



## LORO PIANA CARIBBEAN SUPERYACHT REGATTA & RENDEZVOUS 2017

Virgin Gorda, 10 – 13 March 2017

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Notice to Competitors N1	All Competitors	Virgin Gorda	10 March 2017	hrs:18.00

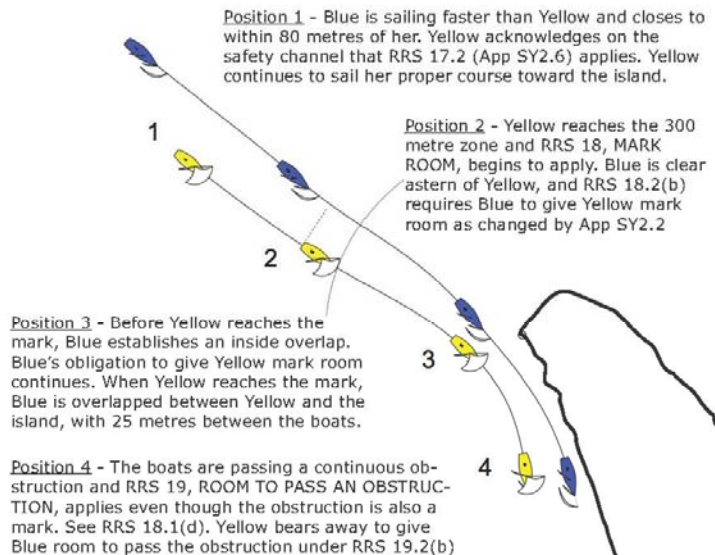
**From:** Organizing Authority (X) | Race Committee ( ) | International Jury / Protest Committee ( )

**Signed:** 

As discussed at the RRS session immediately following the Captains' Briefing, attached is a case study showing how the protest committee will interpret 'continuing obstruction' with an island that is a mark of the course.

### Proposed Case

Two 45 metre superyachts are approaching an island that is also a mark of the course that both boats are required to leave to port. Blue is overtaking Yellow and is keeping clear under RRS 12. Yellow is sailing her proper course.



RRS 18 would normally apply from the time the first boat reaches the zone until the boat entitled to mark-room either tacks or leaves the mark astern. In this case, the mark is also an obstruction. RRS 18 began to apply when Yellow reached the zone, but RRS 18 ceased to apply shortly after Position 3 when the boats were sailing alongside the obstruction.

While the island is large and it should be obvious to the approaching boats that it will take a relatively long time to pass it, the island does not become a continuing obstruction until the boats are overlapped with the obstruction and sailing alongside it.