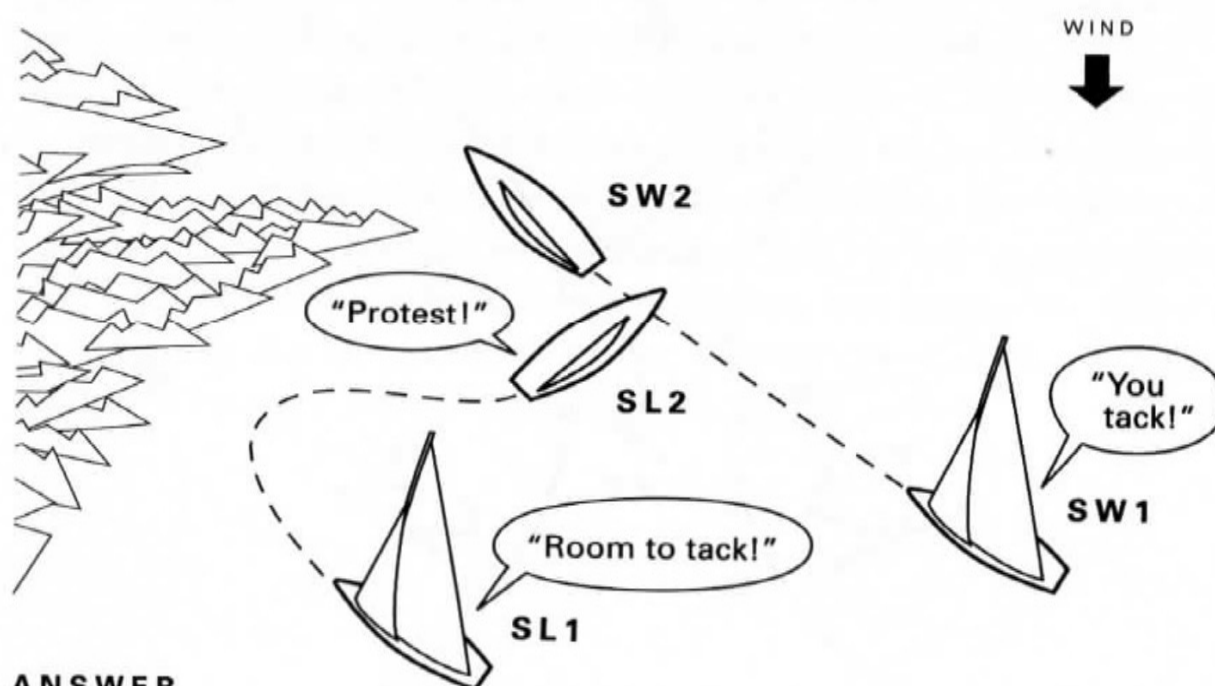


## Quiz 48

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?



### ANSWER

Boat SL's protest is disallowed. By her actions, SL demonstrates that she is able to tack immediately and avoid SW. Thus SW has complied with rule 20.2(c), Room to Tack at an Obstruction: Responding. Nothing in rule 20 is intended to protect the hailing boat from a loss of distance incurred by bearing away astern of the hailed boat. Once on port tack, SL properly avoids SW under rule 10, On Opposite Tacks. (See World Sailing Case 35.)