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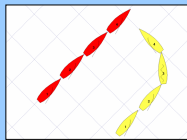
The rules of part 2 state which boat has to *give room* in different situations.

- Acquiring right of way [15]
- Right of way changing course [16]
- Outside boat at marks and obstructions [18.2(a)]
- Room to tack at obstructions [19.1]



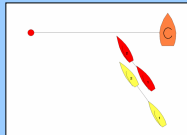
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Giving Room – Acquiring Right of Way



Yellow has just tacked from port onto starboard and acquired right of way.

She must **give room** to Red to fulfil her new obligation to keep clear. Rule 15



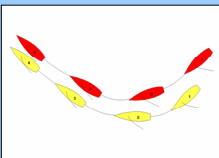
Yellow has just sailed from clear astern to leeward and acquired right of way.

She must **give room** to Red to fulfil her new obligation to keep clear. Rule 15



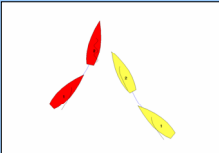
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Giving Room – Changing Course



Yellow is the right of way boat.

When she changes course (luffs) she must **give room** to Red to respond. Rule 16



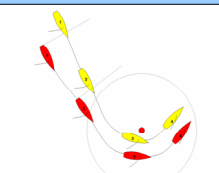
Red must still do everything she can, in a seamanlike manner, to **keep clear**.

Red remains the boat required to keep clear. Yellow altering course does not change the right of way



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Giving Room – at Mark and Obstructions



Red is the right of way boat.

When she enters the 2-length-zone must **give room** for Yellow to pass the mark, but she remains the right of way boat.

Yellow is only entitled to **room** (the space to manoeuvre promptly in a seamanlike manner in the conditions) not necessarily the space she would like for a perfect rounding.





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So, the amount of room depends upon:

- the type of boat
- the wind
- the water conditions
- other boats in the vicinity



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When a boat becomes entitled to room, this does not change the right of way