

Quiz 48

Boats SW and SL, two starboard-tack boats, are sailing close-hauled nearby each other heading for a breakwater. SL, the leeward boat, hails SW for room to tack. SW, the windward boat, replies, "You tack!" SL immediately tacks but has to bear away substantially to pass astern of SW without colliding with her. She does so and protests SW claiming SW did not give her enough room as demonstrated by her need to bear away substantially to avoid SW. You are on the protest committee; how would you decide this?

