

Dave Perry's Quiz #11

Quiz 11

With 45 seconds to go before the starting signal, Boat P (on port tack) on a beam reach is approaching Boat S (on starboard tack) who is sitting nearly wayless on a close-hauled course with her sails luffing. P proceeds to luff and then cross head to wind all in one motion, ending up to leeward of S. When on a parallel course with S, P stops her change of course, never filling her sails. S, despite having room to get steerageway on and to keep clear, chooses to make no attempt to keep clear of P and 15 seconds later drifts down and makes contact (no damage or injury) with P. Both boats protest, S claiming that P had not completed her tack because she tacked from a reach and never filled her sails. You are on the protest committee; how would you decide this?

