

# Racing Rules Seminar

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# Why do we have racing rules?

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Strategy      Tactics      Techniques




75% Pattern Recognition



25% Racing Rules

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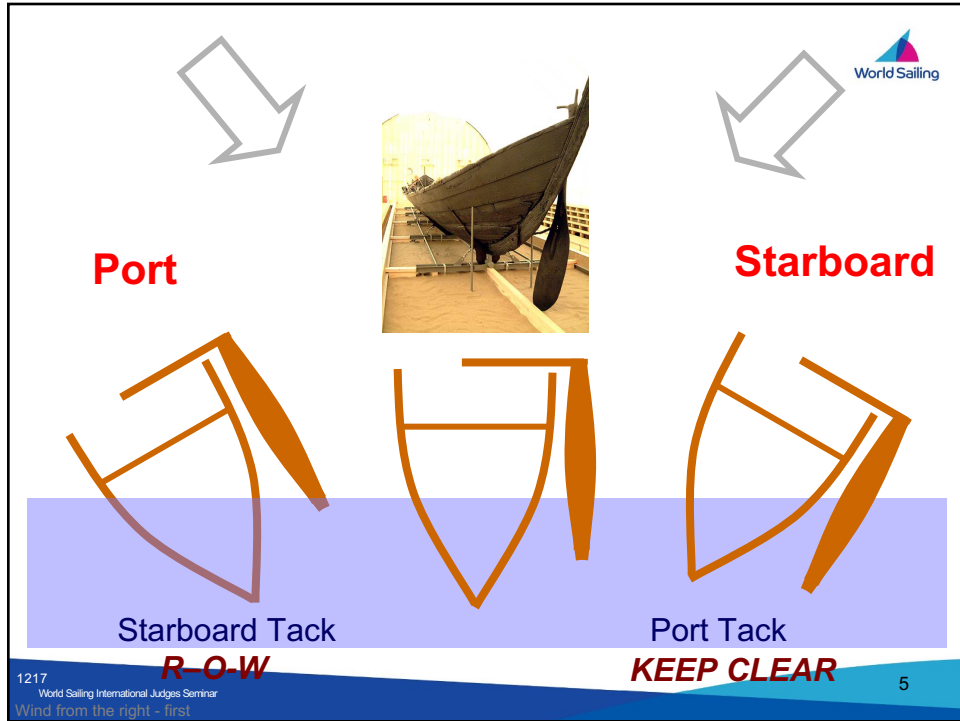
# Two Basic RRS Principles

<b>More Maneuverable Boat</b>	KEEP CLEAR BOAT <i>shall</i>	<b>Keep Clear</b>
<b>Less Maneuverable Boat</b>	R-O-W BOAT <i>shall</i>	<b>Give Room</b>

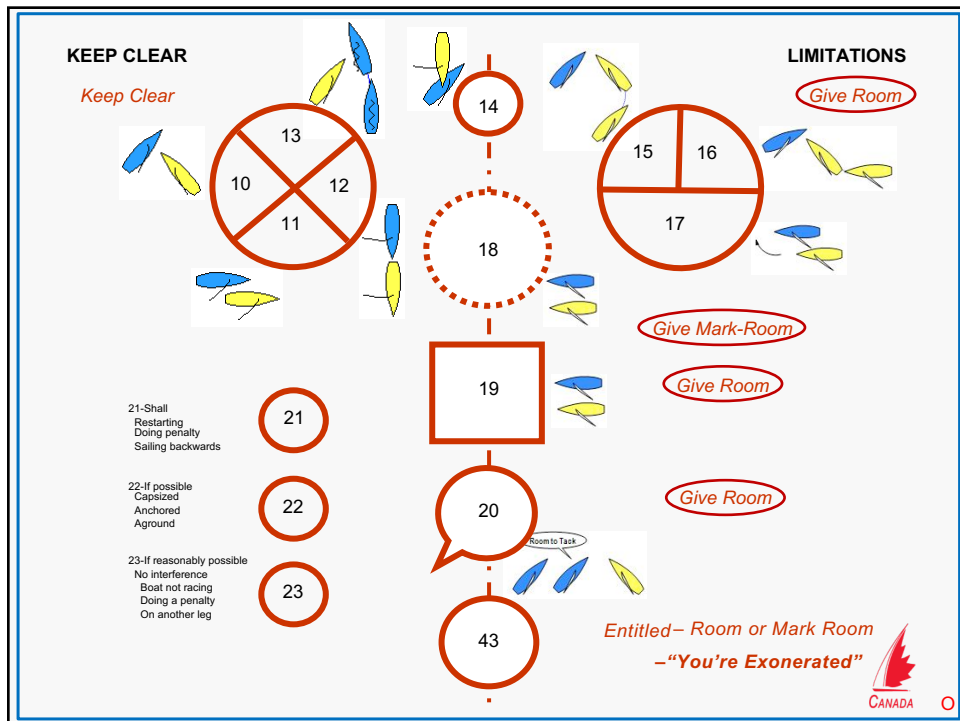
1217 additional principles.  
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 Burden of Proof - Balance of probabilities - more probable than not.

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## RRS Part 2: Key Definitions

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- ***Keep clear*** A boat *keeps clear* of a right-of-way boat
  - (a) if the r-o-w boat can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action

AND

  - (b) when the boats are overlapped, the r-o-w boat can also change course in both directions without immediately making contact.

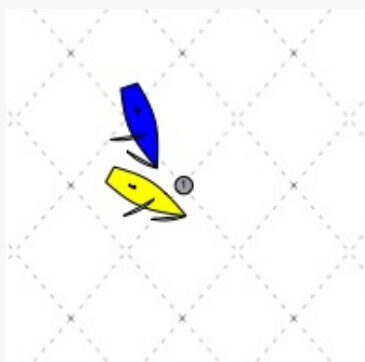


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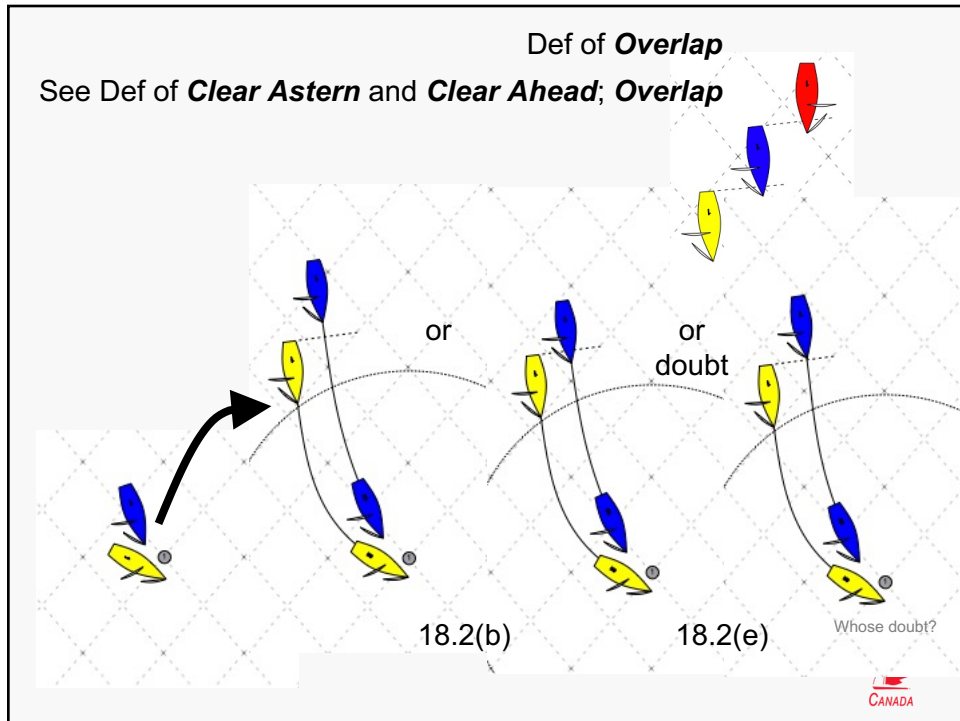
**Rule 18 – MARK ROOM** *Room* to leave a *mark* on the required side.

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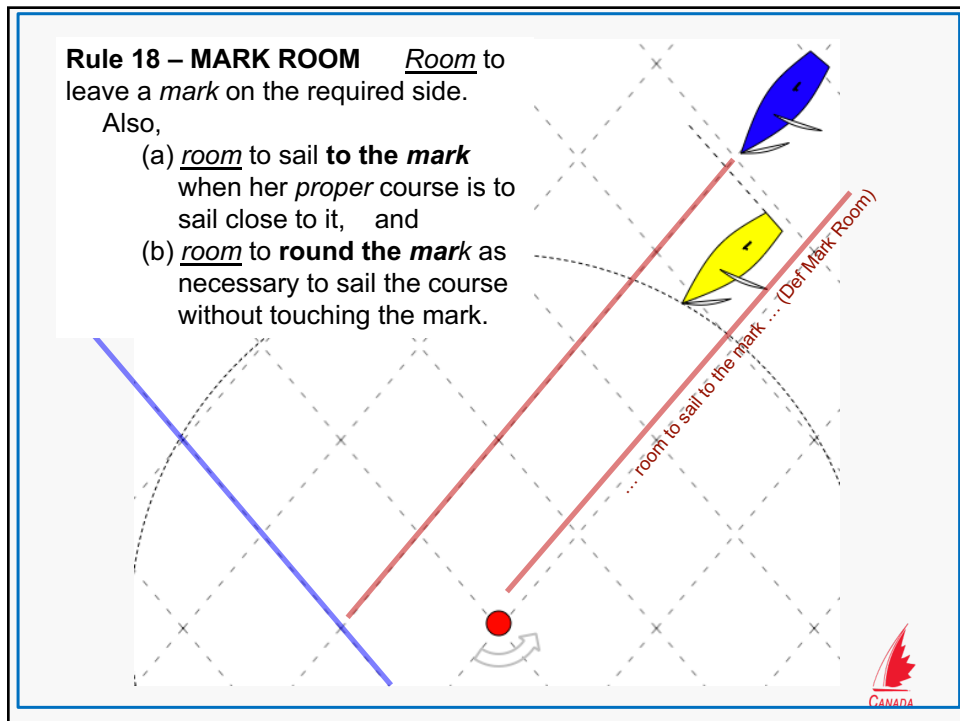
- (a) *room* to sail **to the mark** when her *proper* course is to sail close to it, and
- (b) *room* to **round or pass the mark** as necessary to sail the course without touching the mark.



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## Rule 14

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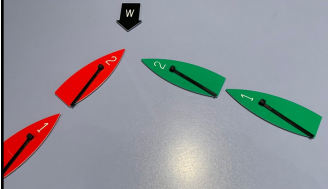
A boat shall avoid contact with another boat  
if reasonably possible.

However, a right-of-way boat or  
one sailing within the *room* or *mark-room* to which  
she is entitled

need not act to avoid contact **until** it is clear that  
the other boat is not *keeping clear* or giving *room*  
or *mark-room*.

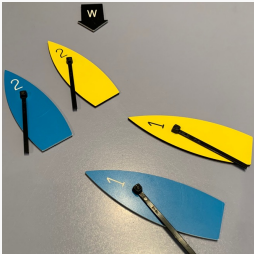


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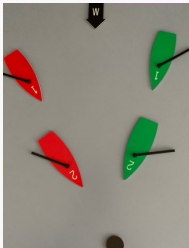


**ROW or Entitled Boats**  
**Rule 14**

Right-of-way



Sailing within the room she is  
**entitled** to



Sailing within the mark-room to  
which she is **entitled**



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## Entitled boats

- **Rule 14**
- **However,**
- **ROW, entitled to room or mark-room**
- need **not act** to avoid contact
- until it is **clear that**
- the **other boat is not**
  - *keeping clear or*
  - *giving room or mark-room*



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## 14 Reasonably possible

- Case 107
- A boat must do everything that can reasonably be expected of her in the prevailing conditions to avoid contact. This **includes keeping a good lookout...**
- **Hailing is one way** that a boat may “act to avoid contact”.



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## 14 Reasonably possible



- Case 123
- When it would be clear to a competent, but not expert, sailor at the helm ...
- that there is substantial risk of contact ...,
- the ... boat breaks rule 14 if contact occurs and there was still time for her to change course sufficiently to avoid the contact.



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## Rule 14 breach

- **Is the Boat entitled?**
  - R-O-W, in room, in mark-room
- **Boat that is not entitled**
  - Disqualified
- **Boat that is entitled**
  - If no damage or injury, exonerated 43.1(c)
  - If damage or injury, Disqualified



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