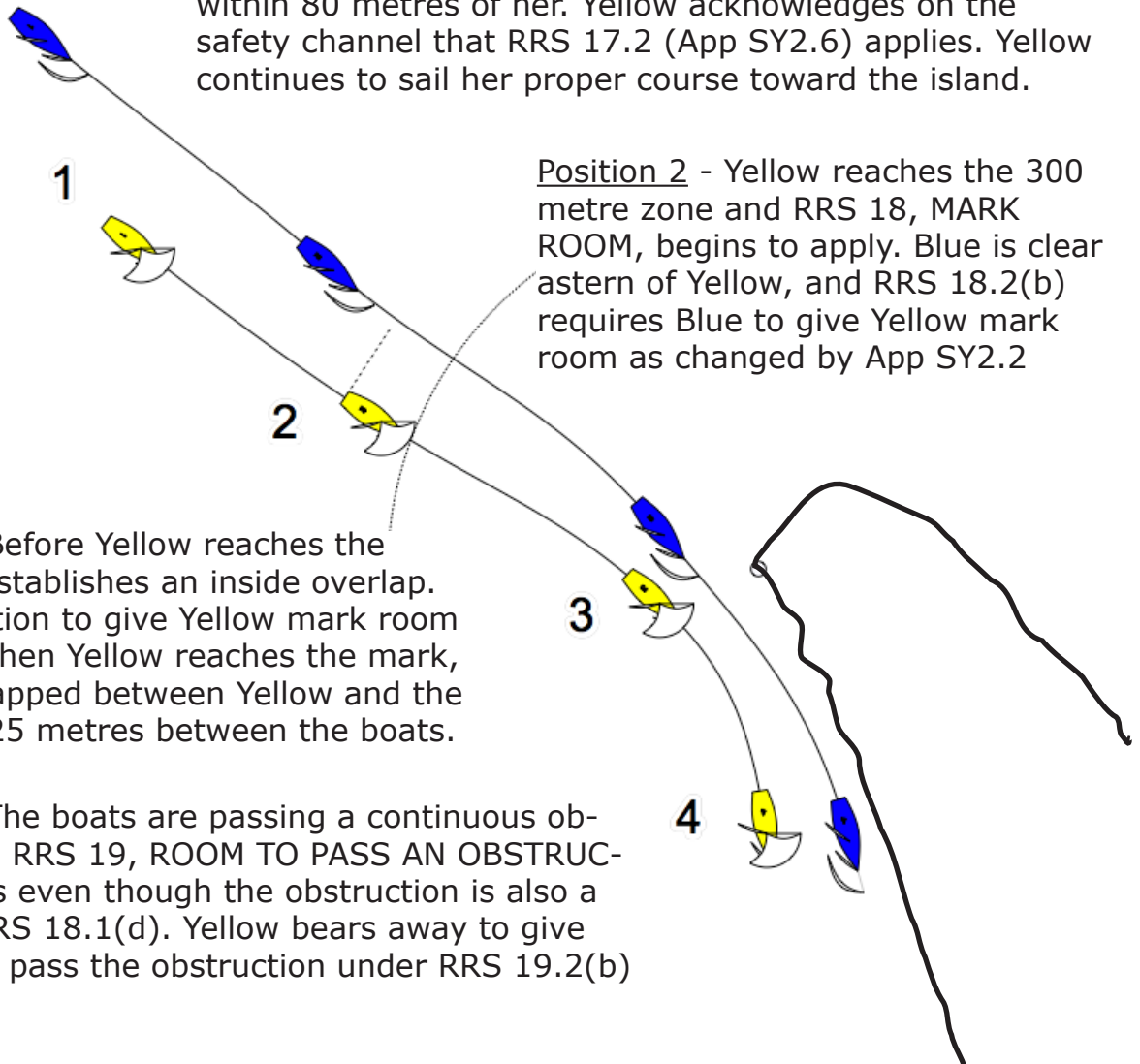


## Proposed Case

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.

Position 1 - Blue is sailing faster than Yellow and closes to within 80 metres of her. Yellow acknowledges on the safety channel that RRS 17.2 (App SY2.6) applies. Yellow continues to sail her proper course toward the island.



Position 3 - Before Yellow reaches the mark, Blue establishes an inside overlap. Blue's obligation to give Yellow mark room continues. When Yellow reaches the mark, Blue is overlapped between Yellow and the island, with 25 metres between the boats.

Position 4 - The boats are passing a continuous obstruction and RRS 19, ROOM TO PASS AN OBSTRUCTION, applies even though the obstruction is also a mark. See RRS 18.1(d). Yellow bears away to give Blue room to pass the obstruction under RRS 19.2(b)

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.