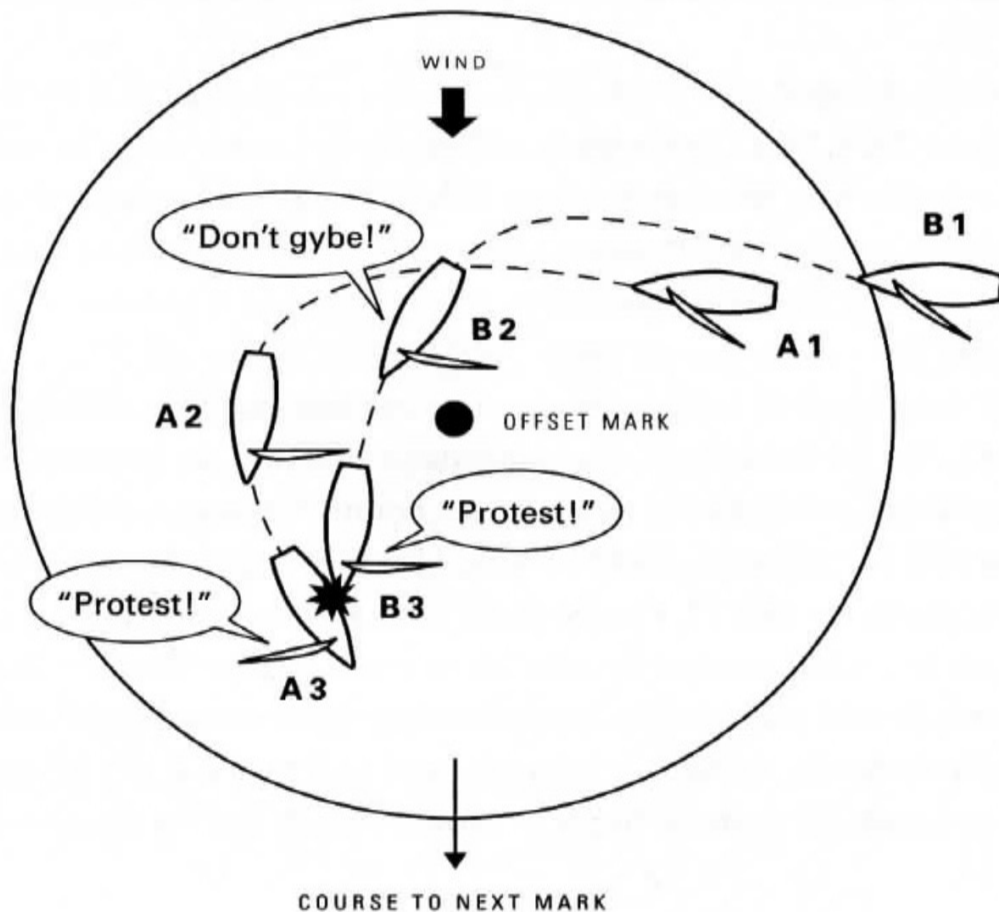


Quiz 44

Boats A and B are approaching an offset mark on starboard tack. The next leg is a downwind leg with time spent on both tacks. When A reaches the zone she is clear ahead of B. A bears away around the mark to her downwind sailing angle on starboard tack. At that point she is still overlapped with the mark. As a result of her bearing away, B becomes overlapped inside her. A continues bearing away and gybes onto port tack. There is contact immediately between B's bow and A's port side, with damage to both boats. Both boats protest. You are on the protest committee; how would you decide this?



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