

Collision Regulations

(Nautical Rules of the Road)

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Applies to all vessels
(Canoes to super tankers).

Requires all vessels maintain a
constant lookout by sight and
hearing.

Maintain safe speed to avoid
collision



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Certain boats have the right of way no matter what – ferries, freighters over small boats.



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Sail boats and manual propelled boats have the right of way over power-driven vessels (except for large vessels like ferries and freighters).

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Vessels less than 20m under power or sail must stay clear of commercial fishing vessels (courtesy for recreational fishers).



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Large vessels in narrow channels or traffic lanes have the right of way.

In a river, a boat going with the current (downstream) has the right of way.



IF RISK of collision exists, you take ALL
action required to avoid it. Which
means you can deviate from all
Collision Rules!!!

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Give Way Vessel – a boat that must yield to another boat.

Stand On Vessel – a boat with the right of way.

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(Actions required)

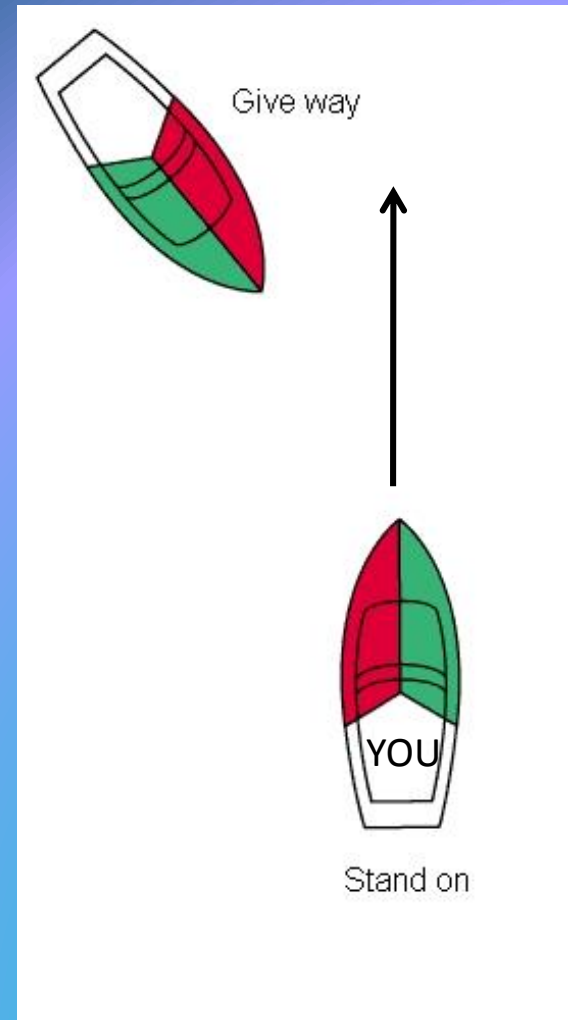
IMPORTANT

When collision potentially exists and you are altering YOUR course, you have to give lots of time and CLEARLY indicate your action to the other boat.

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Boat Port Side

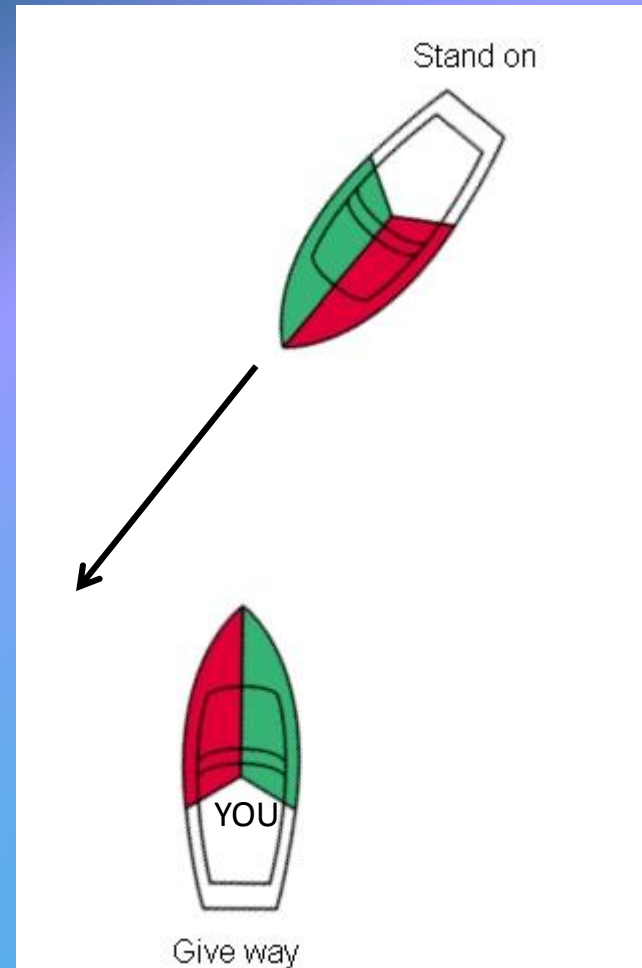
– if a power driven vessel approaches from the port side, you maintain course and speed with caution



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Boat Starboard Side

- if a vessel approaches from the starboard side keep out of its way.

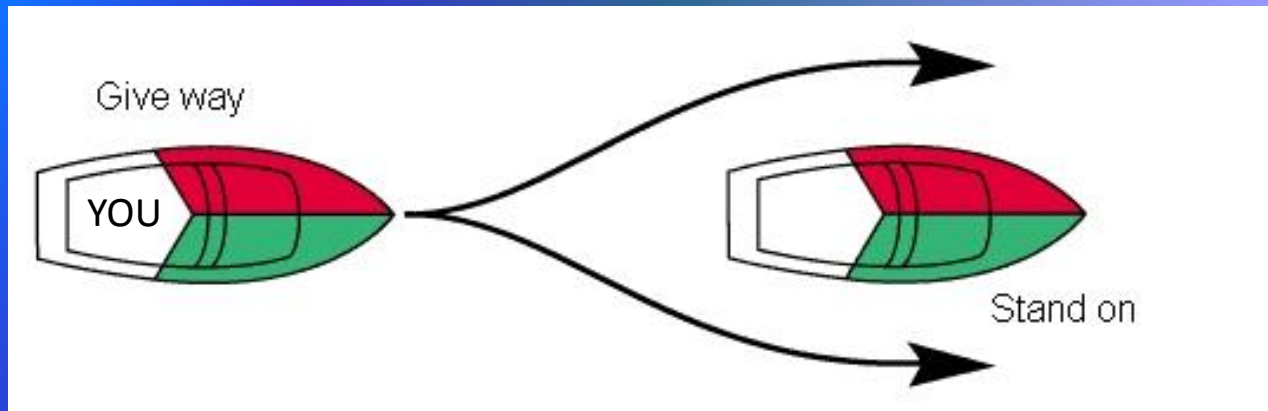


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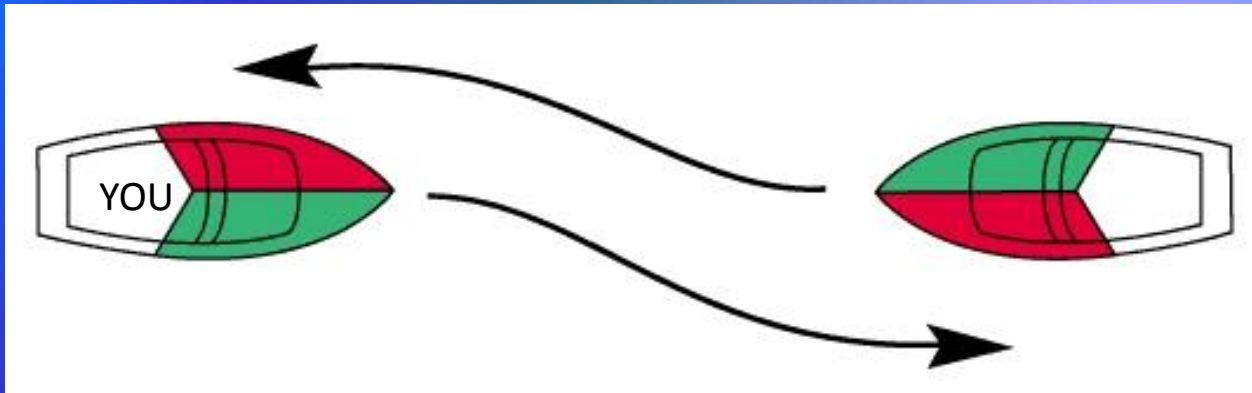
Boat Astern – if a vessel approaches from the stern, proceed with caution

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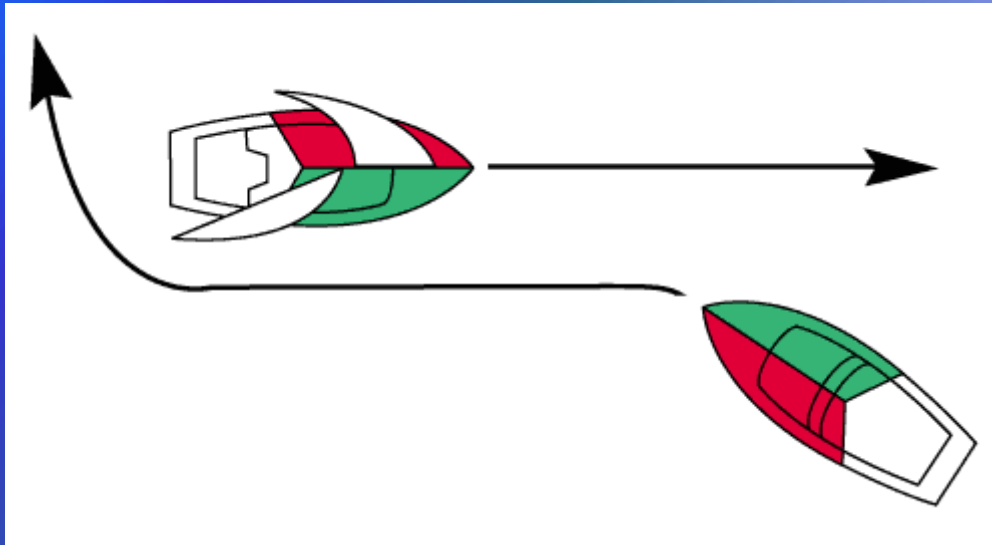
Overtaking – can pass either to port or to starboard.

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Meeting head on – alter course to starboard to pass port to port.

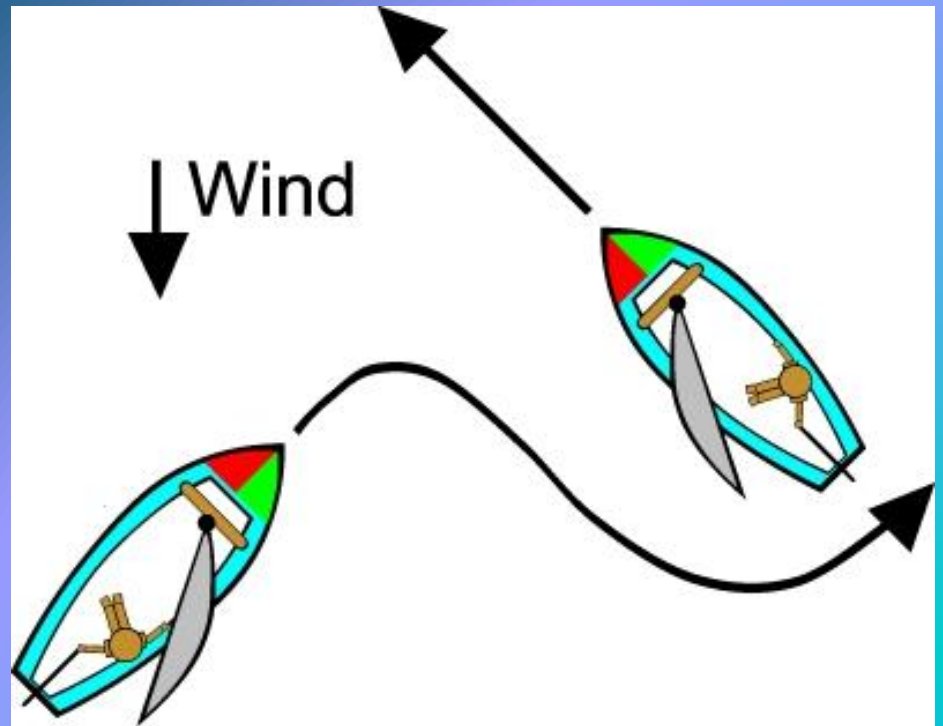
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Motor boat and Sail boat – the motor boat must give way to a sailboat under sail.

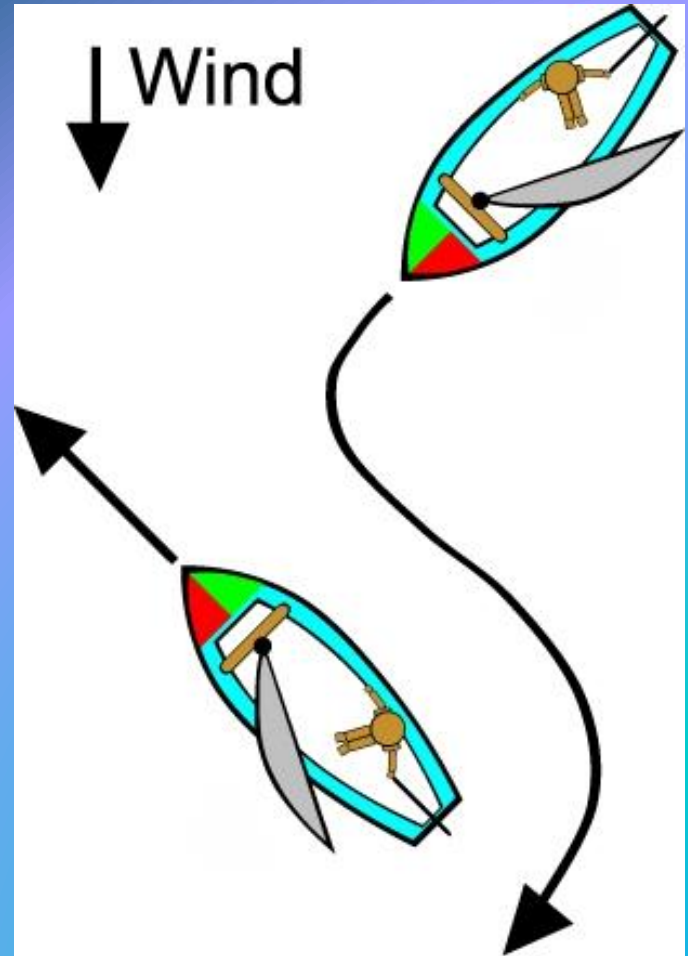
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2 Sailboats – when sailboats meet and the wind is on the opposite sides, the one with the wind across its port side shall give way.

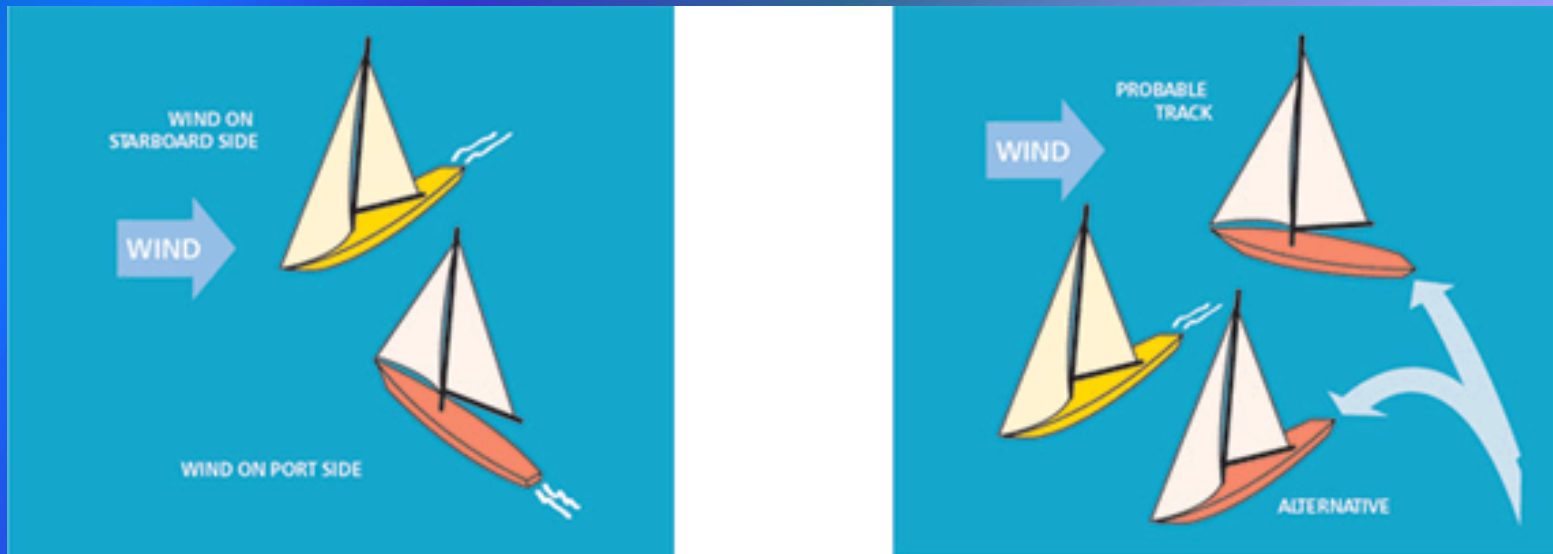


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2 Sailboats - Both boats have wind on the same side, the sailboat which is windward shall give way.

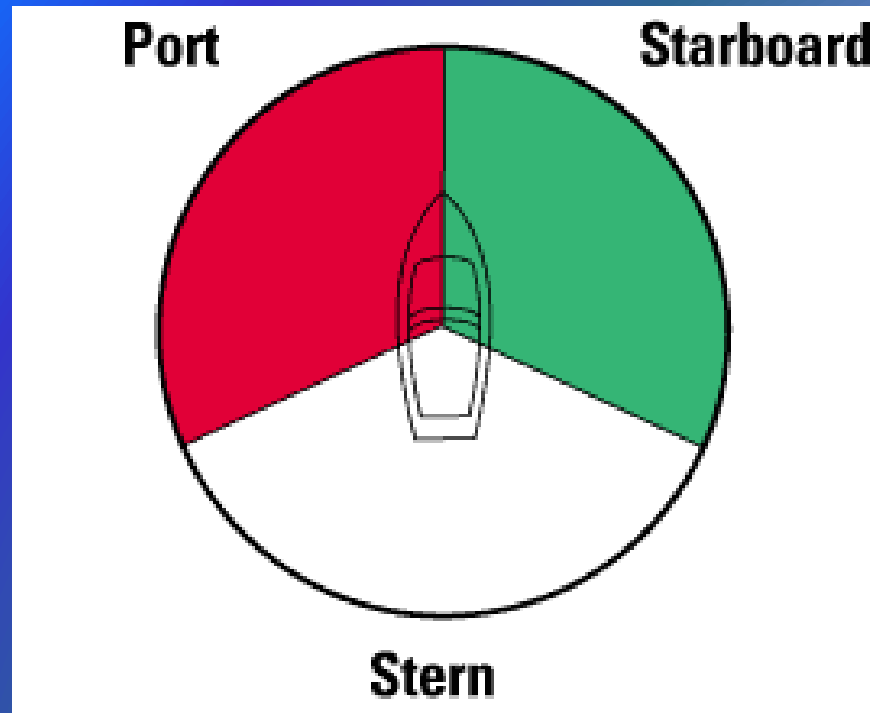


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If a sailboat has the wind on the port side and cannot determine if the windward boat has the wind on its port or starboard it shall give way.

Basic Rule for you



If a power vessel approaches you from;

- PORT** – stand on, maintain course
- Starboard** – Give way, alter course
- Stern** – maintain course with caution

Collision Avoidance Rules - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TVD0LxihhR8>

Crossing - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uv3szCz2Bgc>

Meeting Head On - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKW8Xerxlw0>

Overtaking - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVm3X9aB0Cw>

Power/Sail - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9VzAwx2Myg>

Sail boats - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXY4Gce47oc>

Narrow Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sVeVkyRcesU>

Real situations - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0D9LVEWxZwo>

**bad example as to how close they are before reacting!!