

## Rules Specialist Group 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing

### Enquiry about Sailing the Course at a gate

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#### 1. Enquiry

##### Sailing Services

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A boat approaches a gate mark which is set at the bottom end of the course. The sailing instructions show a diagram with guidance arrows showing the course of a boat should pass between the two marks, rounding either to port or starboard.

A boat passes outside the gate at the starboard end and rounds both marks to port. The boat crossed the line between the two marks to windward whilst reaching to the 2nd mark (dips the line).

Has the boat rounded the mark?

#### 2. Answer

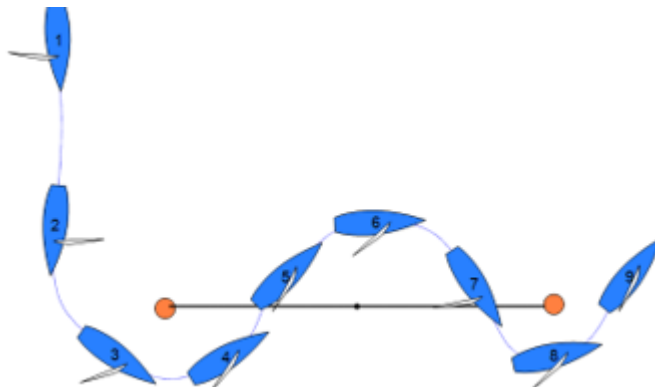
Whilst the boat has rounded the port hand mark she has **not** sailed the course correctly.

Rule 28.2 refers - in particular 28.2(c).

28.2 A string representing a boat's track from the time she begins to approach the starting line from its pre-start side to *start* until she *finishes* shall, when drawn taut,

- (a) pass each mark on the required side and in the correct order,
- (b) touch each rounding *mark*, and
- (c) pass between the *marks* of a gate from the direction of the previous *mark*.

She may correct any errors to comply with this rule, provided she has not *finished*.



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Line of 'string', when drawn taut, does not pass between the marks of the gate from the direction of the previous mark.

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On behalf of the Rules Specialist Group

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