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Summary of Changes

On 3 December 2018, World Sailing the revised version of Case 132 shown below. The revised case became effective on that date. It interprets the phrase ‘on a beat to windward’ which is used in rules 18.1(a) and 42.3(c).

The revised case has been published as an addition to the *2018 Supplement to the Case Book* because of an issue that arose during 2018 that could have resulted in dangerous situations under the previous version of the case

Note: A *2019 Supplement to the Case Book* will be published in early 2019. It will contain new cases approved at the 2018 World Sailing Annual Conference.

CASE 132

Rule 18.1(a), Mark-Room: When Rule 18 Applies **Rule 42.3(c), Propulsion: Exceptions**

Interpretation of the phrase ‘on a beat to windward’.

Question 1

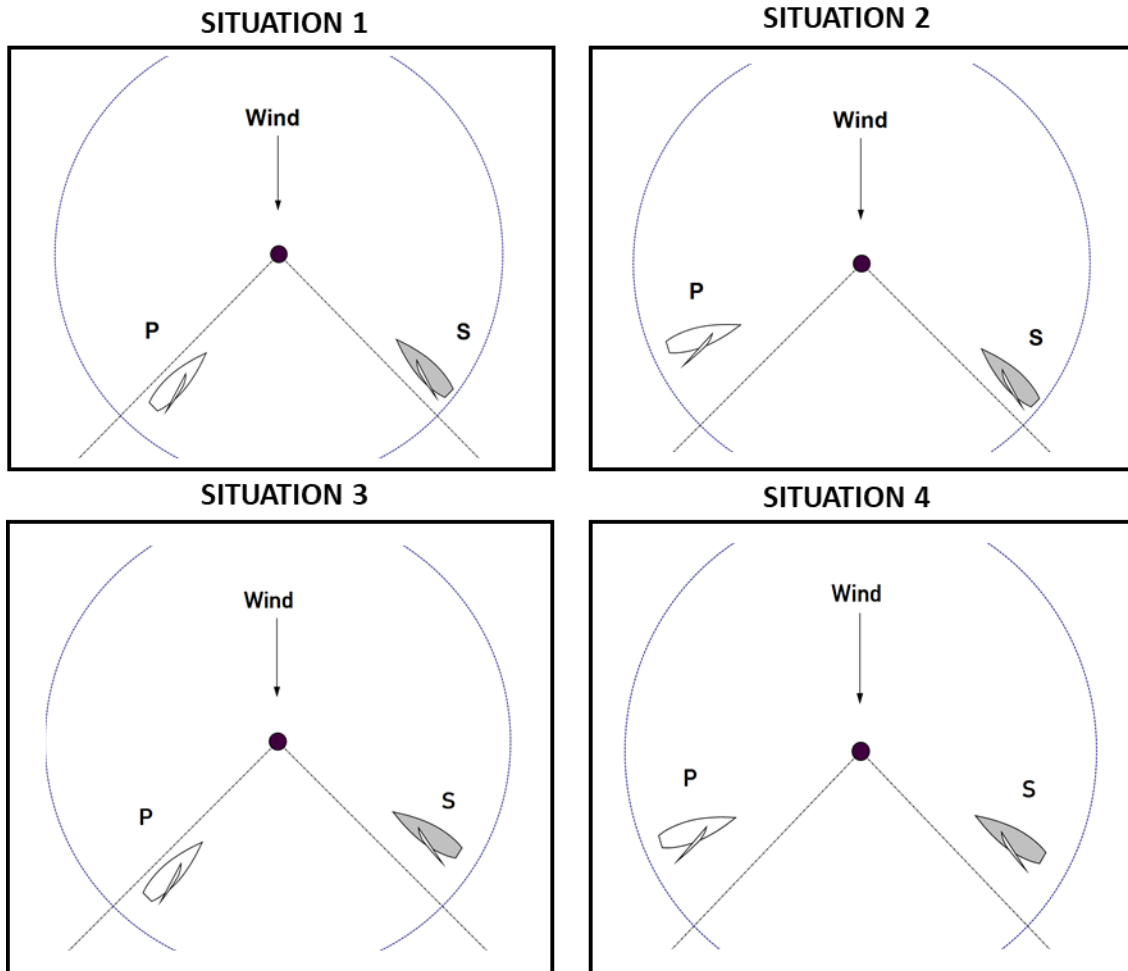
Rule 18.1(a) states that rule 18 does not apply between boats on opposite *tacks* on a beat to windward. For the purpose of rule 18.1(a), when are boats ‘on a beat to windward’?

Answer 1

For the purpose of rule 18.1(a), which is only needed in multi-boat situations when at least one boat is in the zone, two boats on opposite tacks are considered to be ‘on a beat to windward’

- (1) when the proper course for each of them is close-hauled or above, or
- (2) when one or both of them have overstood the close-hauled layline to the mark and are sailing below close-hauled.

Consider the following four situations, each involving boats on opposite tacks in the zone of a mark to be left to port. The mark could be a windward mark, a finishing mark at the port end of a finishing line, a windward gate mark, or a limit mark that is not a rounding mark. In each of these situations, the boats shown are ‘on opposite tacks on a beat to windward’ and, therefore, rule 18 does not apply between them.



Question 2

Rule 42.3(c) states that a single pull on any sail when surfing or planing is possible is permitted except on a beat to windward. For the purpose of rule 42.3(c), when is a boat 'on a beat to windward'?

Answer 2

Rule 42 addresses each boat in a race individually. For the purpose of rule 42.3(c), a boat is 'on a beat to windward' provided that, in the absence of all other boats, the course she would sail to sail the course and finish as soon as possible is close-hauled or above.