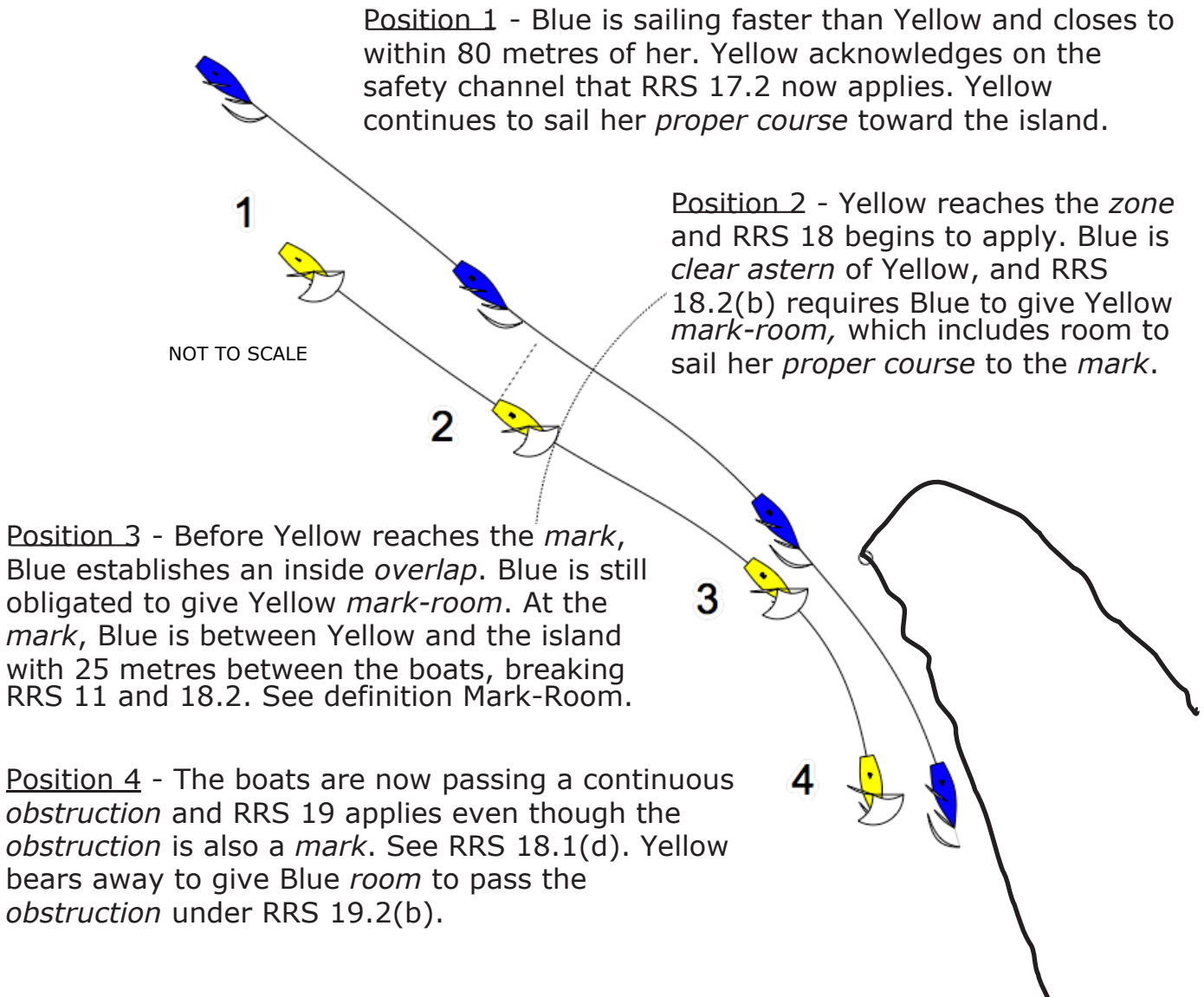


Proposed Case

Continuing Obstruction

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 began sailing alongside the continuing *obstruction*.

While the island is large and it may be obvious to the approaching boats that it will take a relatively long time to pass it when they get there, the island does not become a continuing *obstruction* within the meaning of RRS 18.1(d) until the boats are *overlapped* with the *obstruction* and sailing alongside it.