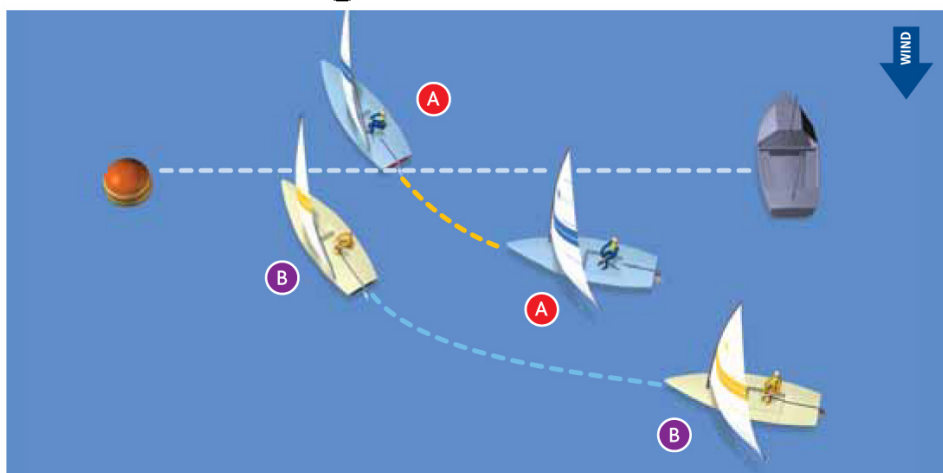


Luffing At The Start



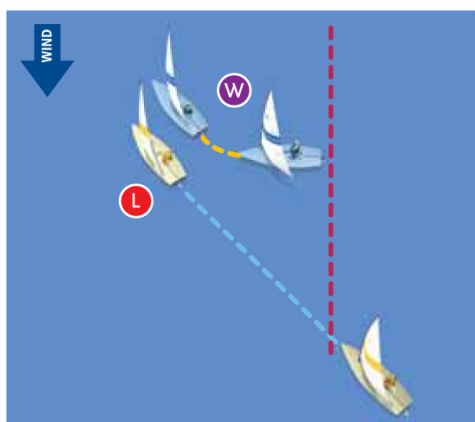
You are A: At position 1 you may do as you please, but as soon as B gets his overlap to leeward you become the keep-clear boat, and if you are on a collision course, or B luffs onto a collision course, you will have to luff to keep clear even if this means you'll be OCS (on the course side at the start). (Rule 11)

You are B:

- At position 1 you are the keep-clear boat and

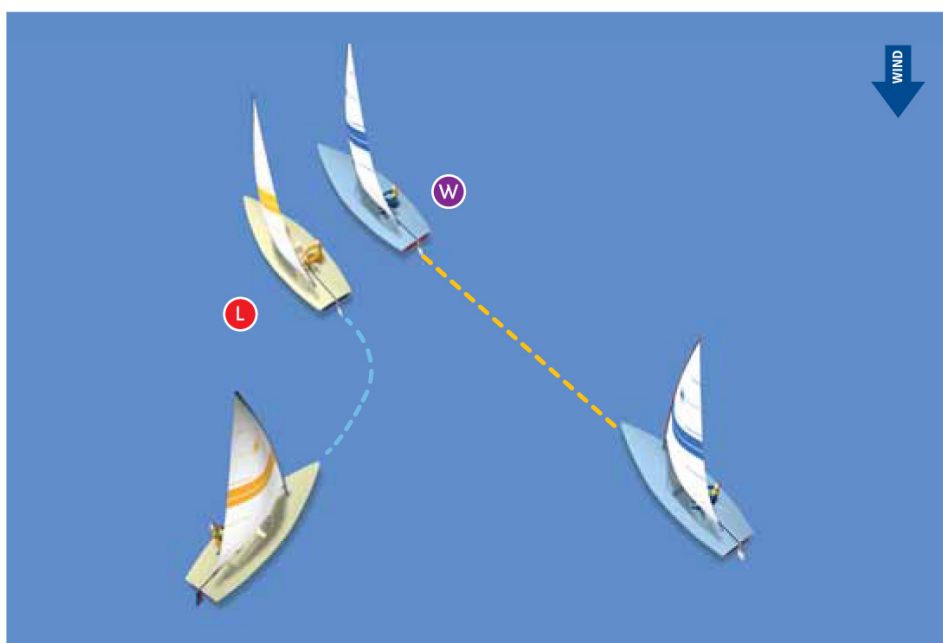
must keep clear. (Rule 12)

- When you first get the overlap you become the right-of-way boat, but you must not be so close to A that he can't keep clear. (Rule 15)
- Before the starting signal you may luff up to head to wind but you must give A room to keep clear (Rule 16)
- At the moment of the starting signal you must promptly bear away to a course no higher than close-hauled. (Rule 17)



Whether or not L has luffing rights (the right to sail above his proper course) after the starting signal, depends on how the overlap was established.

Here the overlap was established at a distance more than two of L's hull lengths from W, so L has luffing rights. (Rule 17)



Here L tacked into the position to leeward of W. L has luffing rights and may luff as high as he likes but must give W room to keep clear. (Rules 11, 16 & 17)