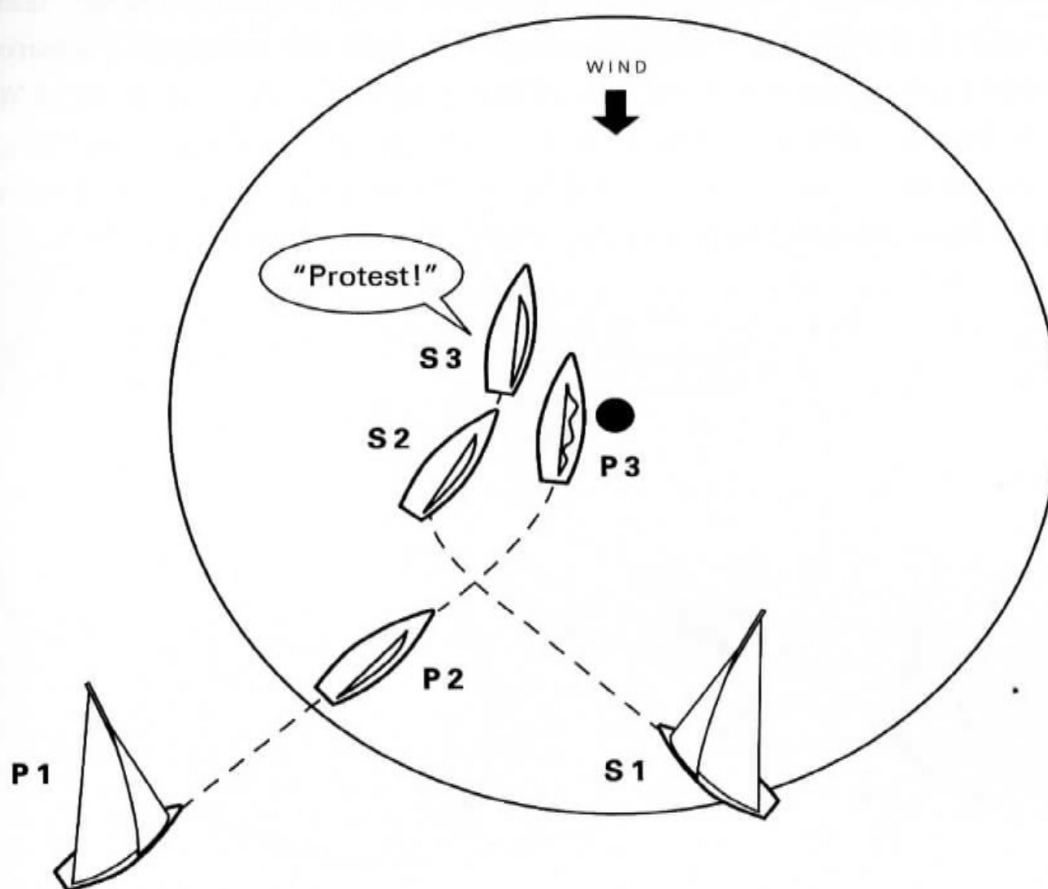


## Quiz 39

Boats P (on port tack) and S (on starboard tack) are approaching a windward mark to be left to starboard. In the zone, S crosses P by one length and tacks clear ahead and slightly to windward of her. P, moving more quickly, overlaps S to leeward when S's bow is at the mark. S luffs to avoid contact with P and protests. You are on the protest committee; how would you decide this?



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### ANSWER TO QUIZ 39

Boat S's protest is disallowed; neither boat broke a rule. While S is tacking, she is required to keep clear of P until she is on a close-hauled course by rule 13, While Tacking, which she did. Rule 18.3, Passing Head to Wind in the Zone, does not apply at a mark to be left to starboard. Rule 18.2(b), Giving Mark-Room, does not apply because the term "overlap" does not apply between P and S when S reached the zone, because they were on opposite tacks on a beat to windward (see the definition Clear Astern and Clear Ahead; Overlap).

When P becomes overlapped to leeward of S, S is required to keep clear of P by rule 11, On the Same Tack, Overlapped, which she does; and P is initially required to give S room to keep clear of her by rule 15, Acquiring Right of Way, which she does. When the boats become overlapped, S is also required to give P mark-room by rule 18.2(a), Giving Mark-Room, unless she is not physically able to do so. In this case, S was able to give P room to round the mark.