



## Umpire Questions and Answers

### QA005

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#### Q

A yacht is OCS, and the other yacht is sailing at a reduced VMG and has not started. May the OCS yacht turn to a downwind course and cross 50 meters behind the other yacht to clear her penalty?

#### A

Yes.

The OCS yacht is required to take a penalty by acting immediately to reduce her VMG / VMC until she is 50 metres behind the other yacht (44.2(a)). This may include sailing a negative VMG / VMC. It is not a requirement for either yacht to have started to take a penalty.