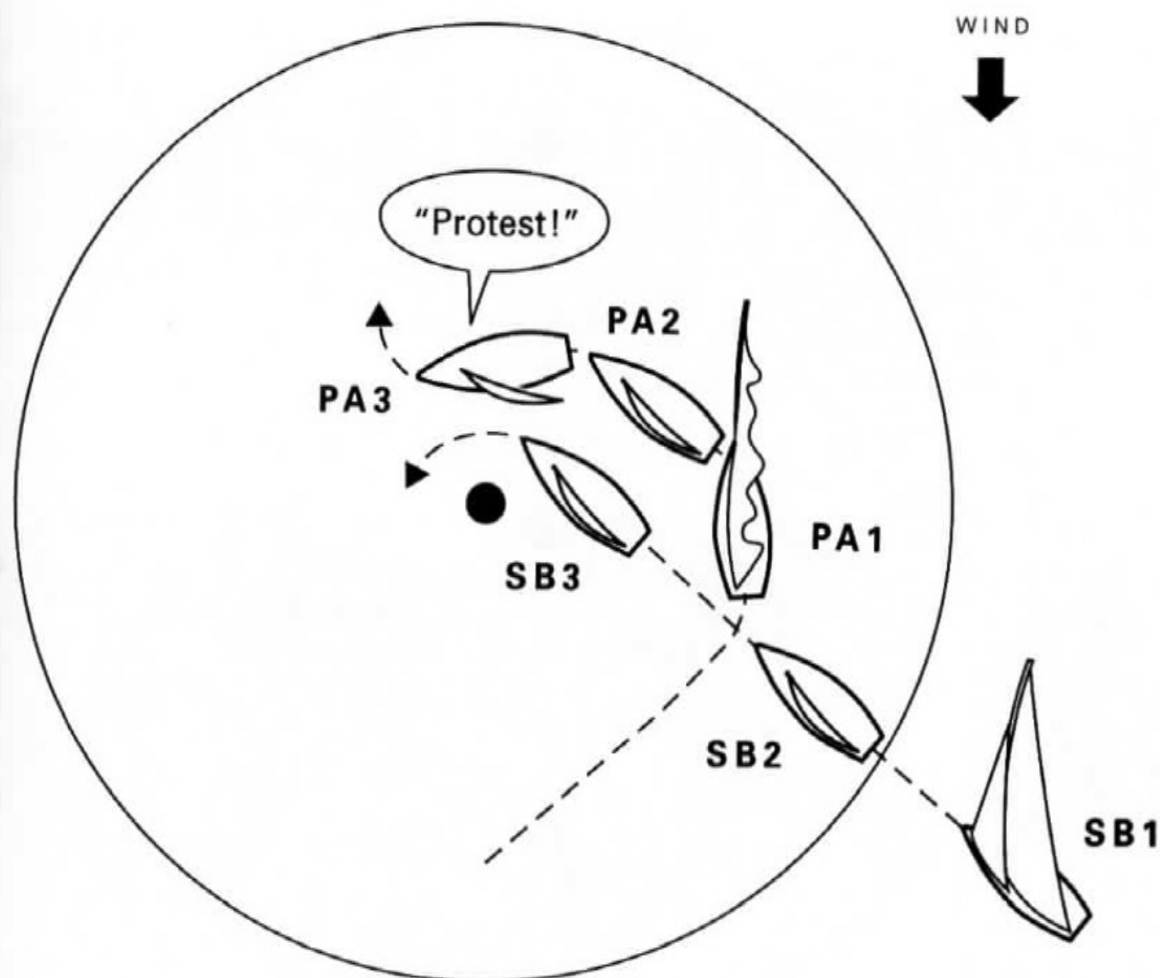


Quiz 37

A port-tack boat (PA) and a starboard-tack boat (SB) are approaching the windward mark. PA tacks to round the mark, and passes head to wind within the zone. At that moment she is one length ahead and slightly to windward of SB, and moving more slowly than SB due to her tack. SB holds her course. As PA begins to bear away around the mark it becomes apparent that SB will hit PA's leeward side, and that there will not be room for SB to sail between PA and the mark without hitting either. PA luffs away from the mark and SB passes between PA and the mark with no contact. PA protests SB. You are on the protest committee; how would you decide this?



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PA's protest is disallowed; neither boat broke a rule. While PA is tacking within the zone, she does not cause SB to take any avoiding action; so she does not break rule 13, While Tacking. And after she passes head to wind she does not cause SB to sail above close-hauled to avoid contact; therefore PA does not break rule 18.3, Passing Head to Wind in the Zone. Rule 11, On the Same Tack, Overlapped, requires PA to keep clear of SB if SB becomes overlapped to leeward of her, and rule 18.3 requires PA to give SB mark-room if SB becomes overlapped inside her at any time while the boats are passing the mark. By keeping clear of SB and giving her mark-room, PA complies with rules 11 and 18.3. Note that rule 18.2, Giving Mark-Room, does not apply (see rule 18.3).