Explanation 1 Finish Line

Blue enters the zone of the Committee Boat clear ahead of Yellow.

Blue sails high ( to luff an opponent), at position 3 Yellow establishes an overlap from astern.

What are the limitations ( if any) on Blue when she gybes onto port.



Answer: When Yellow becomes overlapped on Yellow, 18.2 (c) 2 applies.

“ if she becomes *overlapped* inside the boat entitled to *mark-room*, she shall also give that boat *room* to sail her *proper course* while they remain *overlapped*. “

Therefore Blue only has room to sail her proper course, which is to finish as quickly as possible.

The angled lines show gybe lines. By gybing at position 3 Blue has left space for Yellow to finish inside her.

Note: It is never a proper course for Blue to point above the port quarter of the committee boat.