

Right of Way Challenge # 1

In each of the three images below, who has right of way, and why?

How should the skipper claim the right of way?

What must the offending skipper consider when keeping clear?

What limitations are on the right of way boat, while the offending boat is keeping clear?



What tricks are there for being sure which tack you are on at any given time?

RRS 10

When boats are on the opposite tack, a port tack boat shall keep clear of a starboard tack boat.

RRS 13

After a boat passes head to wind, she shall keep clear of other boats until she is on a close hauled course. During that time, Rules 10, 11 and 12 do not apply. If two boats are subject to this rule at the same time, the one on the other's port side or the one clear astern shall keep clear.

RRS 14 a)

A right of way boat need not act to avoid contact until it is clear the other boat is not keeping clear or giving room or mark room.

RRS 15

When, a boat acquires right of way, she shall initially give the other boat room to keep clear.

RRS 16.1

When a right of way boat changes course, she shall give the other boat room to keep clear.

RRS 16.2

When, after the starting signal, a port tack boat is keeping clear by sailing to pass astern of a starboard tack boat, the starboard tack boat shall not change course if as a result the port tack boat would immediately need to change course to continue keeping clear.