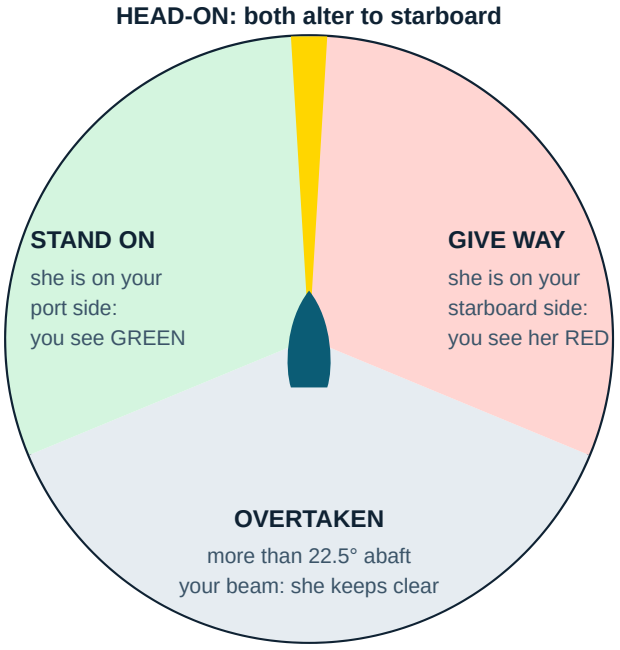
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1 THE COLLISION RULES ON A PAGE

COLREGs Part B: steering and sailing. The few lines that keep you alive.

WHO GIVES WAY: POWER-DRIVEN, IN SIGHT



If to starboard red appear, it is your duty to keep clear. Green to green or red to red: perfect safety, go ahead.

RULE 18: THE PECKING ORDER

Each keeps out of the way of those above it. Overtaking (13), narrow channels (9) and traffic schemes (10) come first.

1. Not under command
2. Restricted in ability to manoeuvre
3. Constrained by her draught (avoid impeding)
4. Engaged in fishing
5. Sailing
6. Power-driven
7. Seaplane and WIG craft

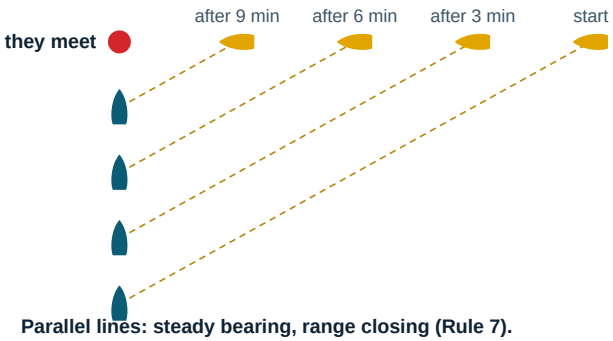
THE RULES THAT RUN EVERYTHING

5	**Lookout** by sight and hearing and every available means. At all times.
6	**Safe speed**: visibility, traffic, stopping distance, wind, sea, current, depth, background lights, radar limits.
7	**Risk of collision**: if the compass bearing does not appreciably change, it exists. Big ships and close range can fool you. If in doubt, it exists.
8	**Action**: early, large (obvious on radar or by eye), seamanlike. Slow or stop if you need time. Check it works.
9	**Narrow channel**: keep to the starboard side. Vessels under 20 m and sailing vessels must not impede a ship that can only navigate inside it.
10	**Traffic separation**: go with the flow, join at the ends, cross at right angles.
13	**Overtaking**: you keep clear until past and clear, whatever you are.
14	**Head-on** (power): both alter to starboard, pass port to port.
15	**Crossing** (power): she is on your starboard side, you give way. Avoid crossing ahead.
16	**Give-way**: early and substantial action. Keep well clear.
17	**Stand-on**: hold course and speed. You may act once it is clear she is not. You must act when collision cannot be avoided by her alone. Do not turn to port for a vessel on your port side.
19	**Restricted visibility**: no stand-on vessel. Safe speed, engines ready. Avoid turning to port for a vessel forward of the beam, or towards one abeam or abaft. Hear a fog signal ahead: slow to steerage way, stop if needed.

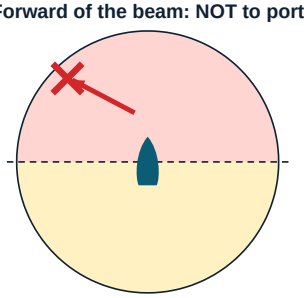
SAILING VESSELS MEETING (RULE 12)

- Wind on different sides: the one with the wind on her **port** side keeps clear.
- Same side: the **windward** boat keeps clear.
- Port tack and cannot tell what the other is doing: keep clear.

PICTURE IT



Parallel lines: steady bearing, range closing (Rule 7).



Abeam or abaft: NOT towards her
Rule 19: in fog nobody stands on.

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