Racing Rules of Sailing

New TR Call E11

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

Add existing rapid response call into Call Book.

Proposal

TR CALL E11

Definition
Proper Course
Rule 17
On the Same Tack, Proper Course

Facts

Y and B are sailing close hauled on starboard tack. Y is clear astern and slightly to windward of B.

Both boats sail beyond the layline to the mark and then bear away. At position 3 Y becomes overlapped from clear astern and to leeward of B. From this time the proper course for Y is to gybe. B protests.

Decision

Penalty Y.

When Y becomes overlapped to leeward of B, rule 17 begins to apply to Y. Her proper course is to bear away and gybe in order to sail to the mark. Y sails above her proper course and breaks rule 17. See also Call G4.
Current Position

Team Racing Rapid Response Call 2018-001

Reasons

This call clarifies that rule 17 may apply at any time when the proper course for a boat overlapped to leeward of another is to bear away.