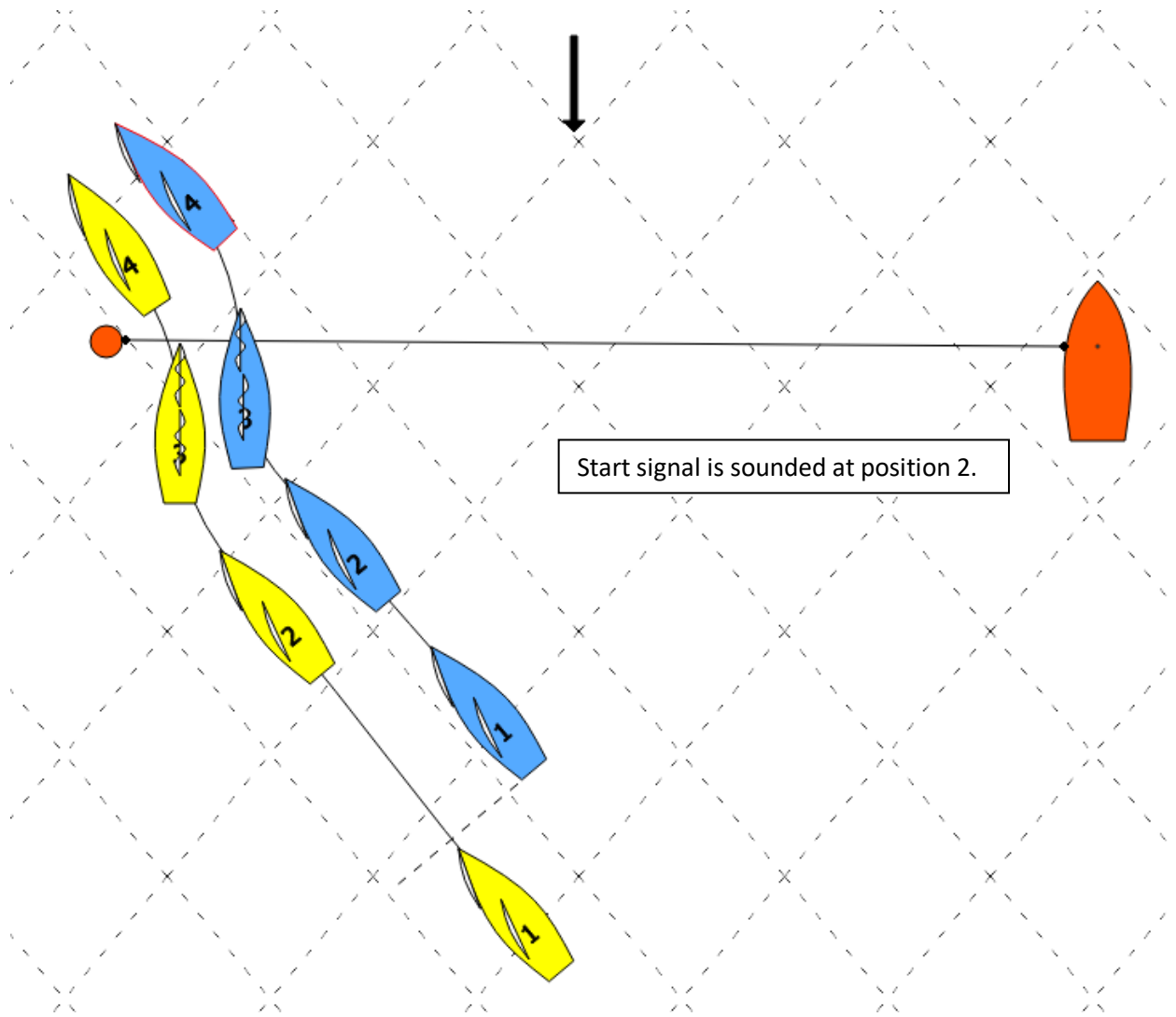


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