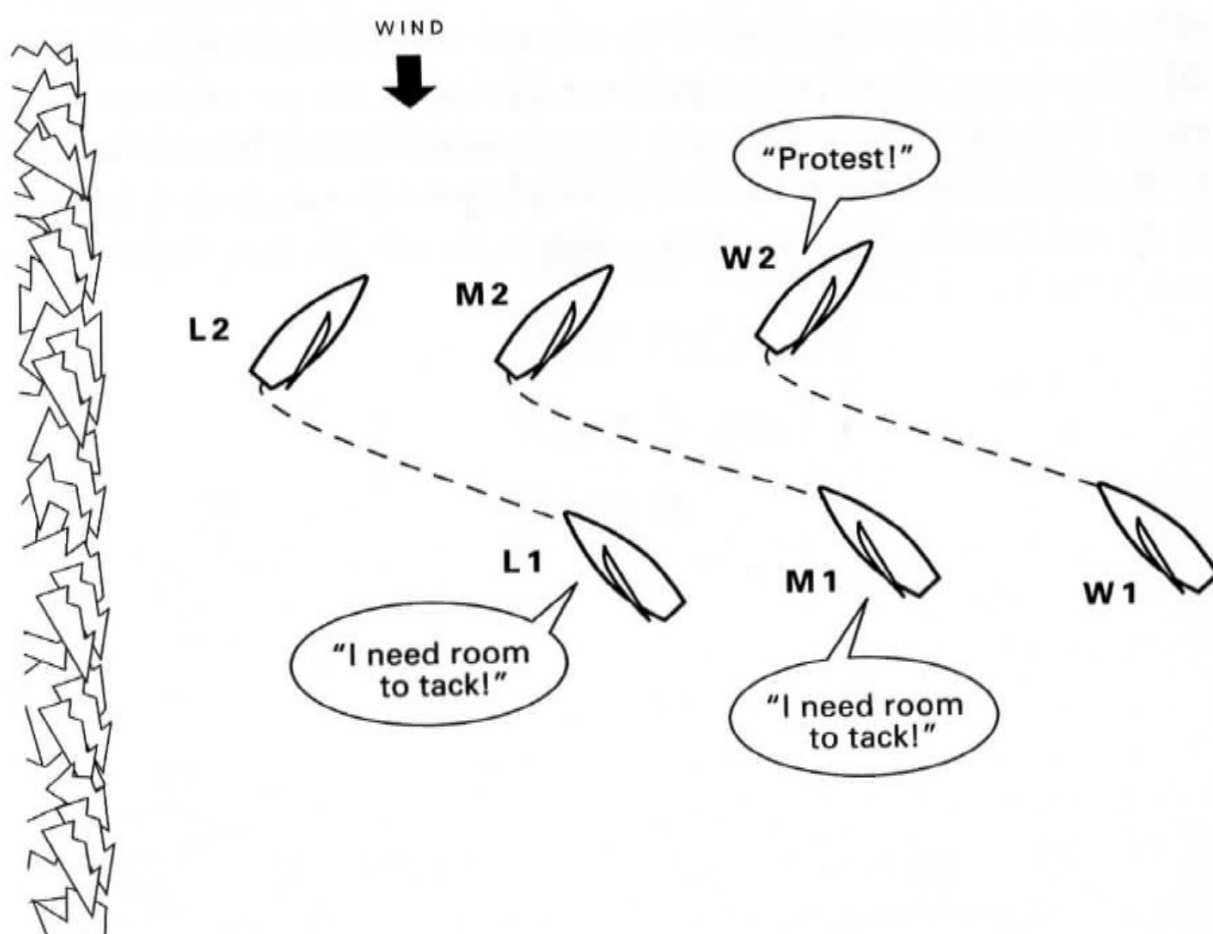


Quiz 51

Three boats (L, M and W) are sailing close-hauled on starboard tack approaching a large seawall. When L, the nearest boat to the wall, is about four lengths from the wall, she hails to M, "Room to tack!" M immediately hails to W, "Room to tack!" W immediately tacks, followed by M and L's tack. W protests M for hailing when M does not yet need to make a substantial course change to avoid hitting the seawall. You are on the protest committee; how would you decide this?



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