

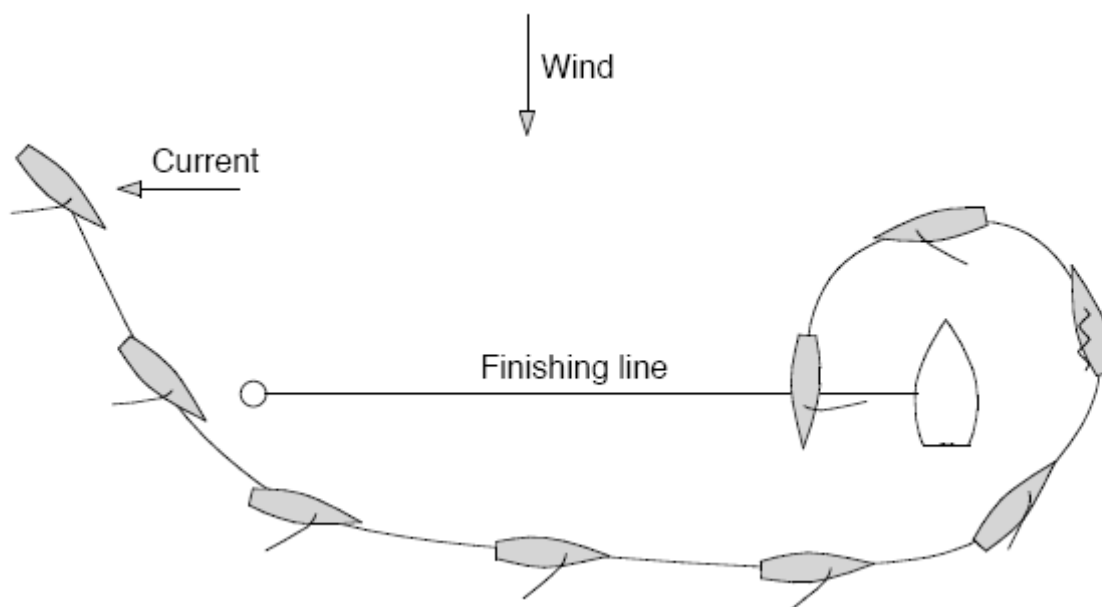
## CASE 106

### Rule 28.1, Sailing the Course

*When a boat's 'string' lies on the required sides of starting marks, finishing marks or gate marks, it is not relevant that the marks also have been looped.*

### Question

As boats approach a downwind finishing line, a tidal current takes one of them outside one of the finishing marks. She sails beyond the entire finishing line, rounds the other finishing mark, and then crosses the finishing line from the direction of the last course mark. Has she sailed the course?



### Answer

Yes. When the course requires boats to pass between two marks (for example at a starting or finishing line or at a gate), a boat complies with rule 28.1 if the string when drawn taut passes between the marks from the direction of the previous mark or, at a starting line, from the pre-start side of the line, whether or not it also loops the marks.