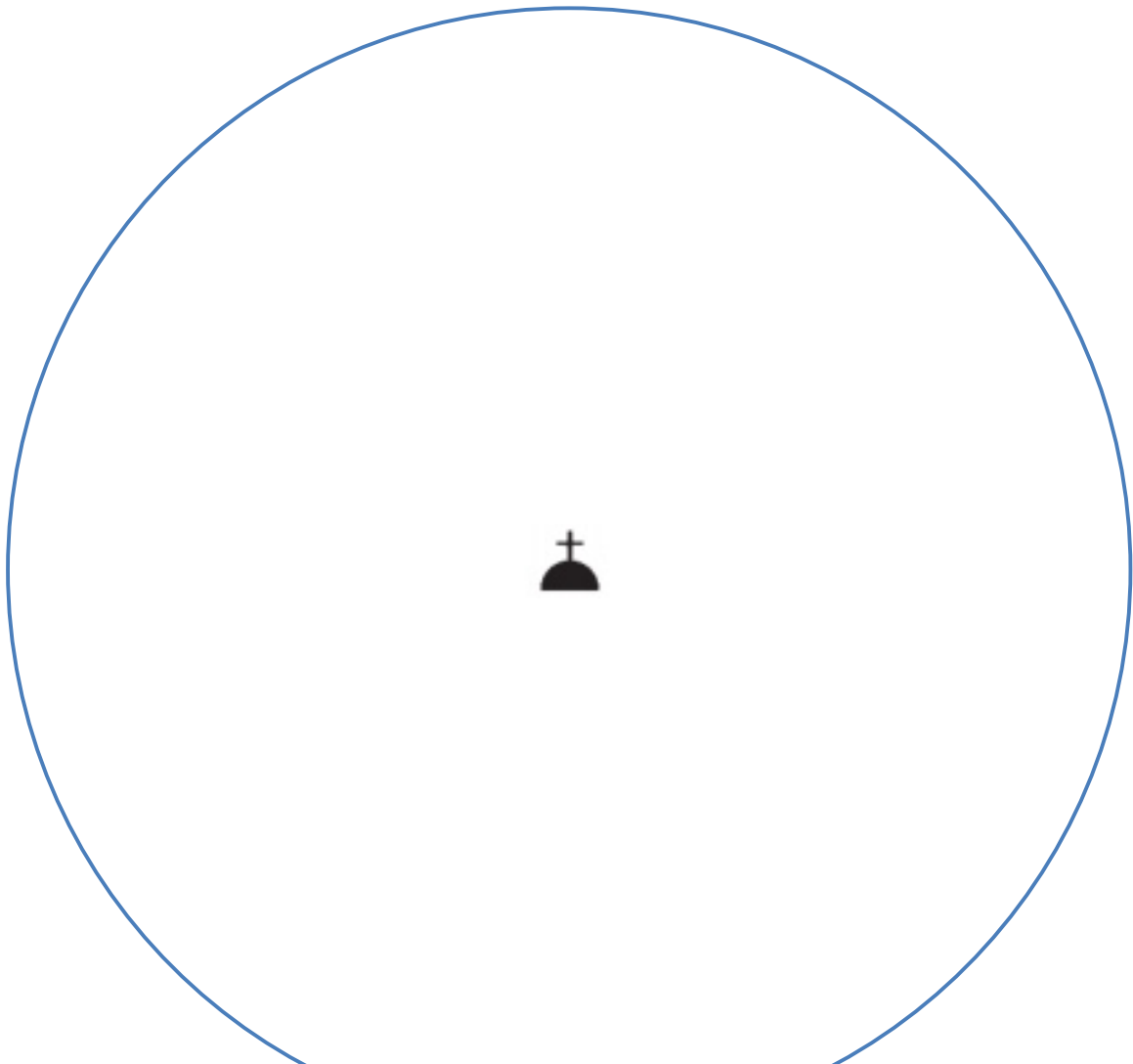
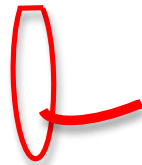
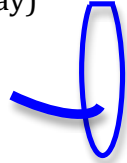


5 Boats approaching the “4 boat length” zone to round the mark clockwise leaving it to starboard

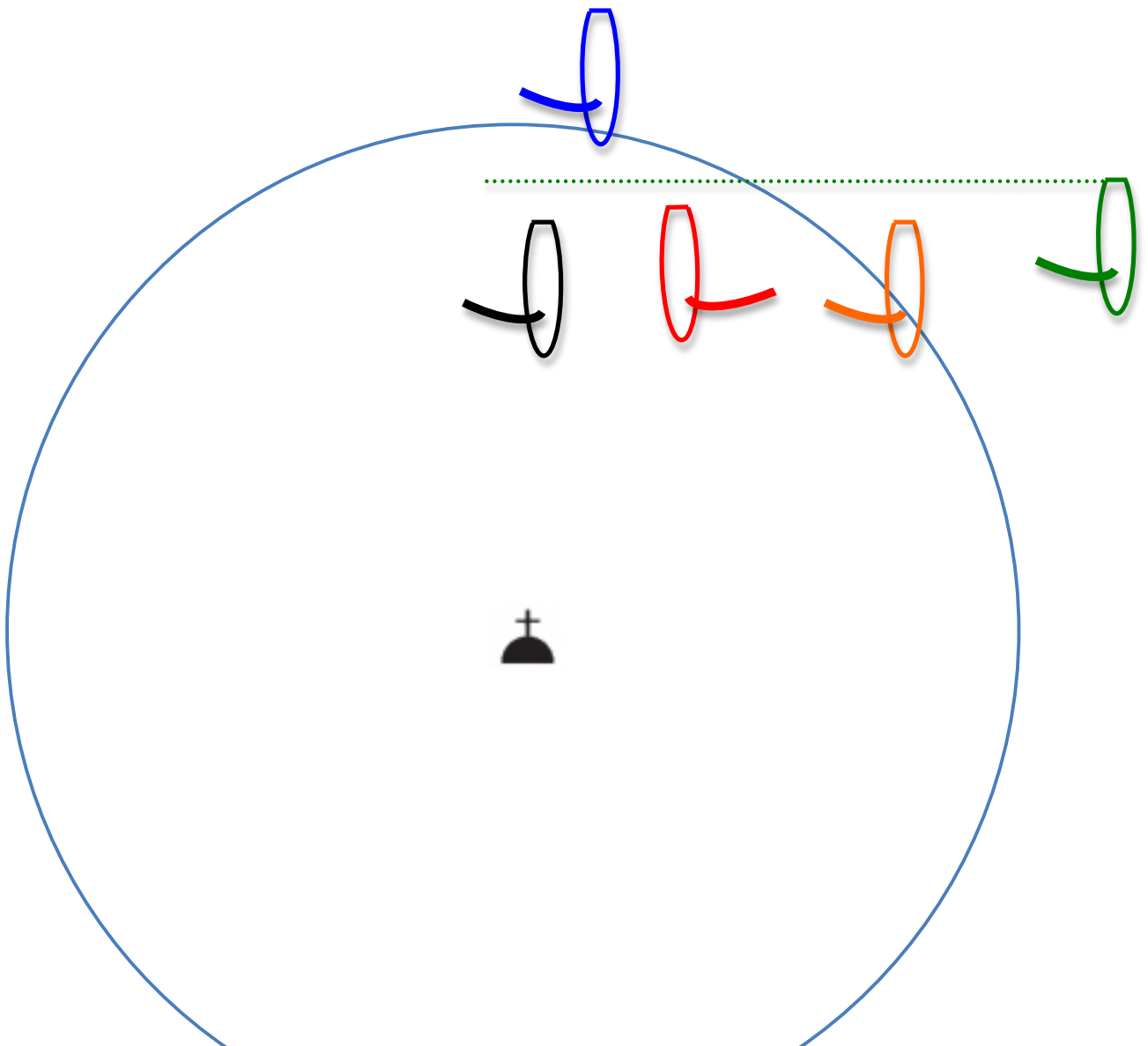
Rule 18 for mark rounding is irrelevant due the zone not having been reached by any boat. **Blue** gives way to **black, orange & green** due **Rule 12 On the same tack not overlapped** due being astern. **Red** has right of way over all other boats due **Rule 10 On opposite tacks** (ie only boat on starboard). **Black** has rights over **orange** who has rights over **green** due **Rule 11 On the same tack overlapped** (ie leeward has right of way)



4 boats have reached the zone, **green** has not.

Black now has mark room rights over **red**. **Red** over **orange**. **Orange** over **green**.

Mark Room **Rule 18** is irrelevant between **blue** and **green**. According to **18.1 When Rule 18 Applies** it is applicable because "Rule 18 applies between boats when they are required to leave a mark on the same side and at least one of them is in the zone" However there is nothing to be done in fact because **Rule 18.2 Giving Mark Room** "18.2 (a) When boats are overlapped the outside boat shall give the inside boat mark-room, unless rule 18.2(b) applies." Does not apply due no overlap and nor does 18.2 (b) have any application to this particular scenario where a boat clear astern has reached the zone first "18.2 (b) If boats are overlapped when the first of them reaches the zone, the outside boat at that moment shall thereafter give the inside boat mark-room. If a boat is clear ahead when she reaches the zone, the boat clear astern at that moment shall thereafter give her mark-room."



Green gybes to starboard and then enters the zone. When she gybes she and **blue** became overlapped. Definition of overlapped...

“Clear Astern and Clear Ahead; Overlap One boat is *clear astern* of another when her hull and equipment in normal position are behind a line abeam from the aftermost point of the other boat’s hull and equipment in normal position. The other boat is *clear ahead*. They *overlap* when neither is *clear astern*. However, they also *overlap* when a boat between them *overlaps* both. These terms always apply to boats on the same *tack*. They apply to boats on opposite *tacks* only when rule 18 applies between them or when both boats are sailing more than ninety degrees from the true wind.”

Blue now has rights over **green**. Why? Because...

Noting the quotes of rules 18.2(a) & (b) on the previous page, it is fair to say normally rule 18.2(b) applies but in this scenario it did not. The relevant part of this complicated rule then is 18.2(a) “When boats are *overlapped* the outside boat shall give the inside boat *mark-room*”

Green is the outside boat. Note: If **green** had entered the zone while clear ahead (ie before she gybed) 18.2(b) would have applied and she would have had mark room. Ie specifically “*If a boat is clear ahead when she reaches the zone, the boat clear astern at that moment shall thereafter give her mark-room*”

