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This week there are 3 start line diagrams in relation to what should happen/(not happen) when you are OCS (on course side). These 2 rules, RRS22.1 & 24.2, tend to get “lost” when competitors look at the rules.

Reminder: RRS14: All boats shall avoid contact!

What the book says:

Section D – Other Rules - Preamble: *When rules 22 or 23 applies between two boats, Section A rules do not.*

Reminder: Section A rules are the RoW rules RRS10, 11, 12, 13.

RRS22.1 A boat sailing towards the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions after her starting signal to start or to comply with rule 30.1 **shall keep clear** of a boat not doing so until she is completely on the pre-start side.

RRS24 INTERFERING WITH ANOTHER BOAT

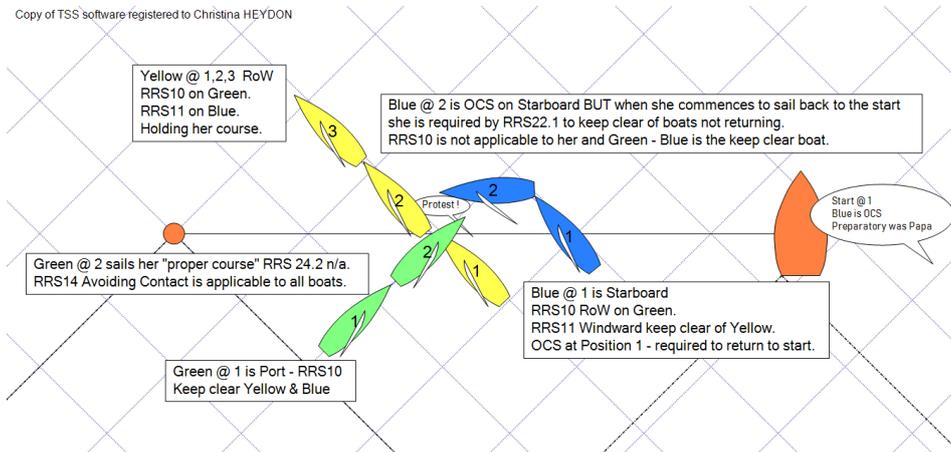
24.1 If reasonably possible, a boat not racing shall not interfere with a boat that is racing.

24.2 If reasonably possible, a boat **shall not interfere** with a boat that is taking a penalty, sailing on another leg **or subject to rule 22.1**. However, after the starting signal this rule does not apply when the boat is sailing her proper course.

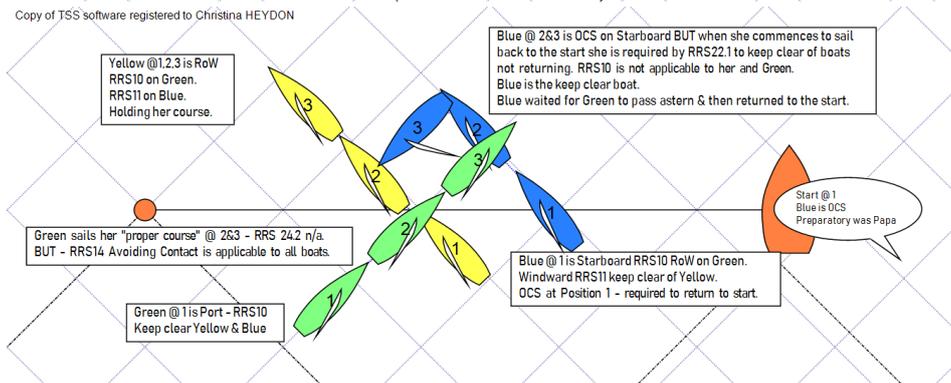
When you are OCS and you commence returning to the start your section A rules do not apply. If you are initially starboard RoW and commence to bear away to return to the start you become subject to RRS22.1 and **you shall keep clear** of other boats that are not returning to start. (RRS10 Port/Starboard does not apply).

Blue & Green need to have made a decision at position 2. **All boats shall Avoid Contact.** RRS22.1 is on Blue when she bears away, she is now the keep clear boat and it looks like Green is going to make contact. Green should bear away, shout protest and raise her red flag.

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