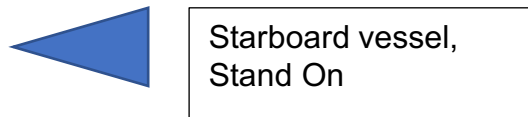


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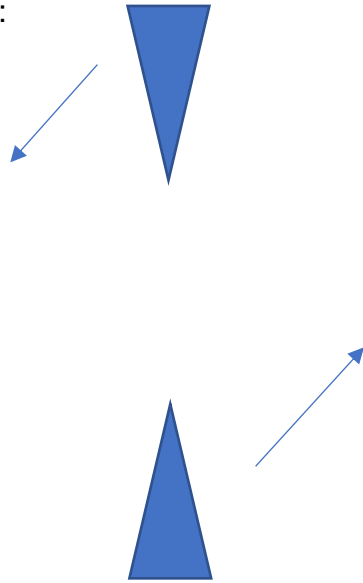
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1. General navigation rules:
 - a. USCG International rules don't really state type of vessel right of way. They also only mention non-motorized craft once. Rules apply to everyone on the water, including a pool float.
 - b. Sailboats do not necessarily have right of way over other vessels.
 - c. Follow local navigation rules, for example stay 500 yards away from ferries.
 - d. Good seamanship rule: if necessary, you are allowed and required to break certain rules.
 - e. Unwritten rule: Rule of tonnage. Give way for vessels like barges, towboats bigger, heavier and less mobile than you.
2. Important terms:
 - a. Stand on vessels: Has right of way, maintain course and speed
 - b. Give way vessel: Gives way to stand on
 - c. When rules use “May”- you have options
 - d. When rules use “must/shall”- vessel must comply, no options
3. Crossing with the risk of collision



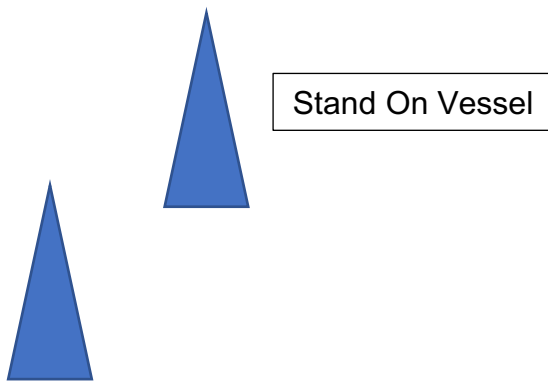
Starboard vessel is the stand on vessel. The other vessel is “Give Way” and must not impede the other vessel.

a. Head on:



Neither vessel is Stand On. Both vessels turn starboard (to your right), pass port side to port side.

b. Overtaking vessels



The Stand On Vessel is the one being overtaken/passed. The Give Way Vessel is overtaking and must be cautious when passing.

4. Key navigation rules to be aware of in the OC6:

- a. Rule 5: Always keep a lookout, by sight and by hearing. Thus if the Steerer is busy, seat 5 should be aware of what is going on.
- b. Rule 8: Take action to avoid a collision. Make course adjustment obvious.
- c. Rule 9: Narrow channels. Keep as far right as safe and practicable. Vessel under 20m shall not impede passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within the narrow channel. The channel may also be constrained by buoys and not obvious.

- d. Rule 10: Traffic Separation Zone. Yellow buoys mark center lane of “freeway”. Paddlers shall cross these lanes at right angles and cross as quickly as possible.
- e. Rule 13: Overtaking vessels. The Stand On (overtaken vessel) should not turn into wake of the passing vessel. In other words, the Stand On vessel should maintain course and speed.
- f. Rule 25: Sailing Vessels Underway and Vessels Under Oars (only place where nonmotorized vessels mentioned).
 - i. A vessel shall have ready at hand an electric torch or lighted lantern showing a white light which shall be exhibited in sufficient time to prevent collision.
- g. Rules 32-37: Sound and light signals
 - i. 1 short blast- starboard
 - ii. 2 short blasts – port
 - iii. 3 short blasts – backing up
 - iv. 5 or more short blasts – Danger! Or I’m confused by your intentions.