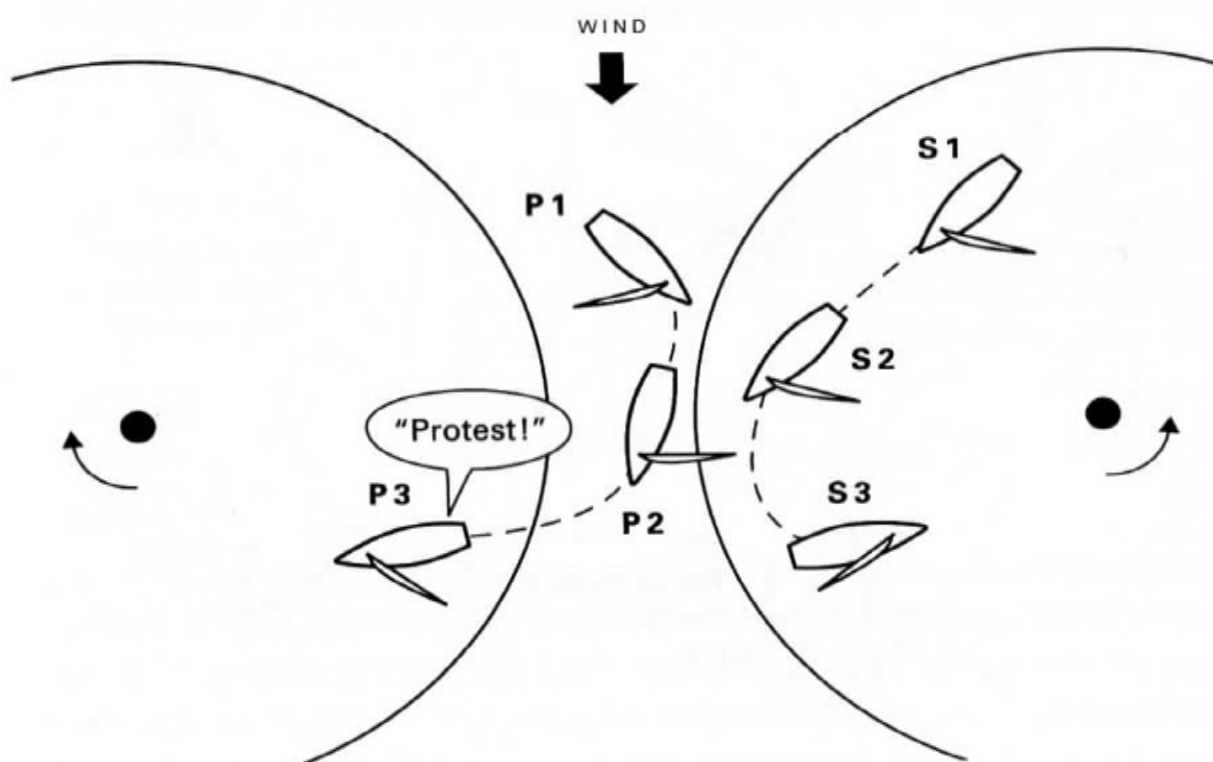


## Quiz 47

Boats P and S are approaching the left-hand gate mark (looking downwind) to be left to port. After entering the zone, S continues sailing straight when her proper course is to bear away and gybe to round the mark. P gybes to avoid contact with S, hails "Protest!" and rounds the right-hand gate mark. After causing P to gybe, S gybes and rounds the left-hand mark. You are on the protest committee; how will you decide this?



### ANSWER

Disallow P's protest. As P approaches S, she is required to keep clear of her under rule 10, On Opposite Tacks, which she does. When S is in the zone of the left-hand mark, P is required to give S mark-room under rule 18.2(b), Giving Mark-Room, but as a right-of-way boat S breaks no rule by taking more room than she is entitled to. Rule 18.4, Gybing, which would require S to gybe if the mark was a single leeward mark, does not apply at a gate mark.

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