



USCG-190

Boat Operator Safety (Alaska)

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Course Considerations



- Cell Phones
- Student Participation
- Privacy and Professionalism
- Be Patient with Classmates
- Explore New Methods
- Graphic Material





AGENDA

- Hazards to Mariners
 - Top 5 Maritime Emergencies in Alaska
 - Analyzing your Waterways
- Legal Duties and Considerations
 - Required Safety Equipment
 - Maritime Law and Duty to Act
 - Passenger and Cargo Restrictions
- Boat Fires and Fire Response Plan
 - Identify the Onboard Fire Hazards
 - Fire Fighting Methods
 - Emergency Response Procedures
- Man Overboard/ Cold Water Immersion
 - Prevention and Response Procedures
 - Cold-Water Survival Techniques
 - Expanding Square Grid Search Procedures



AGENDA (cont)

- Abandoning a Vessel
 - Making the Decision to Ditch
 - Managing Escape and Survival with Crew
- Perilous Weather
 - Reading Weather Reports
 - Anchoring at Sea in Rough Weather
 - Plan to Escape Serious Weather
- Towing and Open Water Passenger Transfers
 - Towing Equipment and Adequate Towing Vessels
 - Constructing a Tow Bridal
 - Hazards of Towing
- Medical Emergencies
 - CPR Refresher
 - Hypothermia Response and Treatment
 - Traumatic Injuries

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Maritime Emergency Fact Sheet

- There were 2,116 accidents reported to officials in 2022, resulting in 130 fatalities
- 31% of all fatalities from boat accidents are drownings.
- 80% of all boaters who drowned in accidents were in a vessel less than 21 feet in length.
- At 17%, operating a watercraft while intoxicated is the leading factor behind boating accident deaths.
- Among all victims who were killed in these incidents, 85% were not wearing a life jacket

Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Office of Boating Safety

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Top 5 Maritime Emergencies

1. Capsizing
2. Equipment Use Injury
3. Cold Water Immersion
4. Collision
5. Fire

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Top 5 Accident Contributors

1. Operator Inexperience
2. Operator Inattention
3. Improper lookout
4. Excessive speed
5. Equipment/ Mechanical Failure

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Researching Your Waterway

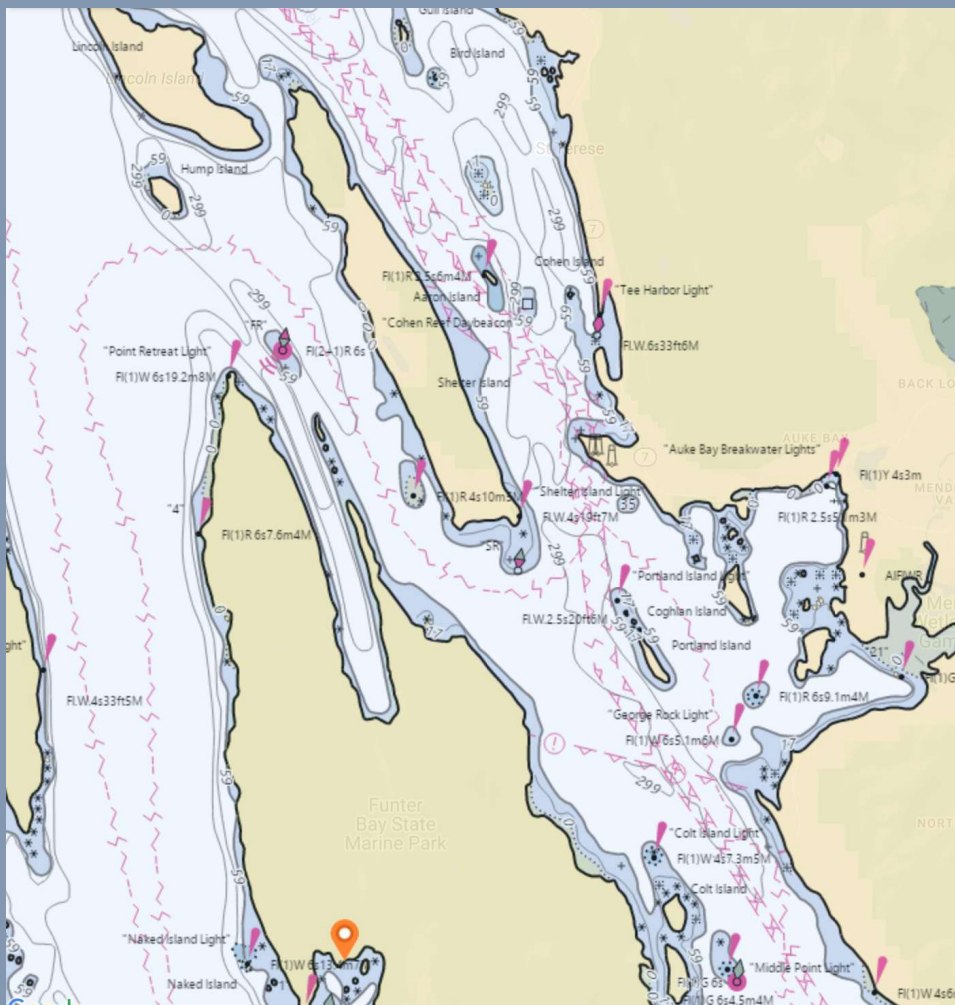
Identify Natural Hazards

- Landslide Areas
- Narrow Passages and Tidal Effects
- Floating Hazards (Ice, Logs, Wildlife)
- Submerged Rocks and Shallow Areas

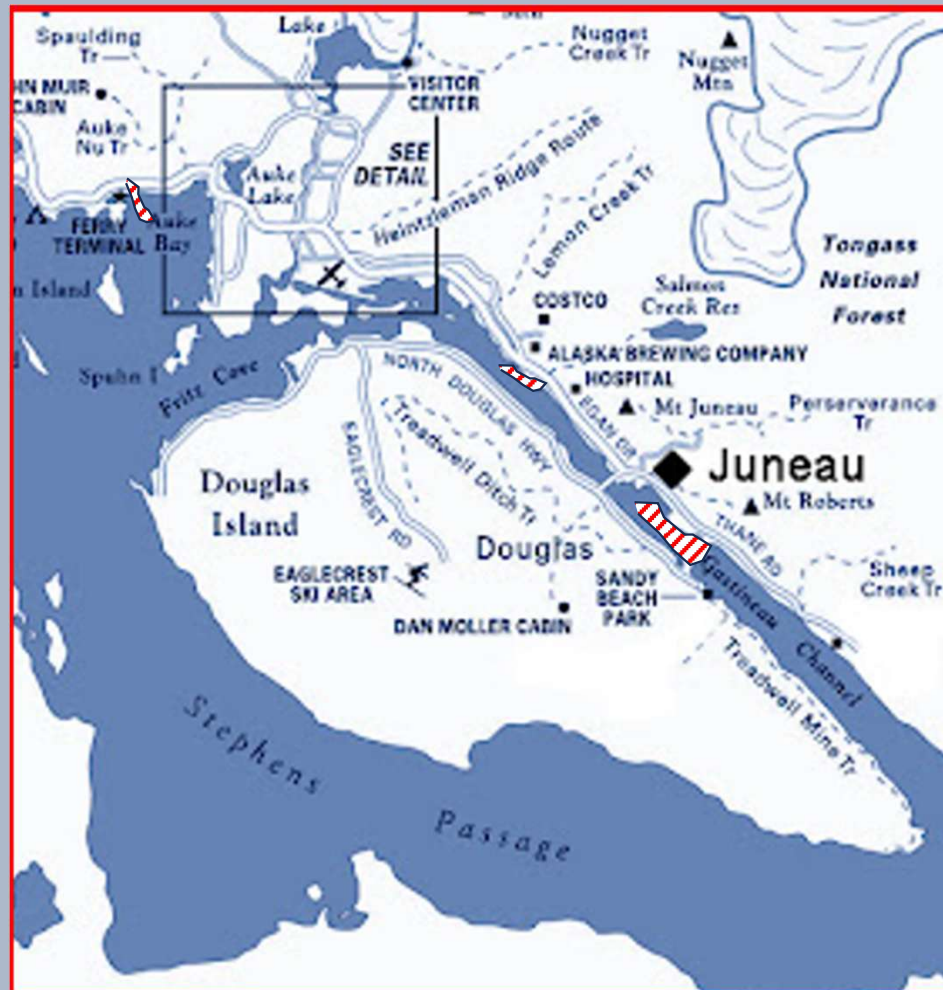
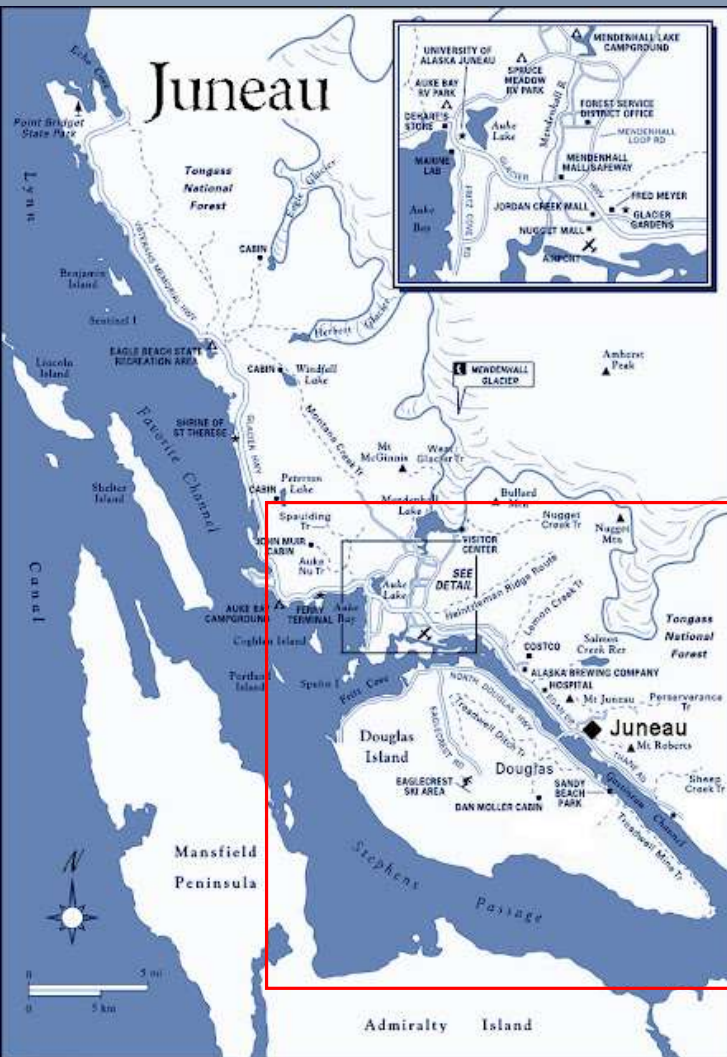
Identify Other Hazards

- Regional Vessel Activity
- Temporary Placements (Traps, Construction, Moorage, Divers)

Identify Services (Towing, USCG-Sector, Emergency Access, Rescue Points)



Security Avoidance Areas



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Local Notice to Mariners

Home

Weekly messages informing subscribers when the Coast Guard District Local Notices to Mariners (LNM) is available for downloading from the [Navigation Center website](#).

Please subscribe to receive email updates here:



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Check Online for Updates to your Regional Waterways:

<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Local-Notice-to-Mariners-LNMs/>

File a Float Plan:

<https://pledgetoliveak.org/>

Talk with Harbor Staff or USCG Sector Office



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Weather Considerations



Detailed Forecast

Synopsis: AT 16Z...OR 9 AM PDT..A 1027 MB SURFACE HIGH PRESSURE SYSTEM WAS CENTERED 500 NM W OF SEATTLE AND AN ELONGATED TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE WAS OVER THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COAST. THIS PATTERN WILL RESULT IN LIGHT TO MODERATE WINDS ACROSS THE COASTAL WATERS THROUGH EARLY THURSDAY AFTERNOON...THEN W TO NW WINDS WILL START TO INCREASE ACROSS THE OUTER WATERS FOR LATER IN THE WEEK AND THE WEEKEND. ISOLATED SPRINKLES AND SHOWERS WILL BE POSSIBLE THROUGH THIS EVENING.

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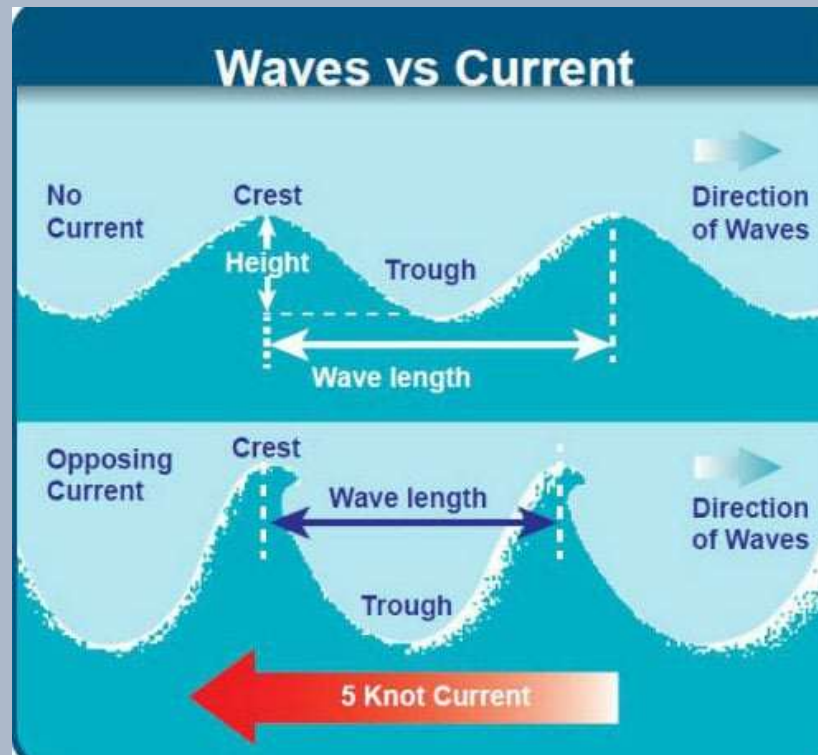


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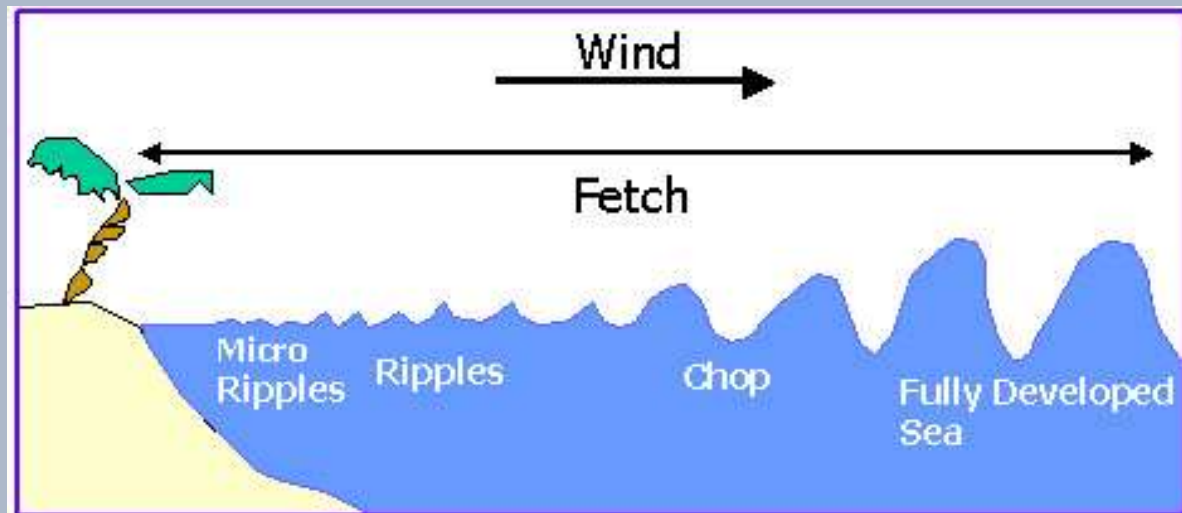
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HYDROLOGY AND TIDAL EFFECTS



Ocean Tides in Juneau

Semi-Diurnal (2 High, 2 Low @ 6.15 hours)

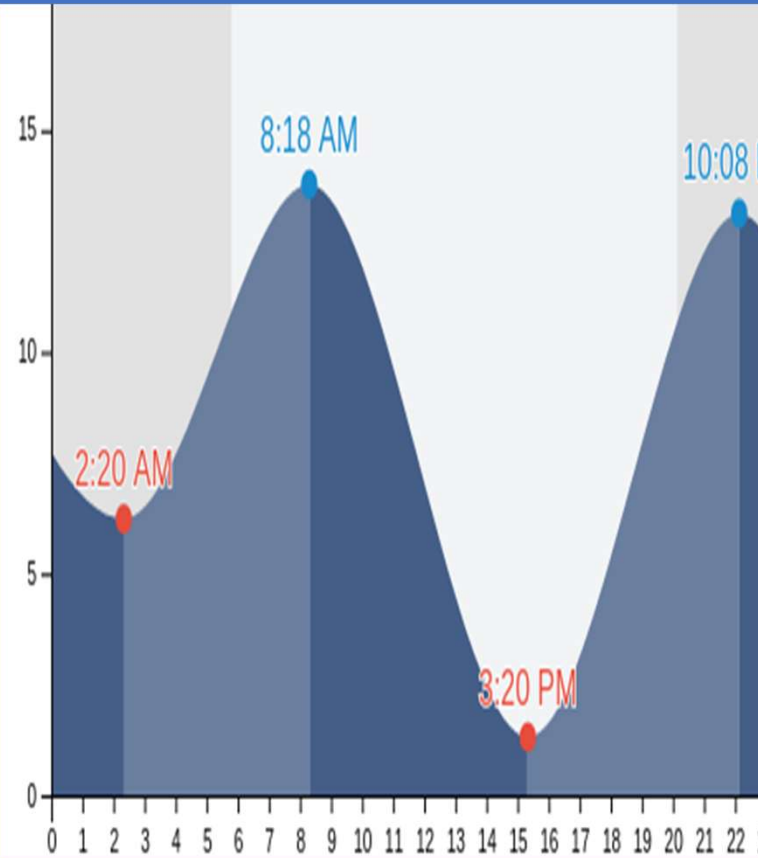
Narrow passes and channels can create tidal flows exceeding 15 mph (record: 24 mph, Turnagain Arm, AK)

Creates unique ecosystems for intertidal species

Extreme low tides can accelerate land rebound by 360%

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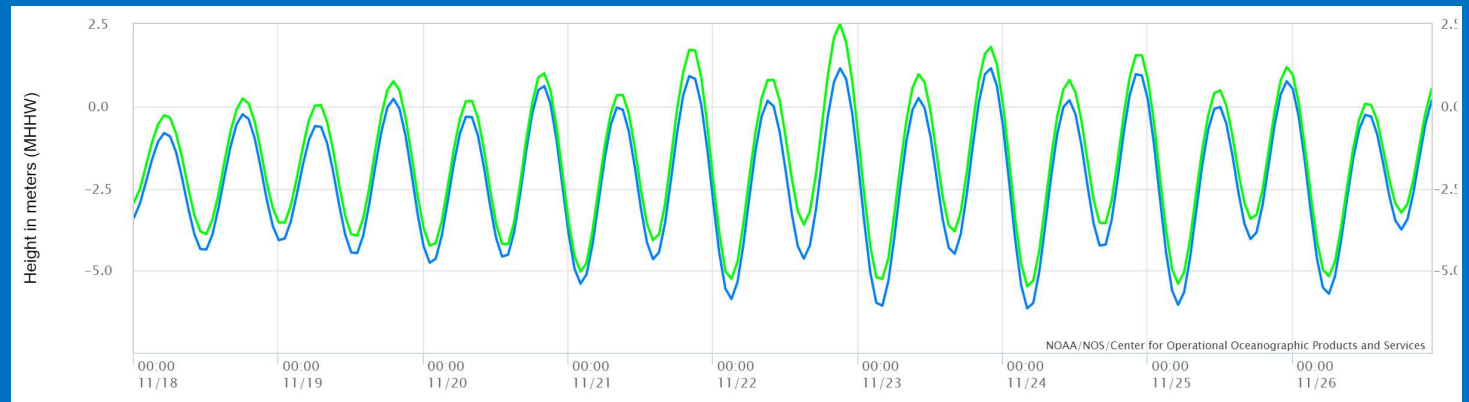
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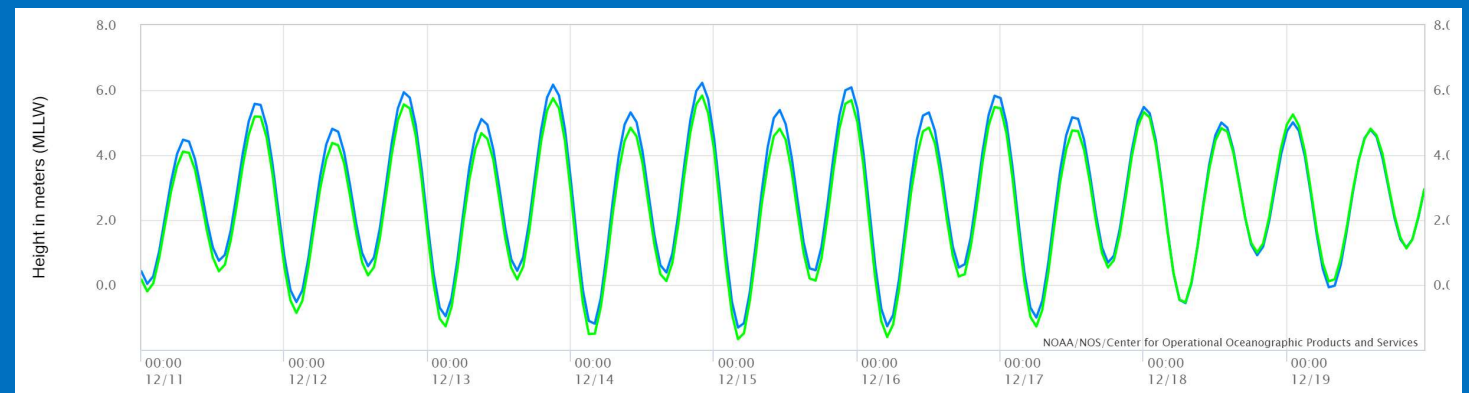


20.4' (April 2000)



Mean Range: 13.74 ft

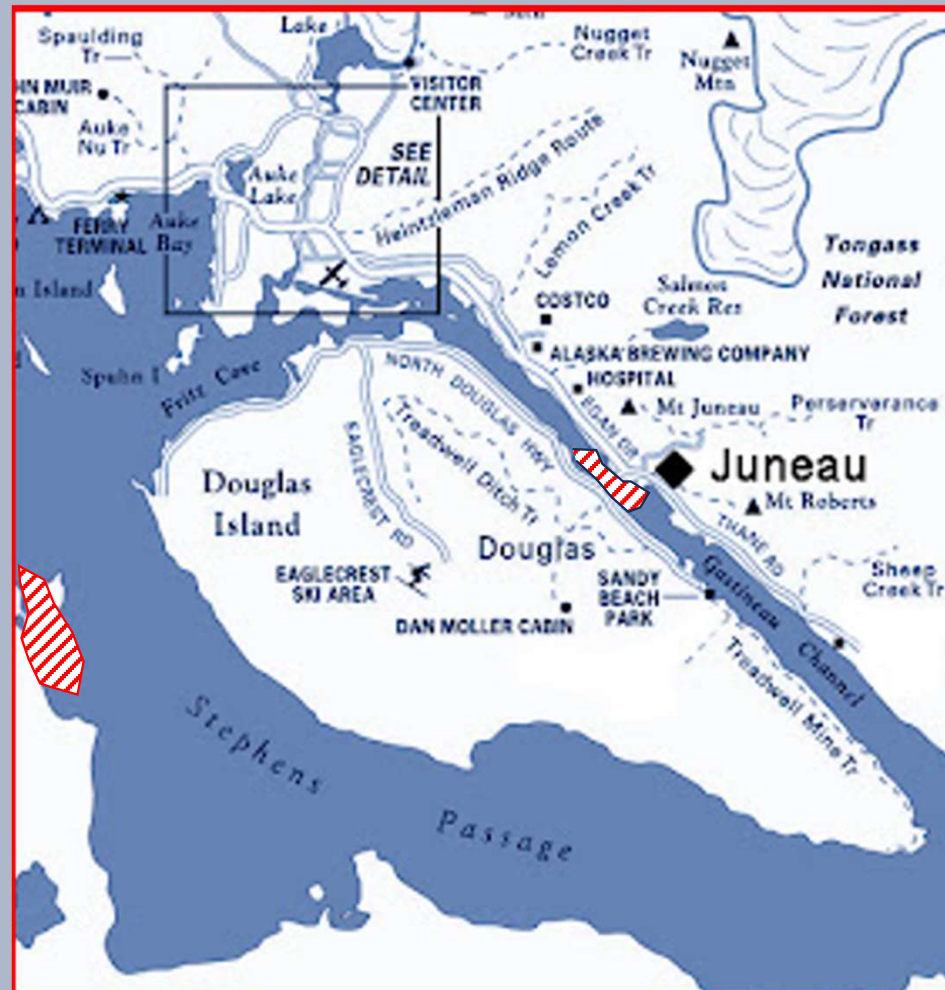
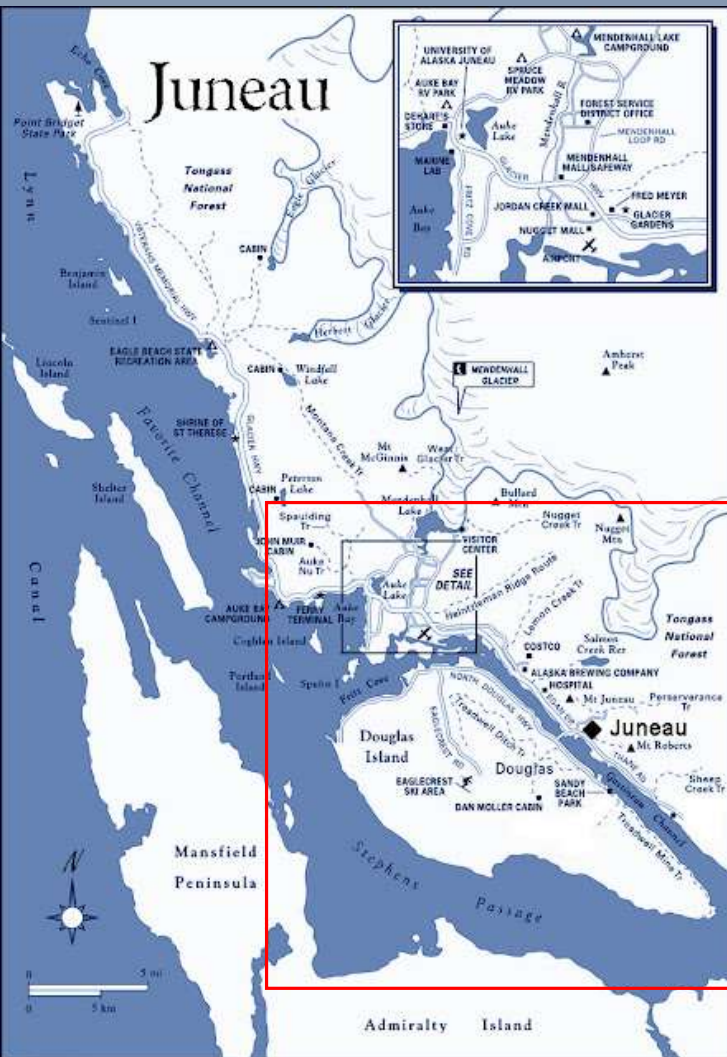
-4.9' (March 2019)



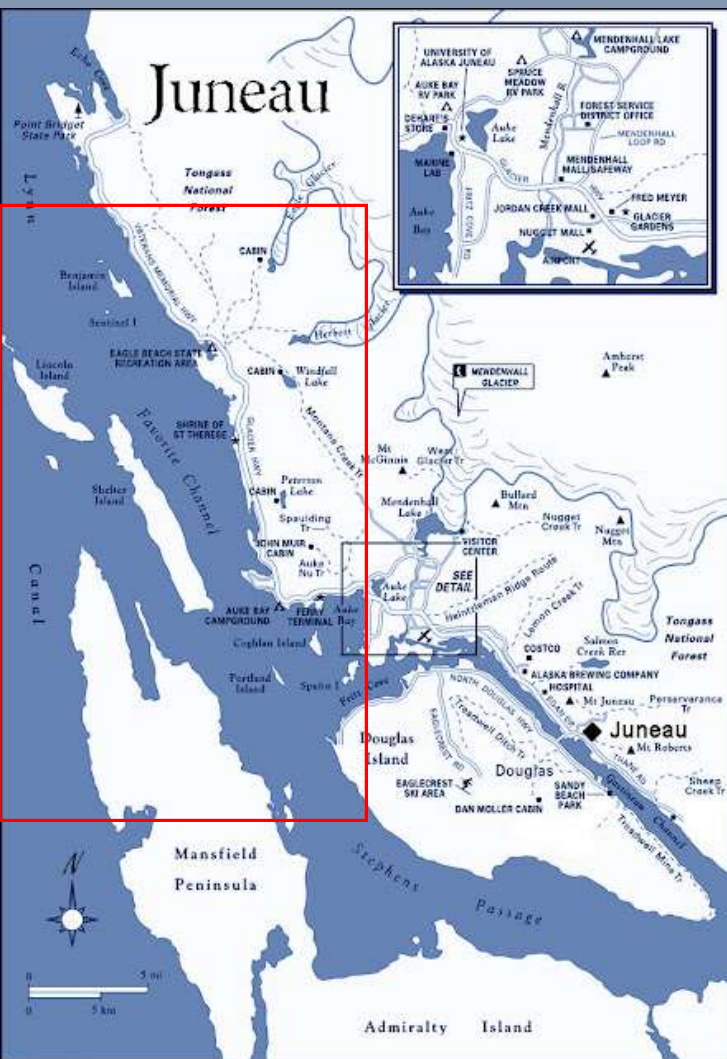
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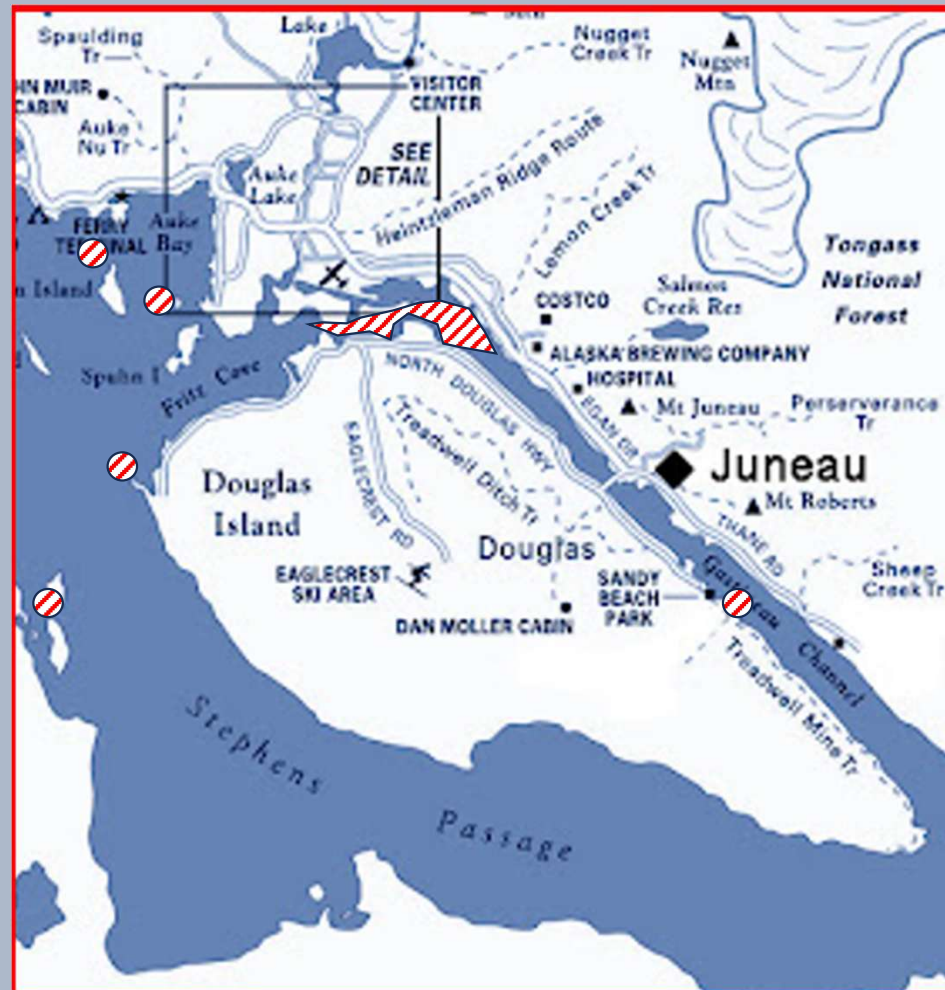
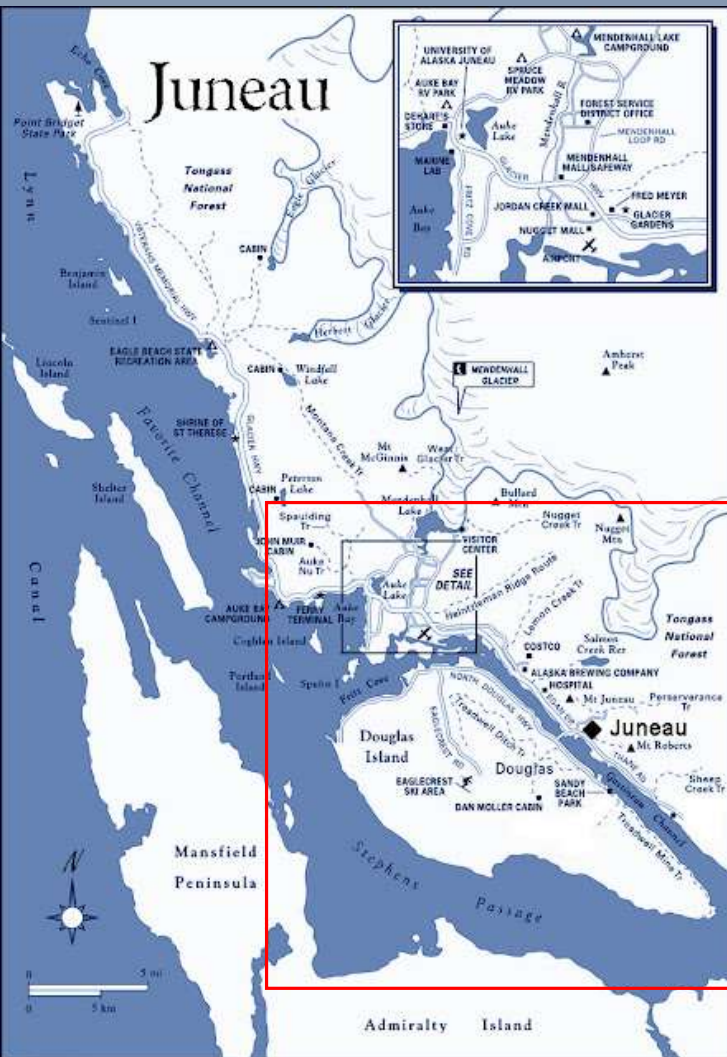
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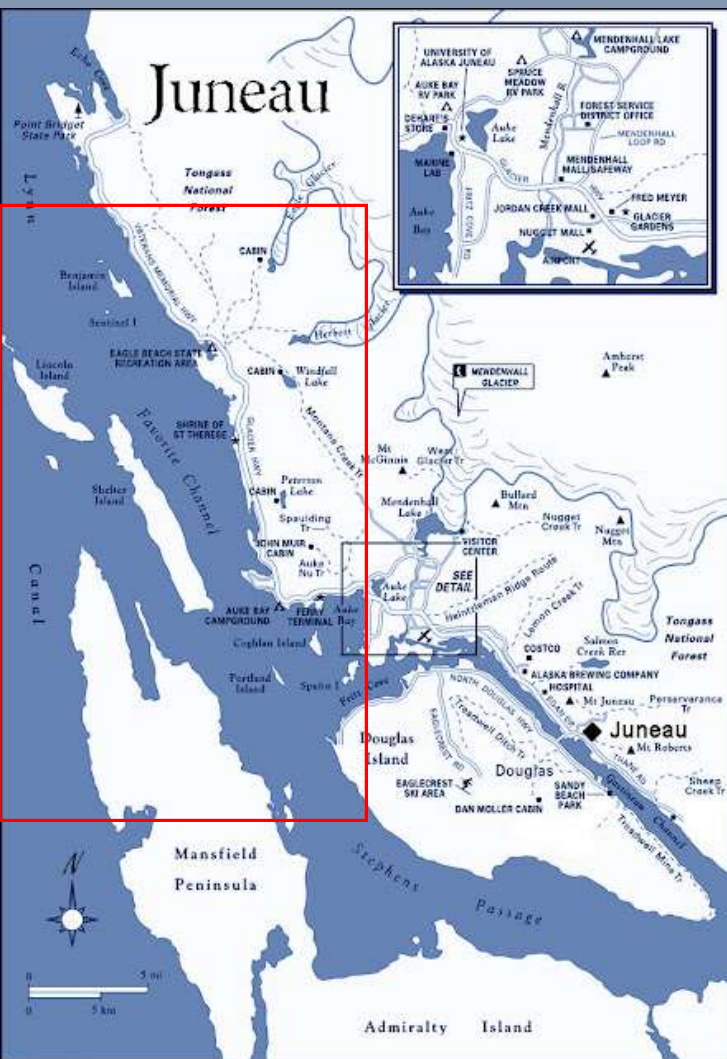
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Submerged Hazard Areas



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MARINE MAMMALS OF JUNEAU



Killer Whale/ Orca



-Protected under the MMPA (no approach limit)

-Turn off Transducers/ SONAR

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Humpback Whale

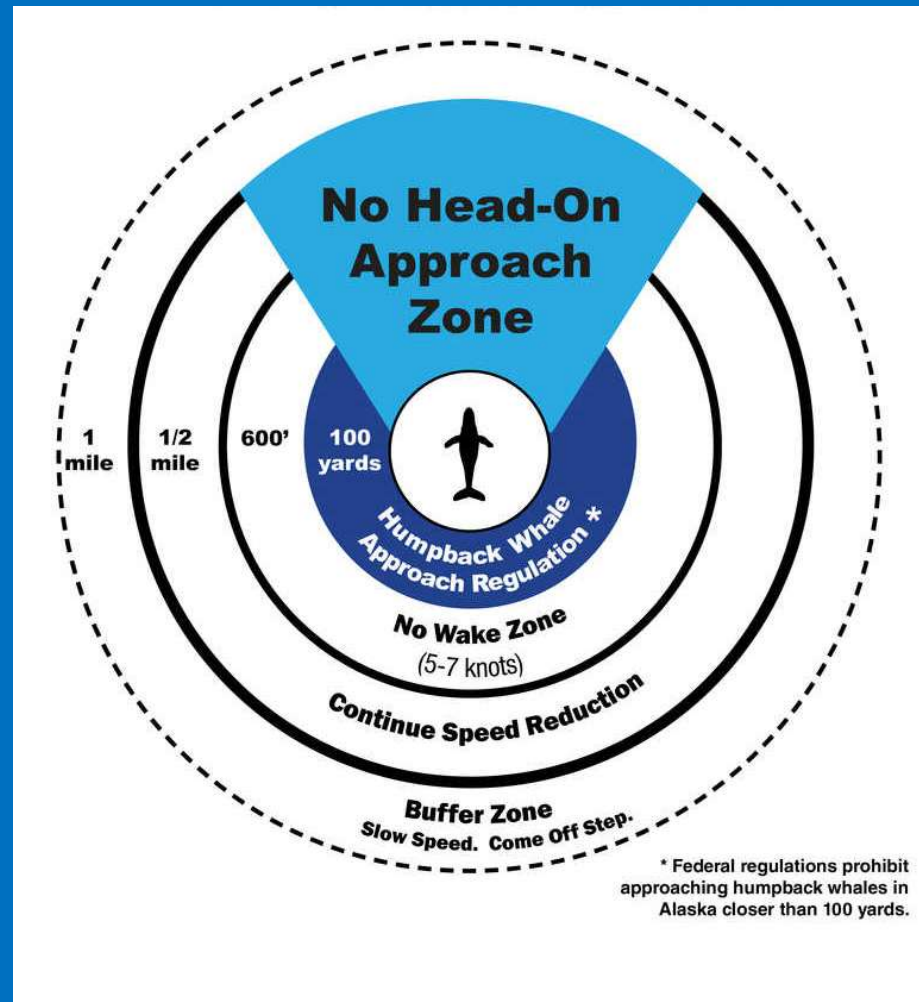
Population: 20,000+ North Pacific/ 60 Juneau

Safe Viewing Areas: North Pass, Halibut Cove, Fritz Cove, Saginaw Channel

Notes:

- Bubble Net Feeding most prominent in July and August
- Lunge Feeding most prominent in early Spring
- Protected under the MMPA (100 yards approach limit)
- NOAA Enforcement: 1(800) 853-1964

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Stellar Sea Lion

Population: 120,000 Alaska/ 600 Juneau

Safe Viewing Areas: Fritz Cove, Faust Rock, Little Island, Benjamin Island

Notes:

- Can be aggressive towards humans
- Differentiated from seals by small ear flaps
- Protected under the MMPA (no approach limit)
- NOAA Enforcement: 1(800) 853-1964

MARINE MAMMALS OF JUNEAU



Harbor Seal

Population: 250,000 Alaska/ 1300 Juneau

Safe Viewing Areas: Fritz Cove, Hump Island, Fishermen's Bend

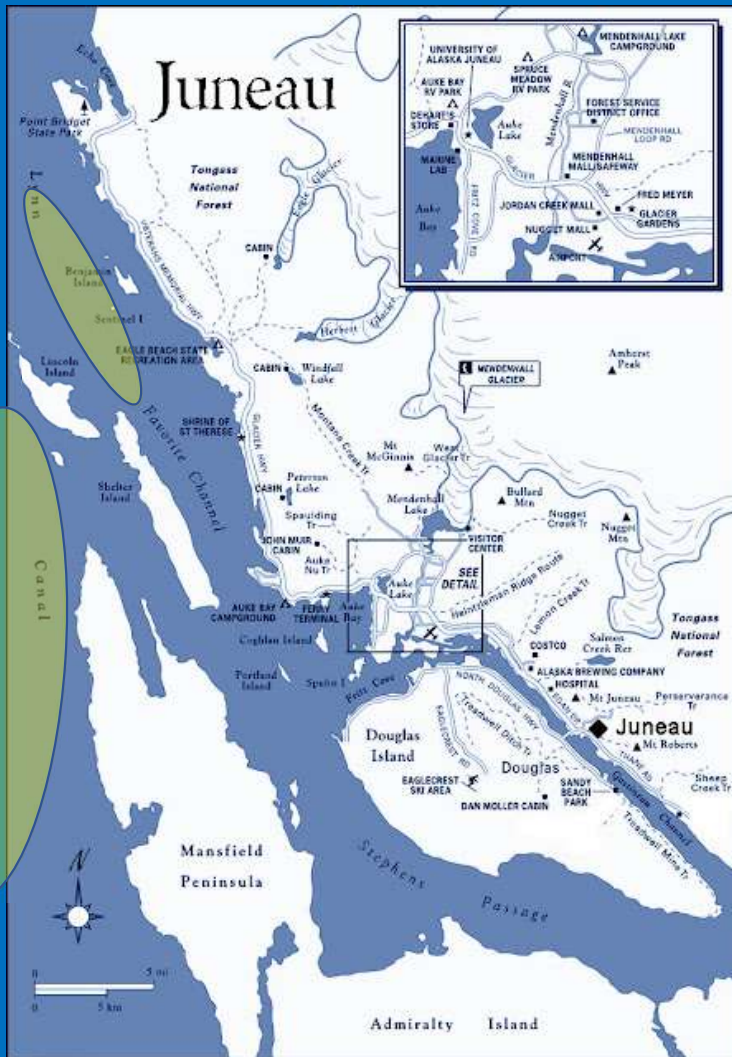
Notes:

- Very timid of noise and human approach
- Differentiated from sea lions by deep ear canal
- Often best viewed at low tide
- Protected under the MMPA (no approach limit)
- NOAA Enforcement: 1(800) 853-1964

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MARINE MAMMALS OF JUNEAU



Dall's Porpoise

Population: 83,000 Alaska/ 800 Juneau

Safe Viewing Areas: Lynn Canal

Notes:

- Can travel 40 MPH for short distances
- Protected under the MMPA (no approach limit)
- NOAA Enforcement: 1(800) 853-1964

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FISHING/ HUNTING IN JUNEAU



Salmon

Safe Harvest Areas: DIPAC, Sheep Creek, Fish Creek, Fritz Cove, North Pass, Cordwood Creek

Notes:

-License carry options:

Print, signed, and carried on person

ADFG Mobile App (free)

Digital picture of printed and signed license

-Always review updated ADFG statements for area closures prior to harvesting

-adfg.alaska.gov

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Halibut

Safe Harvest Areas: Underwater slide areas with prominent topographical humps or plateau

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State and Federal Waterway Regulation



Agencies

United States Coast Guard

- Safety/ Prevention
- Rescue
- Inspections/ Licensing
- Law Enforcement

Law Enforcement

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| -Juneau Police Department | (907) 586-0600 |
| -Alaska State Troopers | (907) 465-4000 |
| -US Forest Service | (907) 586-8800 |
| -US Customs and Border | (907) 586-7211 |
| -Alaska Dept of Fish and Game | (907) 465-2376 |
| -US Fish and Wildlife Service | (907) 780-1160 |
| -NOAA | (907) 586-7414 |

State and Federal Waterway Regulation



Agencies

Alaska Marine Exchange

- Safety/ Prevention*
- Vessel Tracking and Command*
(907) 463-2607

Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Office of Boating Safety

- Safety, Education*
- Statistics*
- Harvest and Subsistence Regulation*
(907) 269-8700

AMSEA- Alaska Marine Safety Education Association

(907) 747-3287

State and Federal Waterway Regulation



Restrictions

Commercial Enterprise Restrictions

*Drugs are not allowed on board any vessel
(Includes Marijuana and Cannabis-Infused
Products)*

Alcohol limit is .08%

No Firing of Weapons to Onshore Targets

Refer to Coast Pilot for Borough and Harbor Laws

Juneau Cruise Ship Terminal Area

State and Federal Waterway Regulation



Frequently Asked Questions

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State and Federal Waterway Regulation



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Yes. Any State or Federal Law Enforcement Officer, State or Federally charged statistician, or Regional Safety Officer may board any vessel, at any time, for any reason, while unmoored

State and Federal Waterway Regulation



Frequently Asked Questions

"Are passengers required by law to wear Life Jackets?"

State and Federal Waterway Regulation



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No. However, any passenger UNDER 13-years of age is required to wear a size-appropriate life jacket while engaged in water sports, or while aboard 'open deck' craft

State and Federal Waterway Regulation



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State and Federal Waterway Regulation



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‘NOV’ is a citable offense in which a Law Enforcement Officer witnesses reckless or unsafe behavior from a boat operator or passengers. Interpretation of ‘NOV’ offenses is determined by Coast Guard Investigative Service (CGIS)

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Yes. “(1)A master or individual in charge of a vessel shall render assistance to any individual found at sea in danger of being lost, so far as the master or individual in charge can do so without serious danger to the master’s or individual’s vessel or individuals on board.

(2)Paragraph (b): A master or individual violating this section shall be fined not more than \$1,000, imprisoned for not 2 years, or both.”

(Title 46 U.S. Code § 2304)

State and Federal Waterway Regulation



Frequently Asked Questions

“Which safety items am I legally obligated to have onboard?”

State and Federal Waterway Regulation



ALASKA REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY

Requirements	Boats under 16 feet	Boats 16 feet to less than 26 feet	Boats 26 feet to less than 40 feet	Boats 40 feet to less than 65 feet
Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)	One USCG-approved Type I, II, III or V PFD for each person on board. Must be in serviceable condition. Persons under 13 must wear a PFD when in an open boat, on the deck of a boat or when waterskiing.			
Throwable Devices (Type IV)	Recommended but not mandatory.	Except for canoes and kayaks, one USCG-approved Type IV (seat cushion or throw ring) device must be carried.		
Sound Producing Devices	Boats less than 39.4 feet (12 meters) in length must be able to make an efficient sound signal (such as that made with a whistle or horn) to signal intentions and to signal position in periods of reduced visibility.			Boats 39.4 feet (12 meters) or more in length must carry on board a whistle or horn.
Visual Distress Signals	USCG-approved night signals required between sunset and sunrise. USCG-approved visual distress signals for both day and night time use must be carried. Exception: boats and open sailboats not equipped with mechanical propulsion and under 26 feet in length are <u>not</u> required to carry day signals. <i>Note: Pyrotechnic devices, if used to meet this requirement, must be current, serviceable and readily accessible. At the minimum, a total of three day/night combination devices or three day and three night devices must be carried.</i>			

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Navigation Lights	Display required between sunset and sunrise and during periods of restricted visibility. International configuration required (varies with length and mode of operation). See the International Navigation Rules.			
Backfire Flame Arrestors	One USCG-approved backfire control device on each carburetor of all inboard gasoline engines.			
Ventilation	Boats with permanently installed engines, closed compartments or permanent fuel tanks must have efficient natural or mechanical ventilation.			
Registration	Undocumented boats equipped with mechanical propulsion (gas, diesel or steam engines, and electric motors) and any undocumented vessel used in sport fishing charter activities must be registered with the Division of Motor Vehicles. Certificate of Number must be carried onboard. Registration numbers and validation decals must be properly displayed on hull of boat.			

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US Coast Guard Approved

Mustang Inflatable Suspenders



Stearns Inflatable Suspenders



Mustang Khimera Hybrid and Inflatables



HERO Inflatable Rash Guard



Stearns Foam Work Vest



Mustang Manual Belt Pack Inflatable



Non- USCG Approved



Float Tech Sea-Tee Inflatable Rash Guard



Stormline 662 Heavy Duty Oilskin Fishing Flotation Pants



Regatta Fisherman's Oilskins with Flotation



PFDs That Work



PFD Reimbursement
Online Form



Proper Fit and Wear of PFD

Life jackets come in sizes to fit babies through large adults. They are intended to keep you afloat in lakes, rivers, pools and other bodies of water. Worn correctly, they work!

Life jacket should fit snug around the chest and should not ride up on your body when in the water.

Check for a weight limit on the inside of the life jacket. Use the correct size based on weight.

Straps should be pulled tight and not twisted.

All buckles should be fastened.

Damaged life jackets should be discarded and replaced. Check often for holes, tears and buoyancy.

Some smaller weight life jackets have a strap between the legs, too. Be sure to fasten that for extra protection.



Question:

Which PFD is most effective?





THE ONE YOU WEAR!



Juneau Harbors (CBJ)



Echo Cove
Boat Launch

Amalga Harbor

Auke Bay Loading
Facility

North Douglas
Boat Launch

Statter Harbor

Aurora/ Harris Harbor

Douglas Harbor



Juneau Harbors (CBJ)



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Day-Use
Recreational
Launch Ramp
Permit

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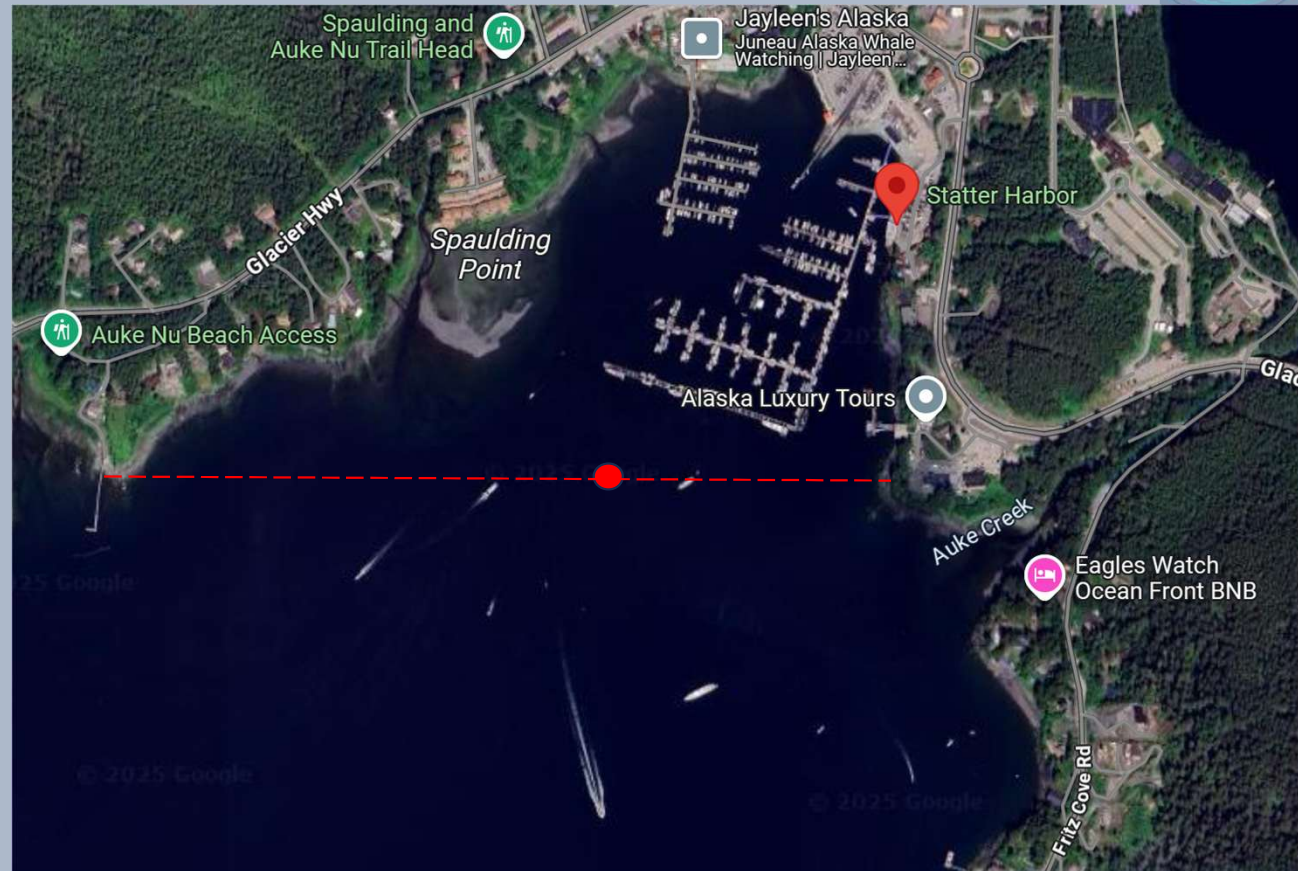
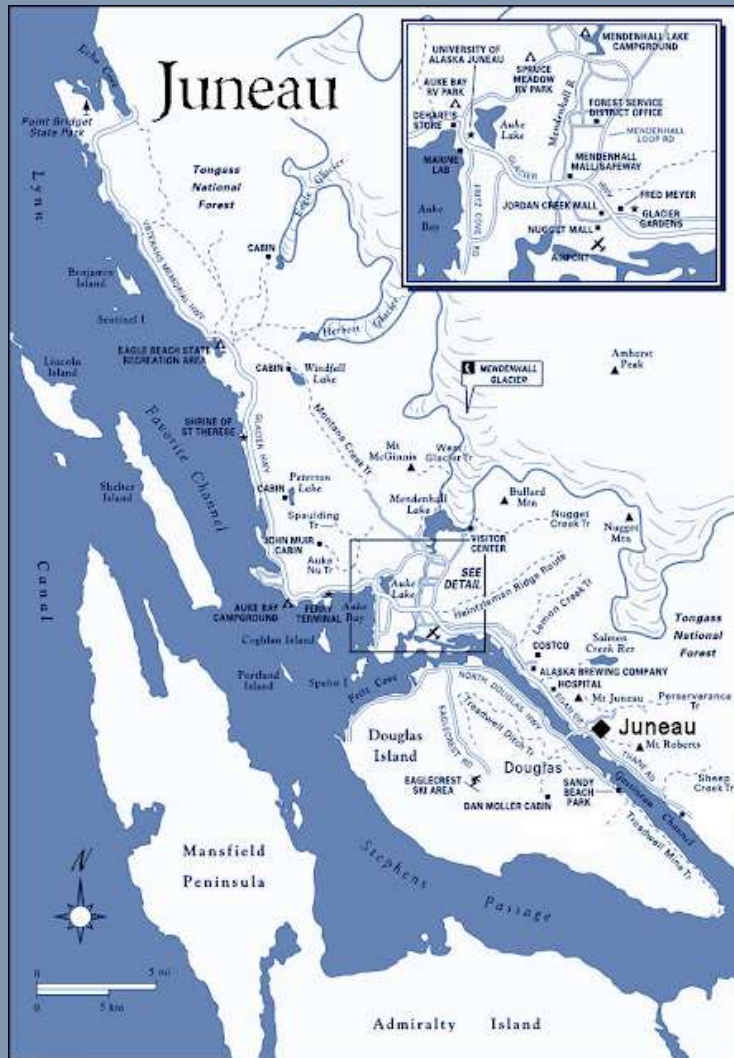
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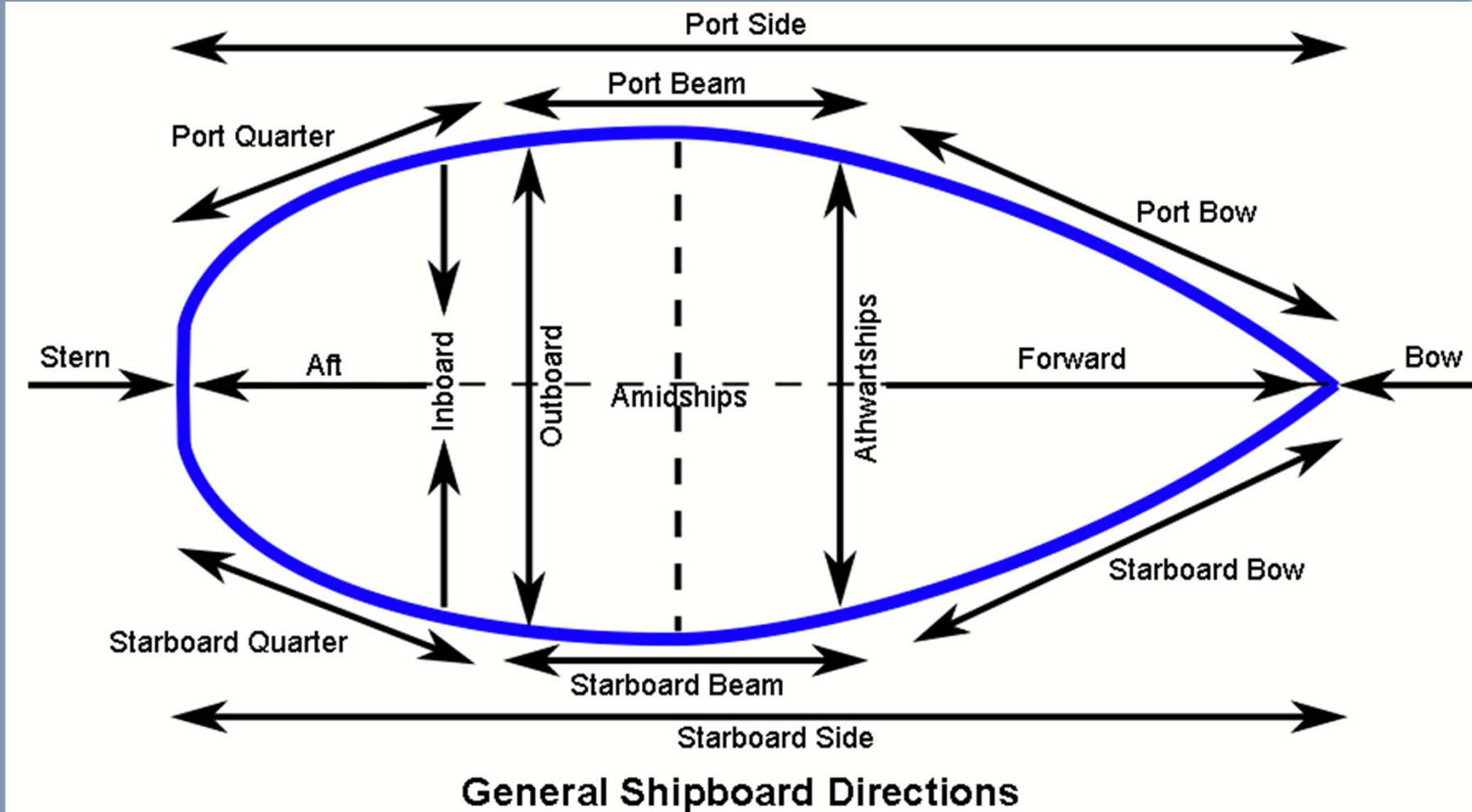
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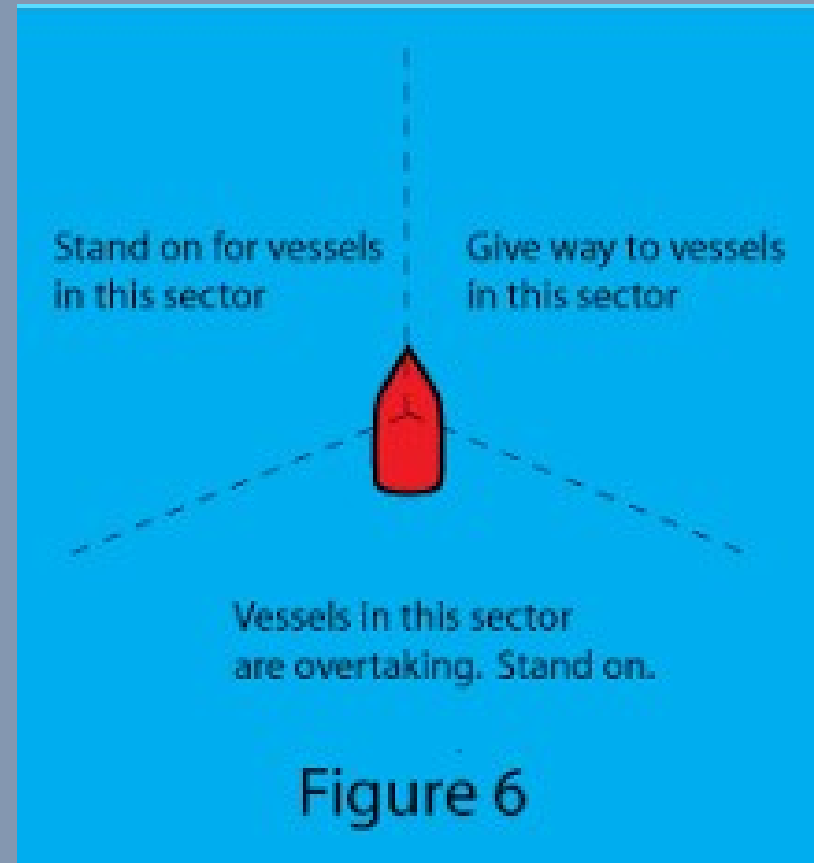
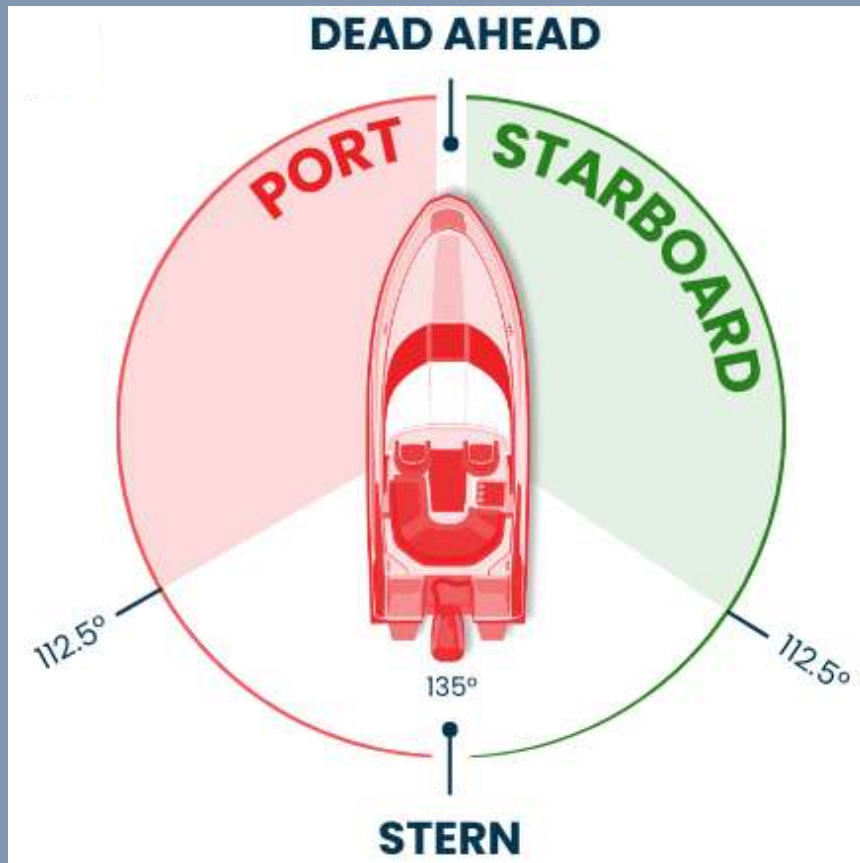
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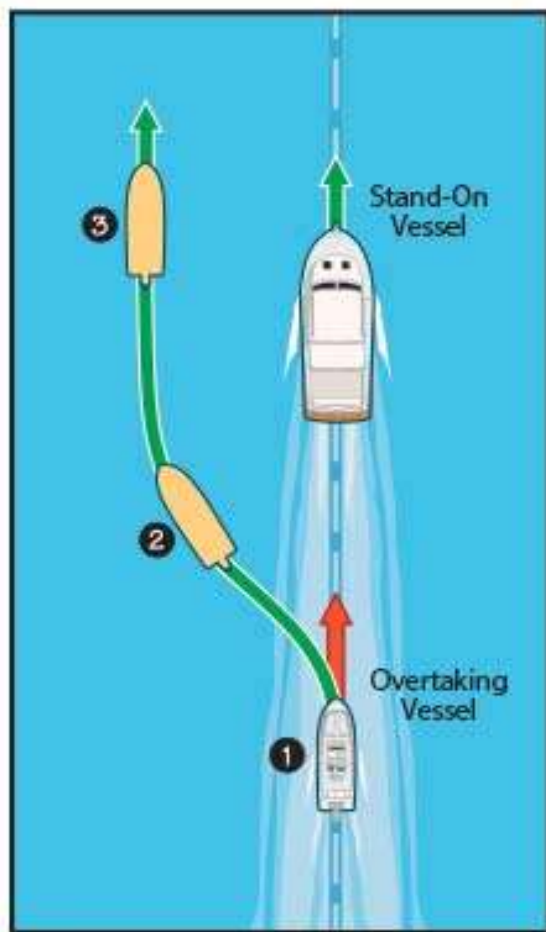
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1. OVERTAKING

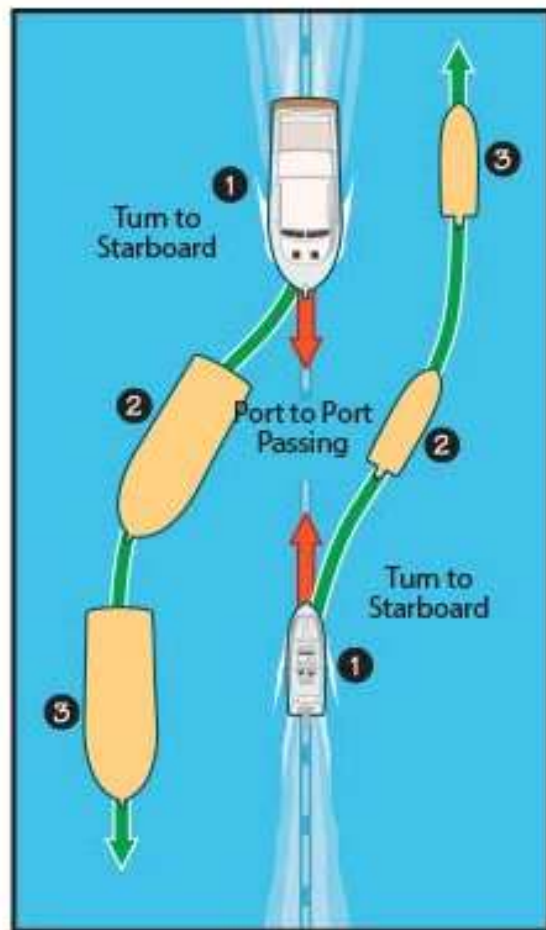
Rules of the Road

When overtaking (passing) another vessel, you can approach either side of the stand-on vessel

You must not cause interference to the stand-on vessel's original course or speed

Your altered course must be deliberate and obvious to the stand-on vessel

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2. HEAD-ON SITUATION

Rules of the Road

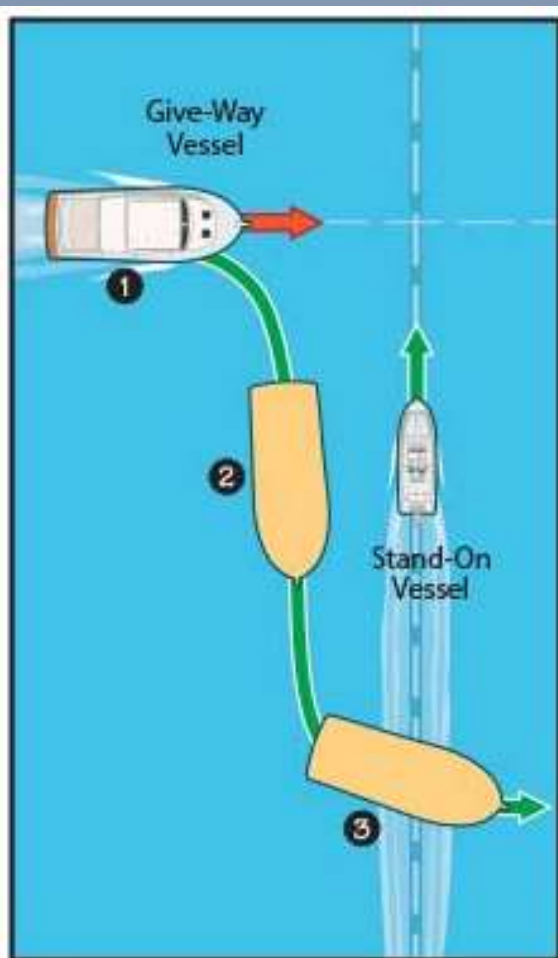
When approaching “head-on” with another vessel, you must pass:

PORT to PORT

...unless you communicate with the vessel to pass **Starboard to Starboard**.

The other vessel must confirm the altered arrangement by VHF or two Horn Blasts

BOATING IN ALASKA



3. CROSSING SITUATION

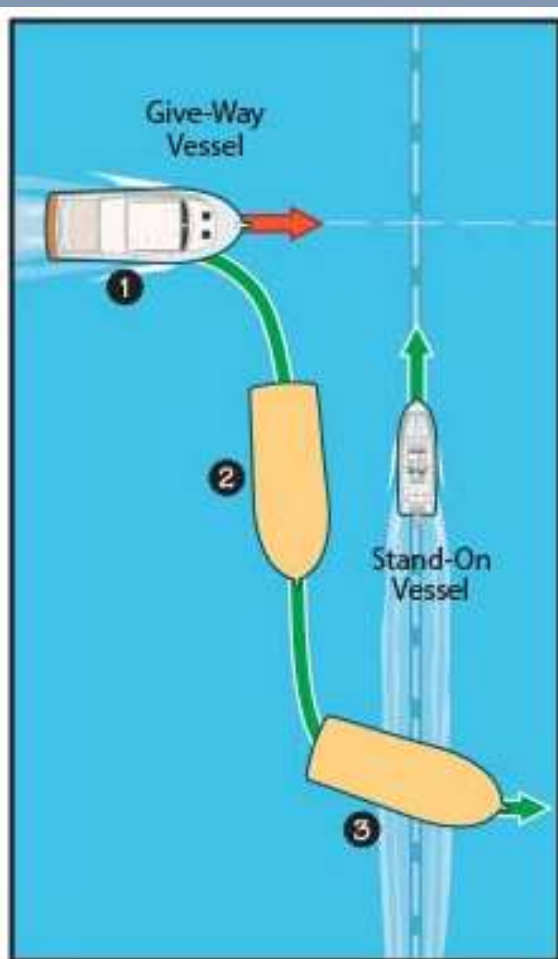
Rules of the Road

If a vessel is approaching from your **Starboard** side, you must give-way by passing:

BEHIND the stand-on vessel

Make your course alteration early, and obvious to the Stand-on vessel

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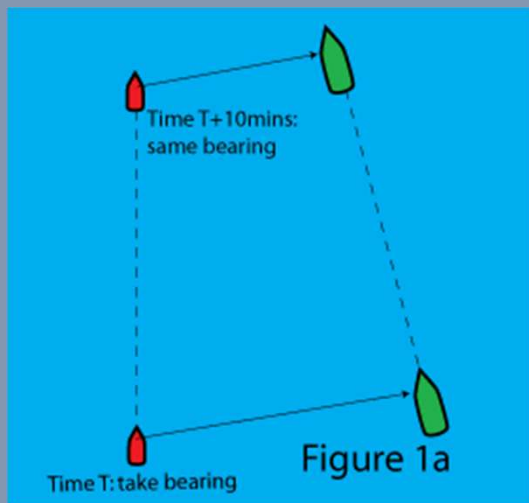
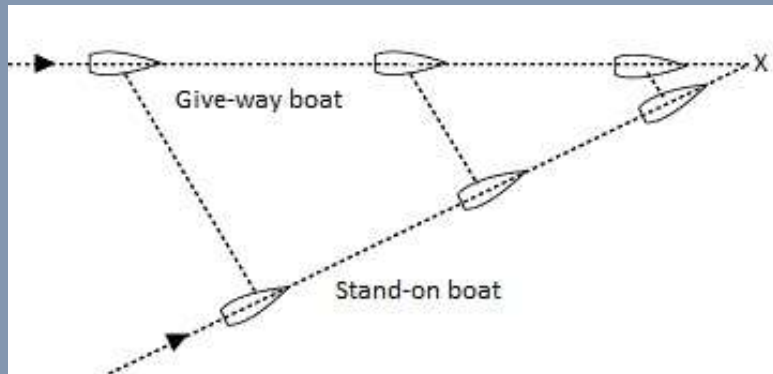
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If you are the stand-on vessel, do not alter your course

If in doubt of the give-way vessel's intentions slow your speed and emit **1-prolonged blast (5 seconds)**

If collision is nearing, allow the give-way vessel to pass ahead. Place your engines astern (reverse) and sound **3-short blasts (1 second)**

BOATING IN ALASKA



Rules of the Road

If a vessel in (seemingly) traveling parallel to you, but the vessel's bearing does not change, you are on a

Collision Course!

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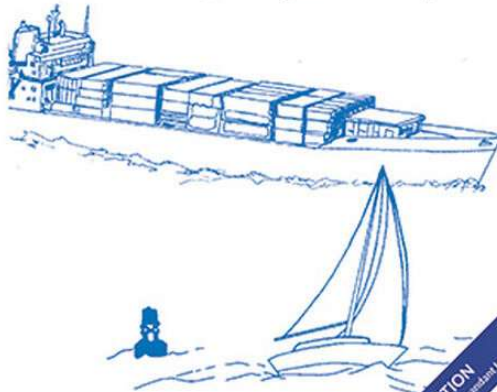


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Navigation Rules and Regulations Handbook

- Containing - International and Inland Rules of the Road and their respective Annexes
- Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Regulations
- Vessel Traffic Management Regulations
- Other pertinent regulations for waterway users



NEW EDITION
Supplemental Commercial Instruction M14722D

Rules of the Road

No vessel has ultimate legal right of way over another.

Navigation Rules of the Road govern how different situations should be handled based on the vessel type and activity

Avoid a collision at all costs, even if it means breaking another rule

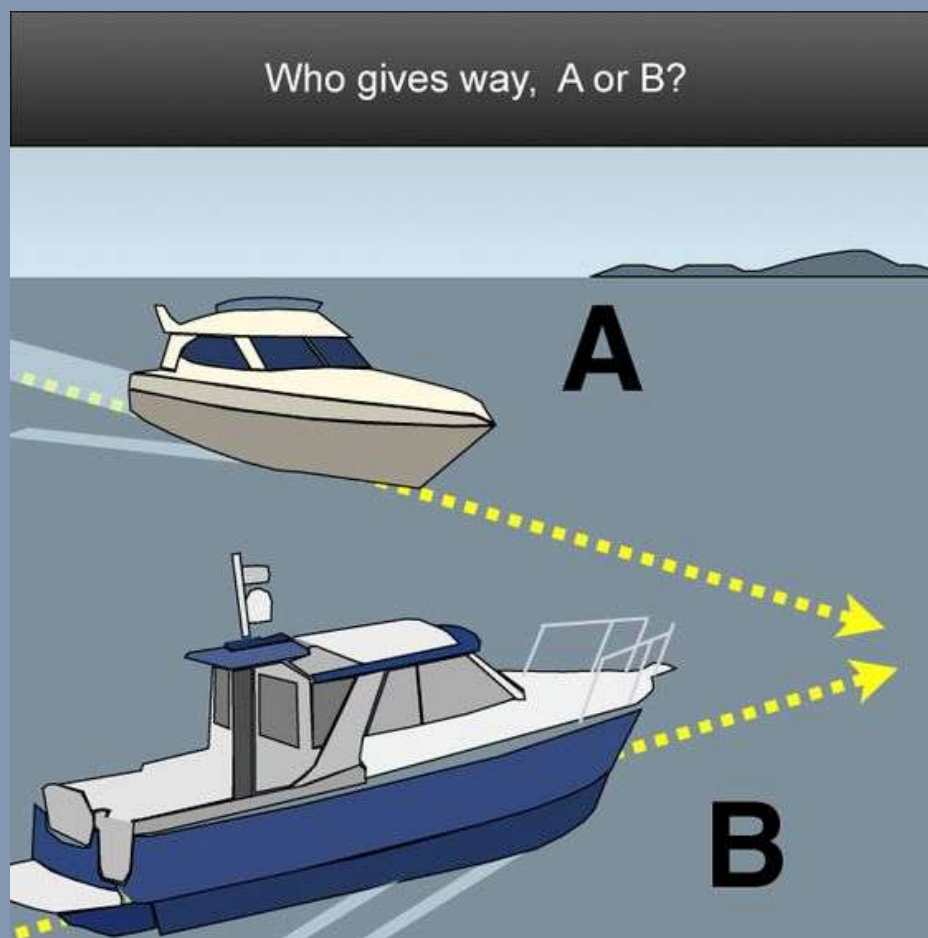
Ketchikan and surrounding area falls under 'Inland Waters' boating regulation

Vessels under sail, engaged in Commercial Fishing (to include Sportfishing), or restricted ability to maneuver, have right of way

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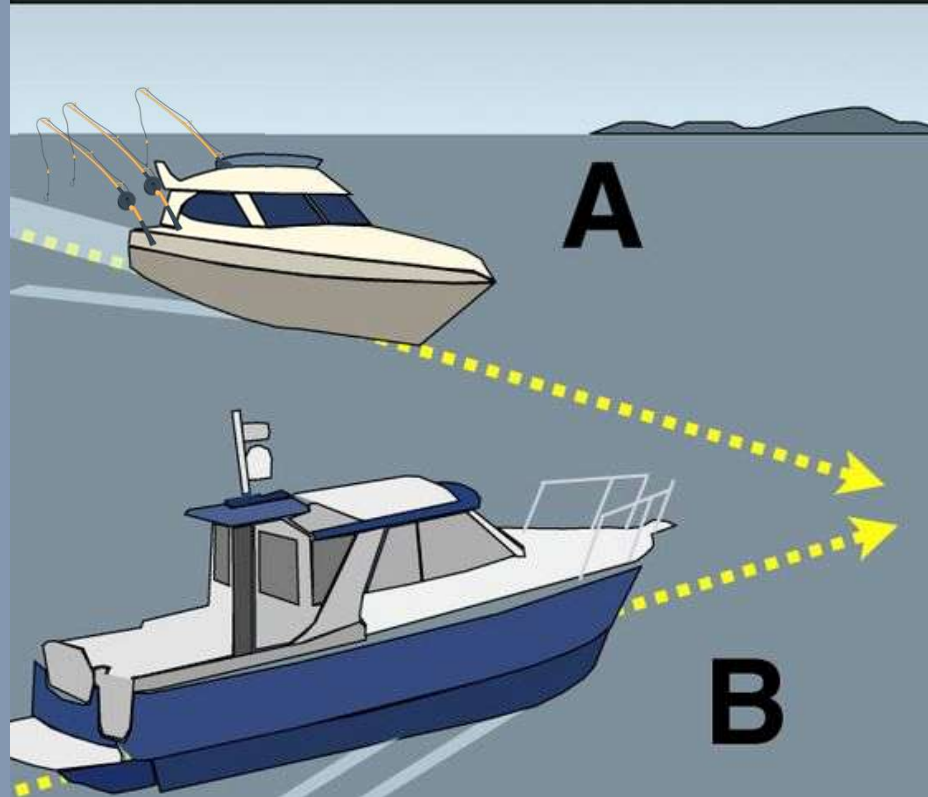
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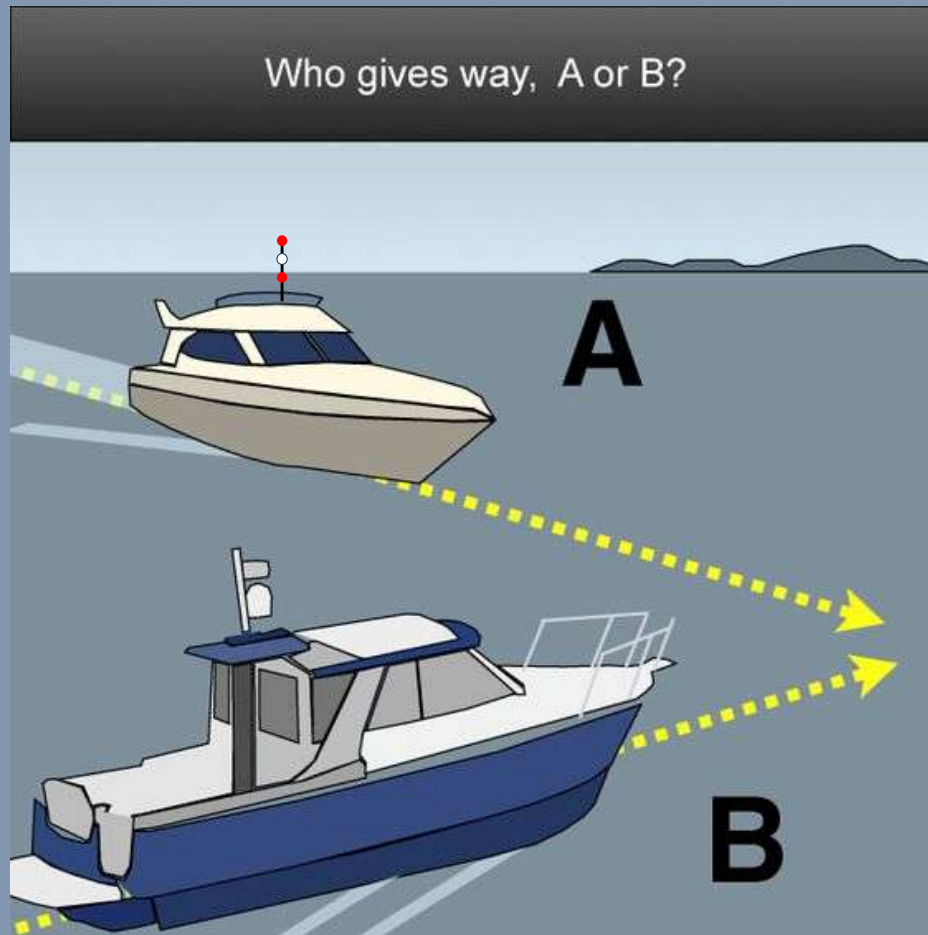
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RADIOS

MAYDAY- ONLY IF LIFE THREATENING

Select Highest Broadcast Setting (wattage)

If enabled, press 'Distress Button'

Hold microphone key/ button to transmit

Breathe Deeply

Speak slow, and clear



RADIO

Pan-Pan: 2nd priority calls
Impending Emergency

Securite: 3rd priority calls
Nav concern, Weather,
Nav Light Out, Restricted
Ability to Maneuver,
Towing





RADIOS



Exercise:
YOU are the Coast Guard!

Write the 5 most important things
you hear on the following actual
MAYDAY





5 MAYDAY Call Priorities

1. MAYDAY (3x)
2. Location (geographic + Lat/long)
3. Vessel Name
4. Vessel Description
4. Nature of Emergency
5. # of people onboard



MAYDAY RELAY

If no one responds to a MAYDAY call, respond to caller and relay message to Coast Guard

- State your vessel name and position
- Repeat what you heard in MAYDAY
- Standby for instructions



DIGITAL SELECT CALLING (DSC)



Functions:

- Broadcasts distress call
- Inc. vessel & owner info
- Lat./Long position

To make operational:

- Have to wire into GPS
- Obtain MMSI # - boat.us.com/mmsi or from FCC license
- Enter # into radio (owners manual)
- Test call to another DSC radio

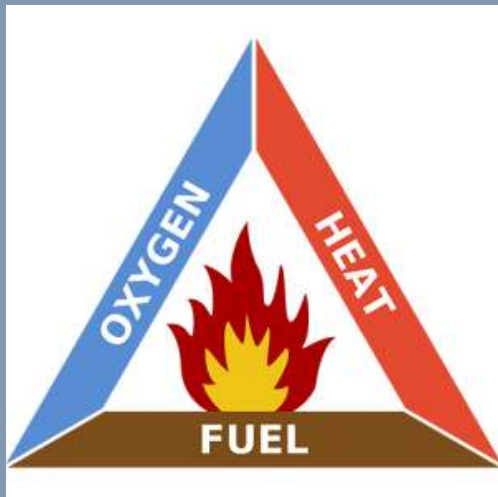
FIRE EMERGENCY PLAN



M/V 'Conception'
September 2nd, 2019
34-Deaths



FIRE EMERGENCY PLAN



Fire Hazards

Fuels

- Gasoline (tank, lines, fittings, vapors)*
- Lithium Batteries*
- Plastics (upholstery, trim, carpet)*
- Wood*

Fire Tetrahedron

Heat/ Ignition

Oxygen/ Oxidizer

Fuel

**Remove one or more item(s)*

FIRE EMERGENCY PLAN



Fire Hazards

Ignition Sources

26% Off-The-Boat Sources

20% Engine Electrical: For boats older than 25 years, old wiring harnesses

15% Other DC Electrical: Reversing the positive and negative cables.

12% AC Electrical: Shore Power/Inverter

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FIRE EMERGENCY PLAN



SECTION 5: FIRE SOURCE REFERENCE

Engine/ Combustion Area(s)

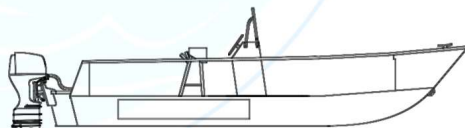
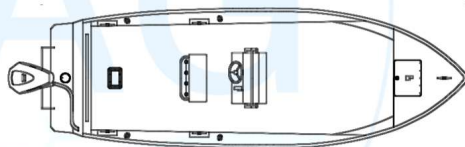
Fuel Vapor Areas

Flammable Fluid Storage

Fuel Tank/ Compartment

Fuel Lines

Electrical Housing



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FIRE EMERGENCY PLAN



Fire Extinguishers

Classes Of Fires	Types Of Fires	Picture Symbol	Extinguisher
	Wood, paper, cloth, trash and other ordinary materials.		<div></div> Water <div></div> Foam Spray <div></div> ABC Powder <div></div> Wet Chemical
	Gasoline, oil, paint and other flammable liquids		<div></div> Foam Spray <div></div> ABC Powder <div></div> Carbon Dioxide
	May be used on fires involving live electrical equipment without danger to the operator		<div></div> ABC Powder
	Combustible metals and combustible metal alloys		<div></div> ABC Powder <div></div> Carbon Dioxide
	Cooking media (Vegetable or Animal Oils and Fats)		<div></div> Wet Chemical

FIRE EMERGENCY PLAN



Fire Extinguishers

P= Pull

A= Aim

S= Squeeze

S= Sweep



FIRE EMERGENCY PLAN



Fire Extinguishers

Store away from highly flammable areas

Store below waist-level, but not on deck flooring

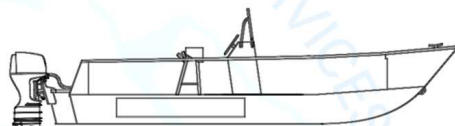
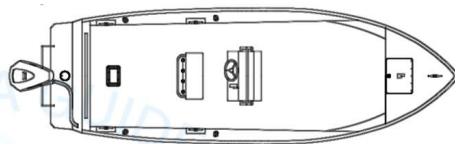
Ensure each type of fuel extinguisher is available for each fuel type present

Always completely discharge the entire contents of the Extinguisher

SECTION 4: EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

- ☐ Fire Extinguisher TYPE: A B C
- ☐ Fuel Shutoff
- ☐ Water Bucket(s)
- ☐ Fire Blanket

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____



FIRE EMERGENCY PLAN



IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

- ☐ Yell "FIRE" and location
- ☐ Move passengers away from fire and smoke
- ☐ Instruct crew and passengers to don life jackets and locate tools listed in Section 4
- ☐ Initiate radio call listed in Section 2

SECTION 2: RADIO CALL

- ☐ Select highest broadcast setting (amps)
- ☐ If enabled, press 'Distress Button'
- ☐ Key microphone, breathe deeply, and begin radio call is a slow, and clear voice.

"MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY.

This is _____ (3X),

My position is _____,

I have a fire on board, located in the vessel's:

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My vessel is _____ in length and _____ in color.

There are _____ souls on board. We are:

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SECTION 3: SECONDARY RESPONSE

- ☐ Direct smoke away from helm and crew
- ☐ Do not terminate fuel lines until decision has been made to abandon ship
- ☐ Do not activate engine compartment fuel suppression before deactivating engine and ventilation ports
- ☐ Remove fuel source, oxygen, or heat from fire

Use Degree Decimal Minute Second (DDMS) format (ex: 'N 30 14.537 W 88 18.372' is read as: "30 tack 14 decimal 537 North, by 88 tack 18 decimal 372 West")

(On deck, galley, engine, etc)

"Attempting to extinguish the fire" or "abandon ship"

Response Procedures (Immediate)

1. Alert Crew and Passengers of the fire by yelling "FIRE" and the location of the smoke/ flames
2. Direct passengers upwind of the flames/ smoke
3. Instruct Crew and Passengers to don life-jackets with the intention to abandon the vessel
4. Secure all fire-fighting materials

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Digital Selective Calling: VHF must be networked to a GPS unit for 'Distress Button' to replay coordinates and IMSI Info

Ensure your transmission output is set to the highest amperage/wattage (1 watt= 1 mile of signal travel)

Remember, boat fires happen fast. Consider your first radio call to be your only radio call

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Response Procedures (Secondary Response)

Keep smoke and fumes away from: Helm, passengers, escape routes, life raft platforms

Attempt to maintain propulsion until doing so will increase fire risk

Know how to restart your engines after an automatic engine shutdown

Do not introduce oxygen to inboard or below deck fires

When possible, anchor your vessel prior to ditching

COLD WATER EMERGENCIES



COLD WATER CASUALTY



Types of Cold-Water Emergencies

Man Overboard

- Known position
- Unknown position

Hypothermia

Drowning

Capsizing/ Foundering

Response Role

- Direct
- Assisting

Vessel: _____ Callsign: _____ Draft Date: _____

Emergency Man-Overboard Recovery

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Standing-by on Channel 16. Over"

SECTION 3: TOOLS RESOURCES

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- ☐ Throw Rope and Bag
- ☐ Gaff
- ☐ Spotlight/Flash Light

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Choose one method (see page 3)

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COLD WATER CASUALTY



Man Overboard (Immediate Response)

Identify immediate collision hazards and do not turn vessel away from casualty.

Always turn your wheel in the direction of the casualty

Datums: Brightly colored, light emitting, additional flotations, rises from the water surface

If MOB is visible, instruct crew to keep fingers pointed at casualty until operator is approaching

Manage your wake

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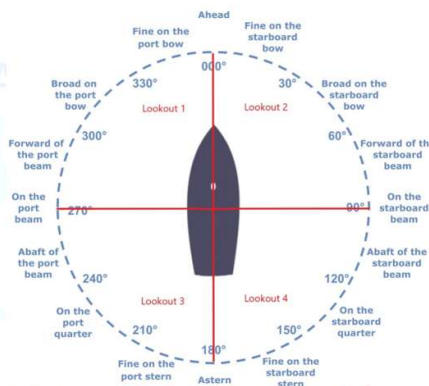
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maintain your search grids and standby on

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Man Overboard (Searching)

Use all available onboard personnel

Small movements are best seen through your peripheral vision, scanning the horizon line

When available, one competent crewmember should assist the boat operator in scoping DATUM, and logging track speeds

Only scan within your quadrant and rotate crew to avoid eye fatigue

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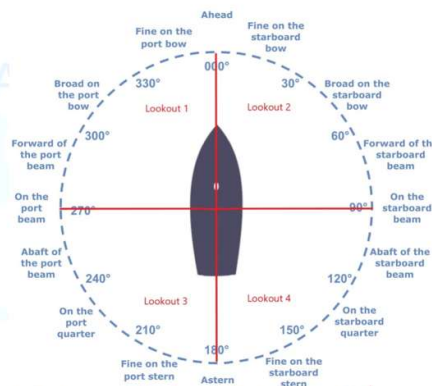
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Man Overboard (Upon Discovery)

Do not release vessels from search areas until confirmation is made

Approach from the windward side of casualty to lessen propulsion adjustments and block wave action

Train crewmembers on 'walking the casualty' alongside the beam of the vessel

Never 'Back Down' on a victim in the water

COLD WATER CASUALTY



Man Overboard (Expanding Grid Searches)

Most effective when the location of the search object is known within relatively close limits.

The search commencement point is always the datum position.

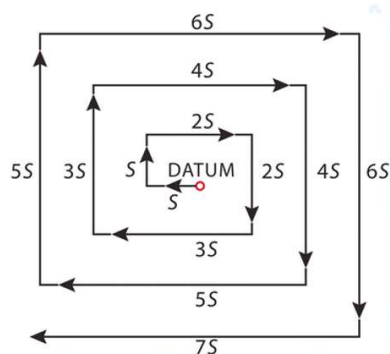
Most effective in single ship searches.

Accurate navigation is critical for proper tracks.

The first leg is usually directed **ALONG** the wind and/ or current.

All course alterations are of 90-degrees starboard.

Initiating an Expanding Square Search Grid



- Step 1: Identify the down-current direction
- Step 2: Mark heading and speed (7-10 knots ideal)
- Step 3: Travel chosen heading for 60-seconds
- Step 4: Initiate a 90° turn to starboard
- Step 5: Travel new heading for 60-seconds
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*Continue to make incremental starboard turns, doubling the time of travel every 3rd turn. Datum should remain in the starboard view.

Initial Heading _____ Track Speed _____

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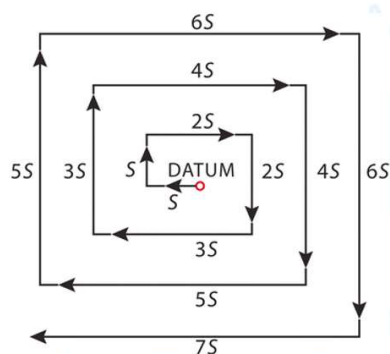
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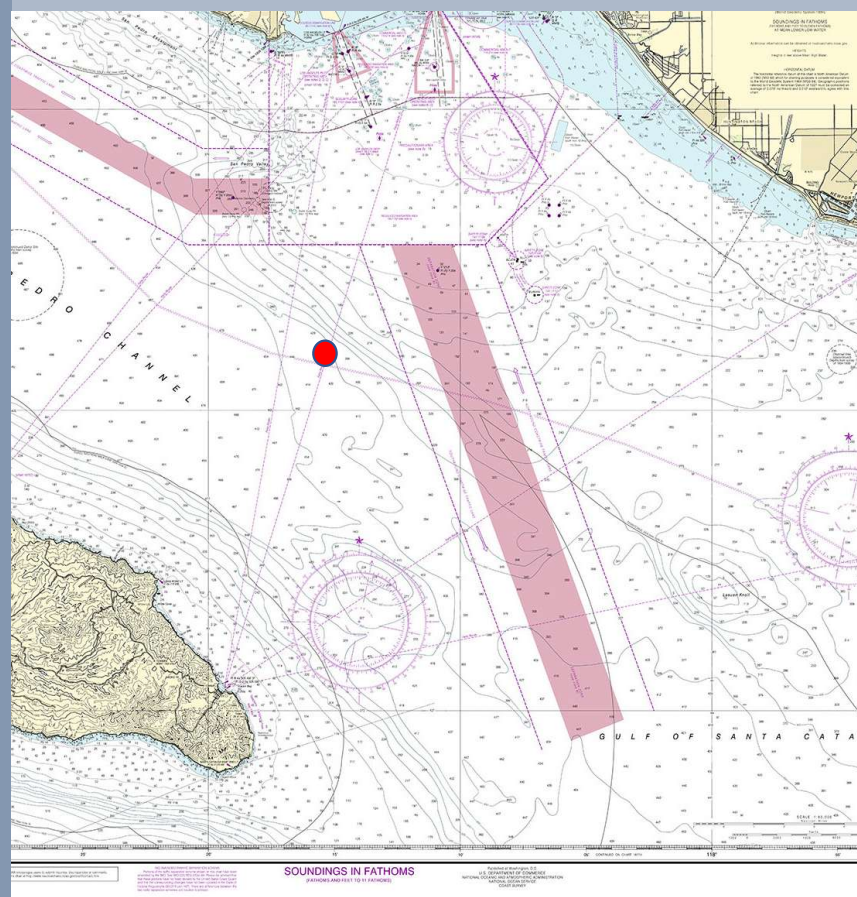
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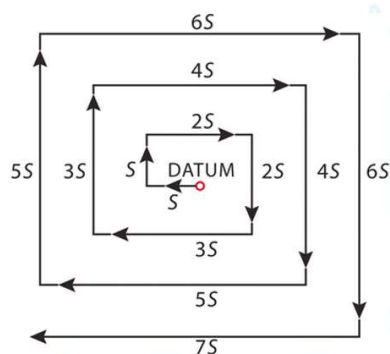
Man Overboard (Expanding Grid Searches)



COLD WATER CASUALTY



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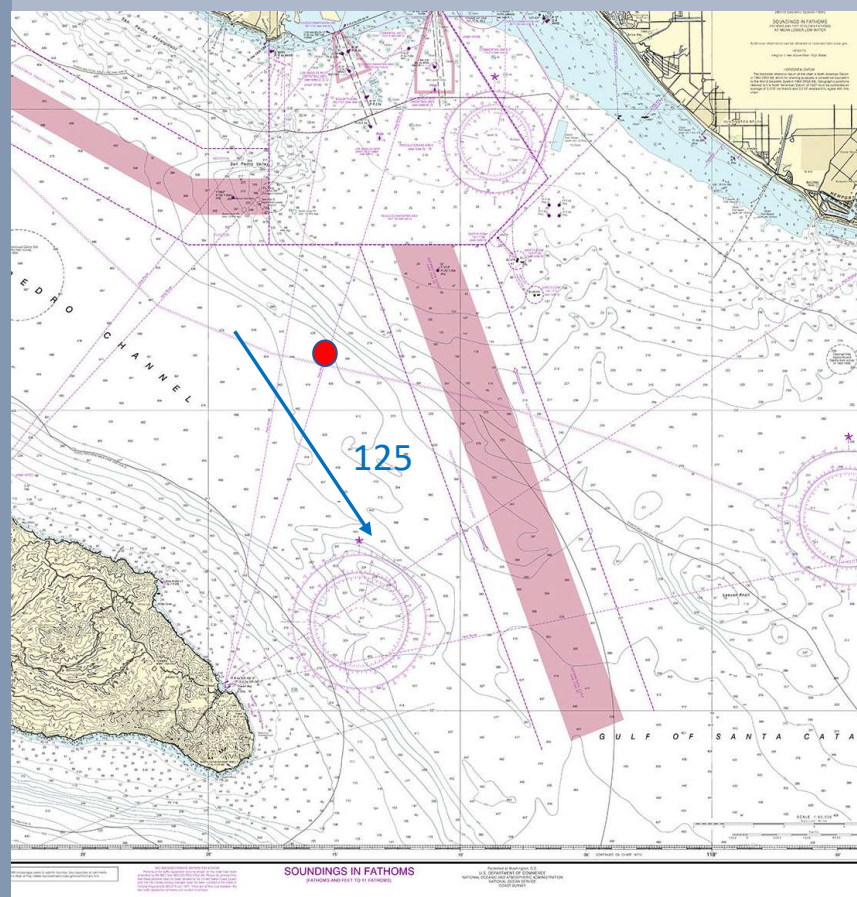
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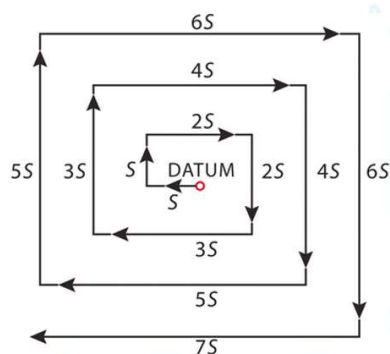
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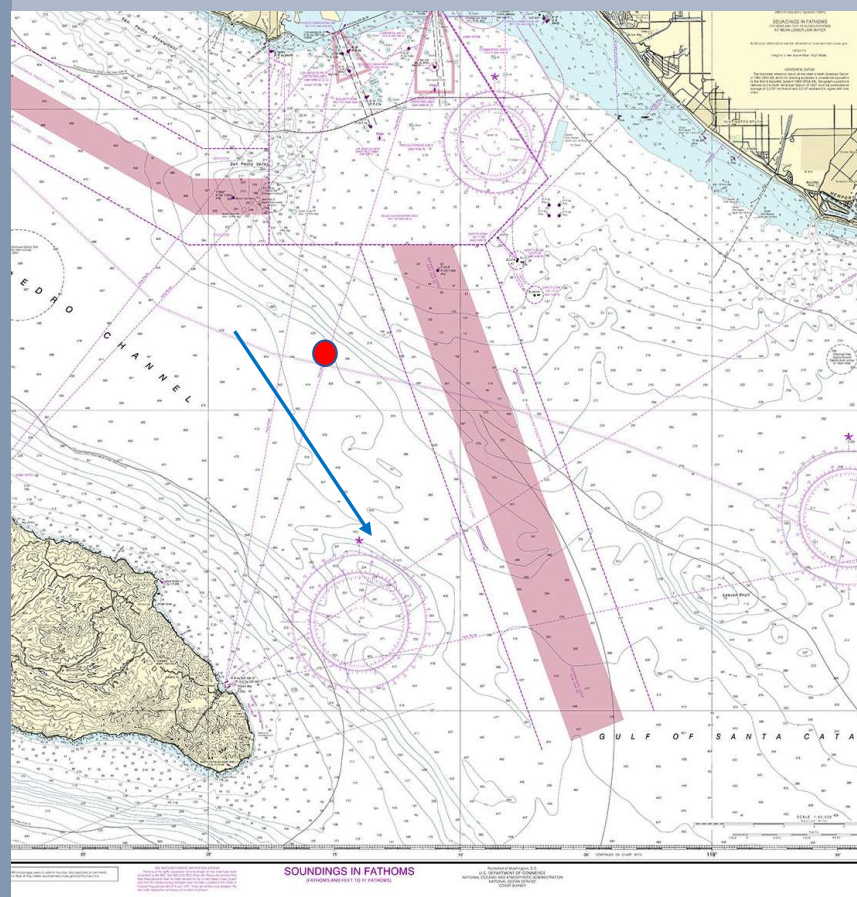
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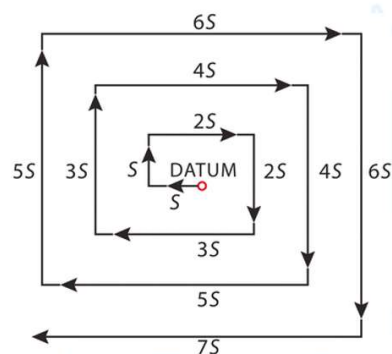
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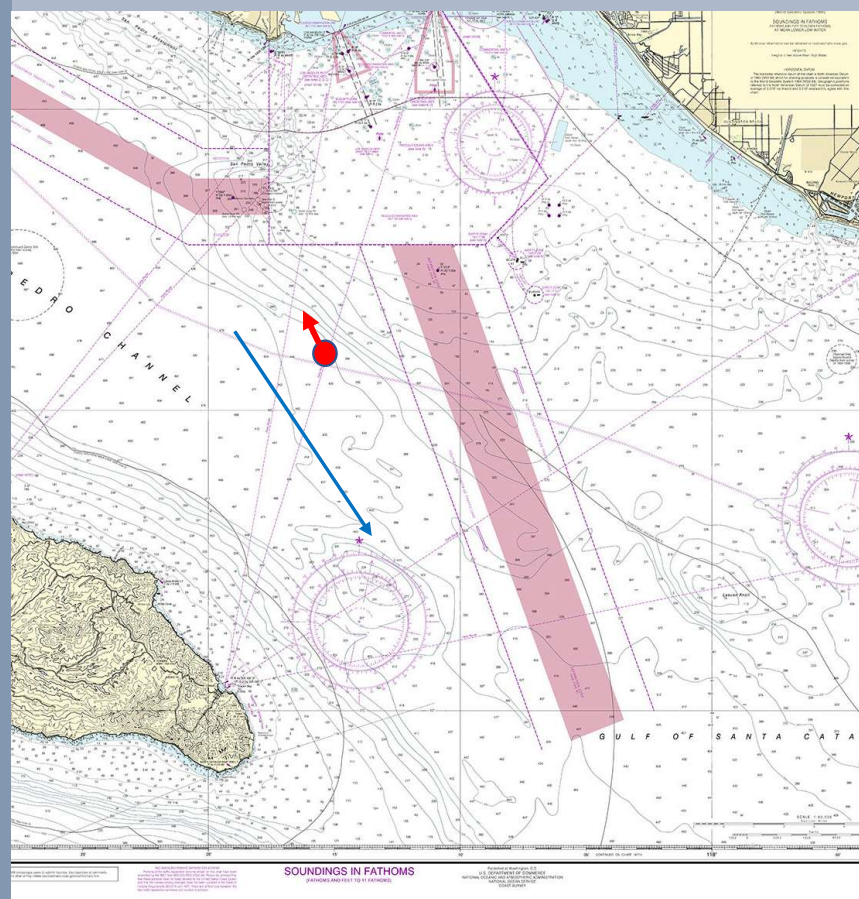
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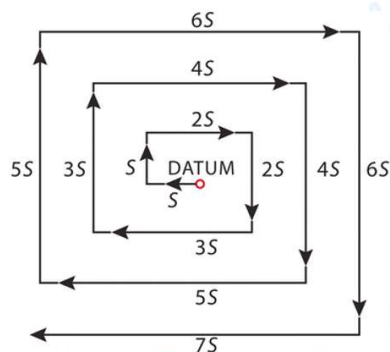
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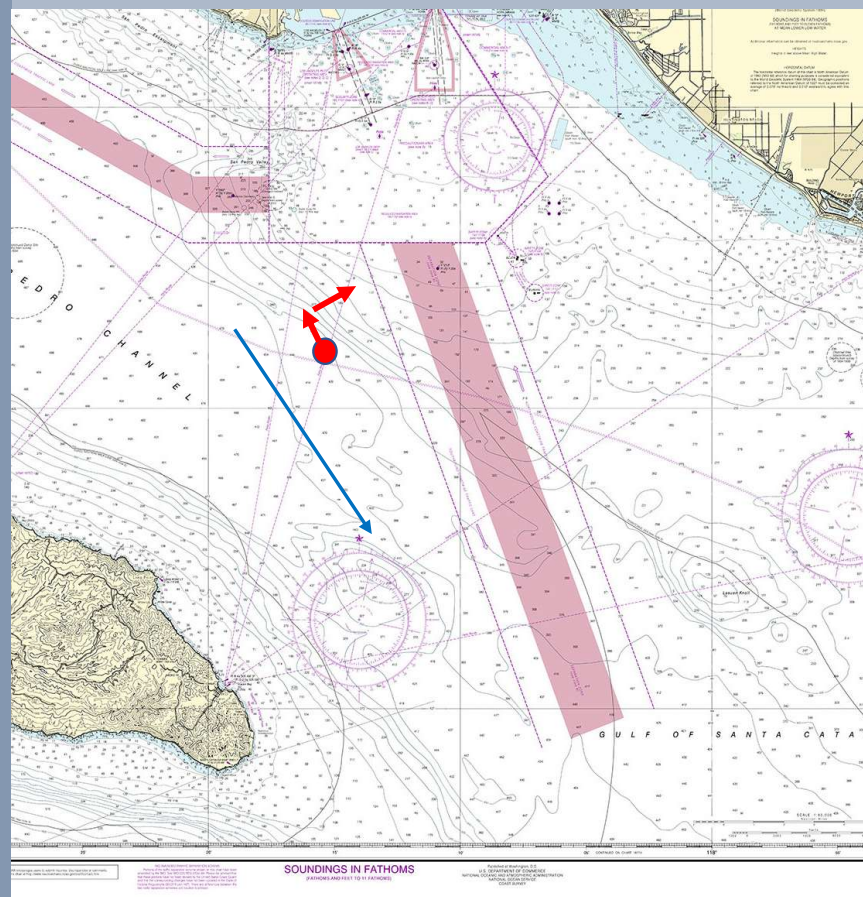
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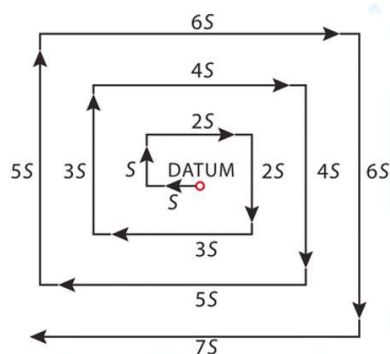
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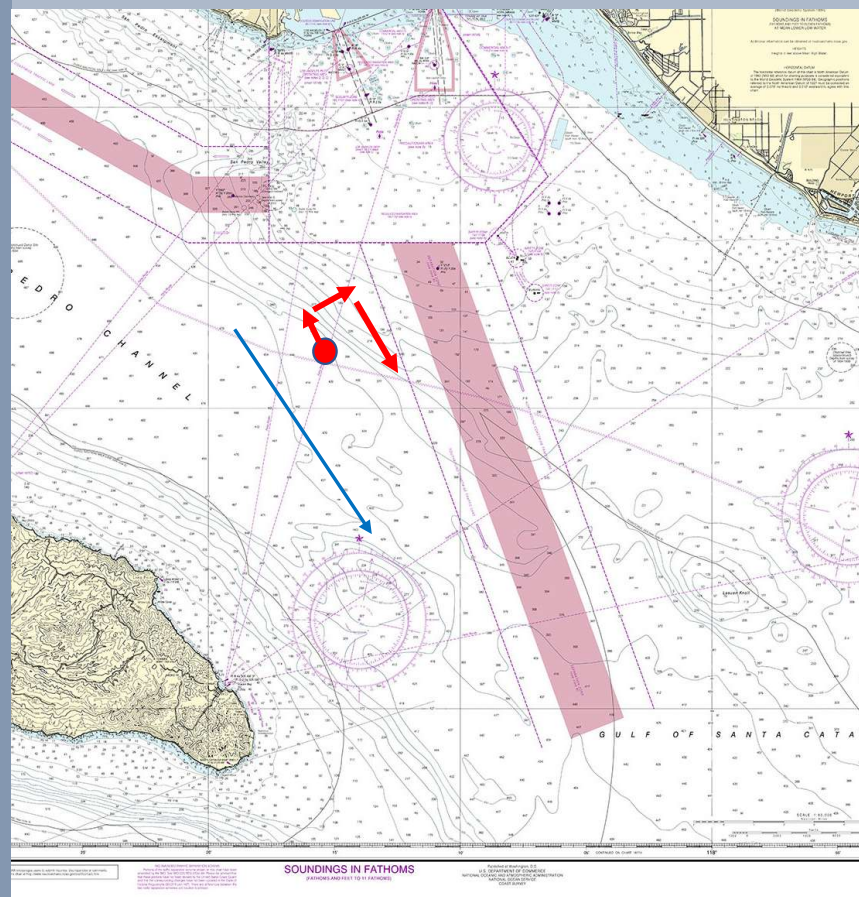
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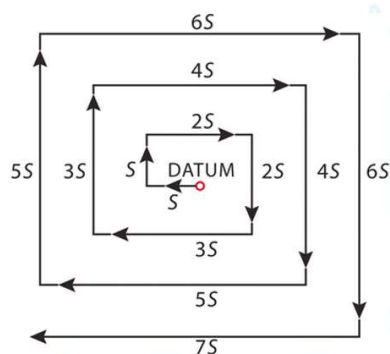
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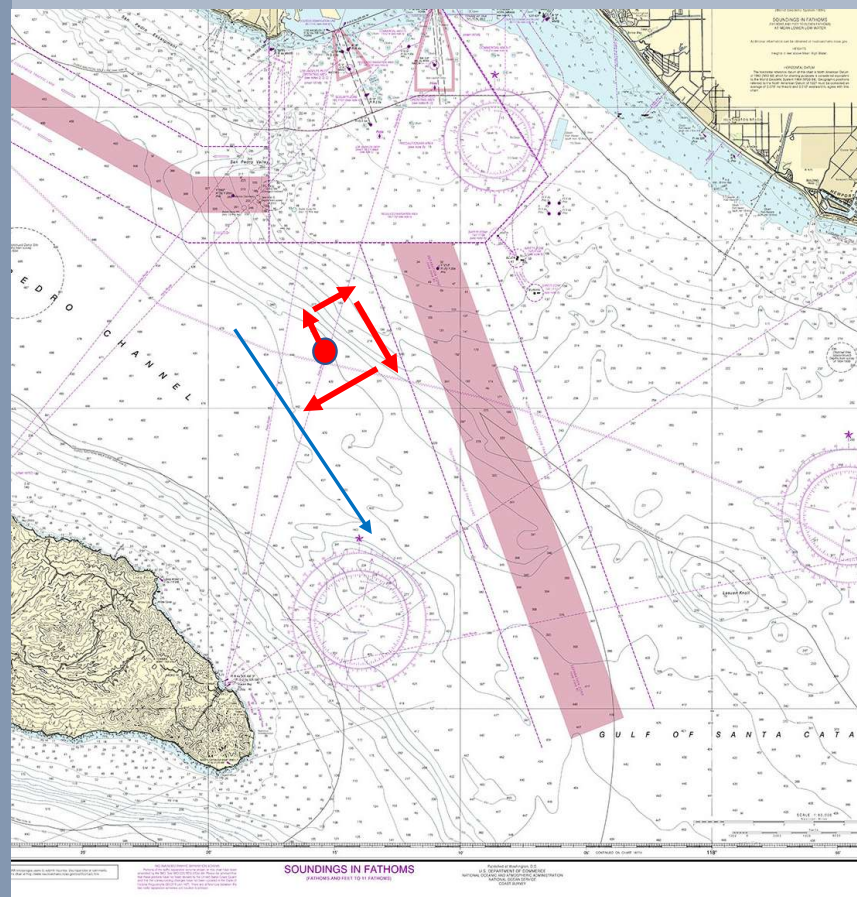
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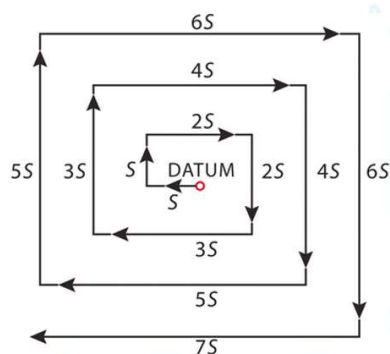
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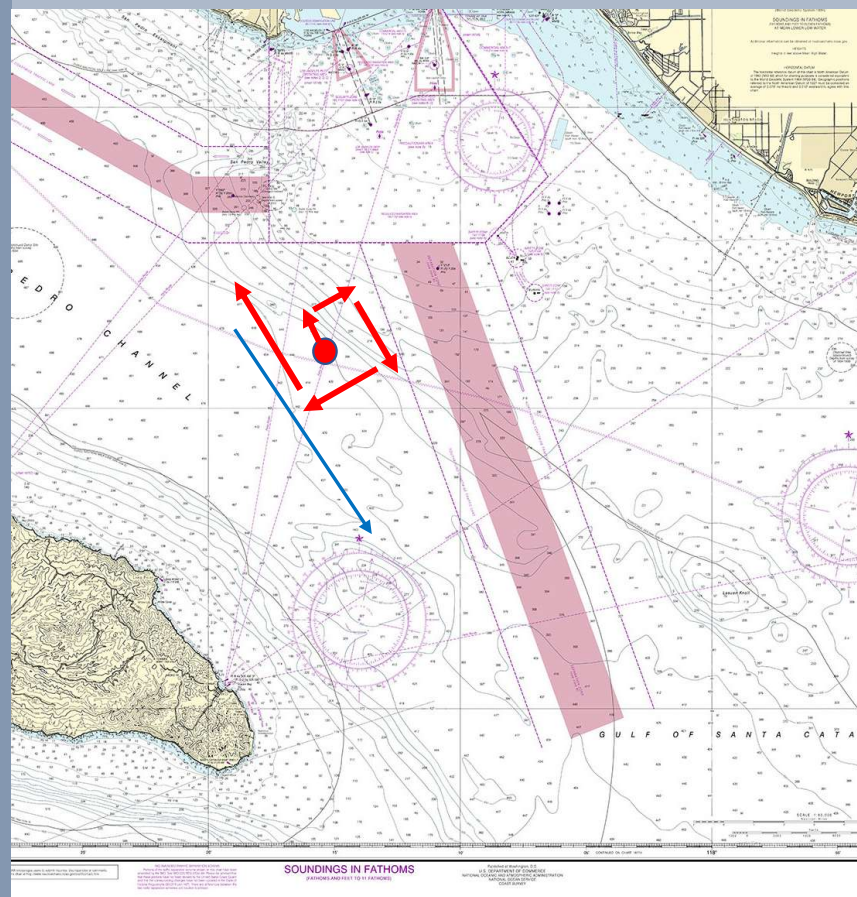
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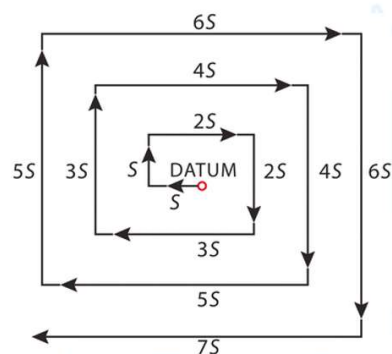
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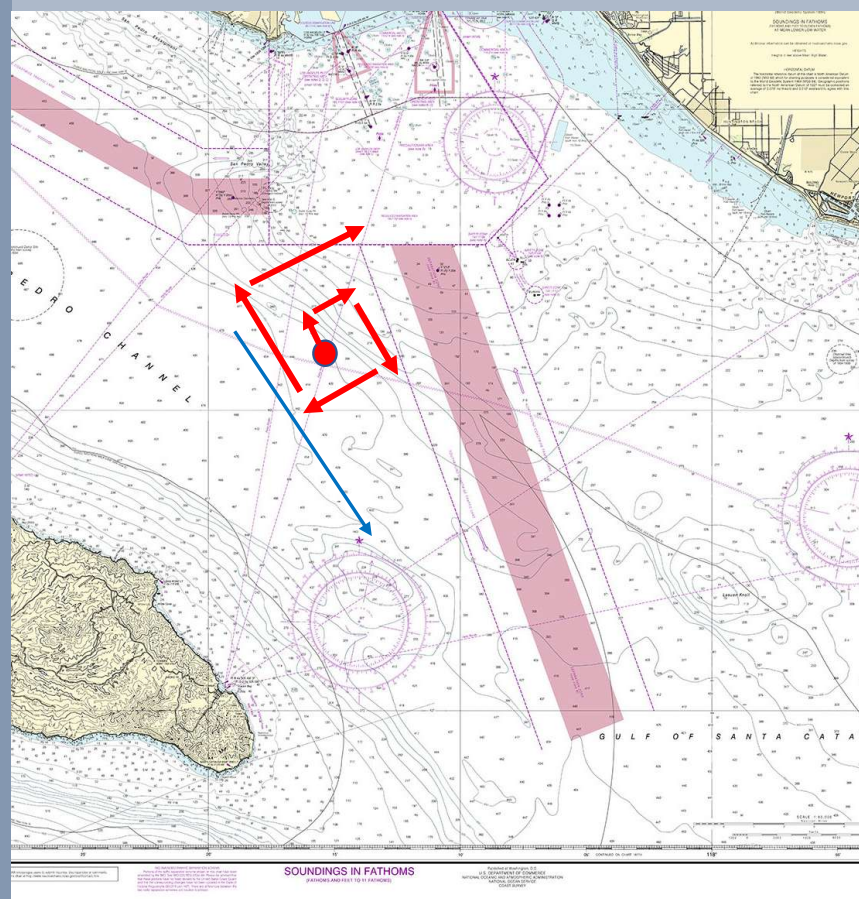
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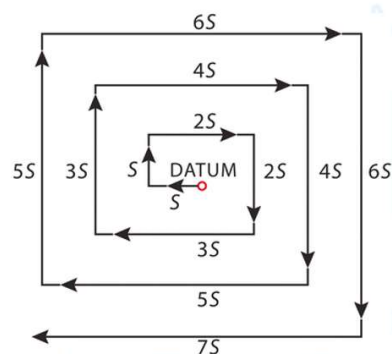
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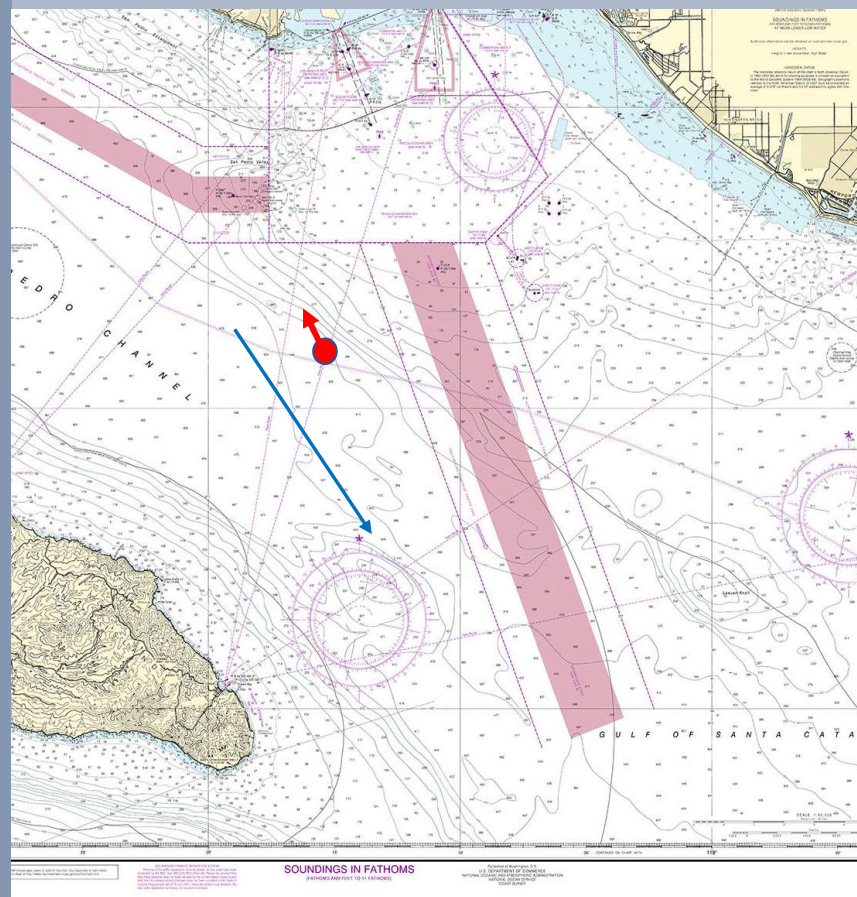
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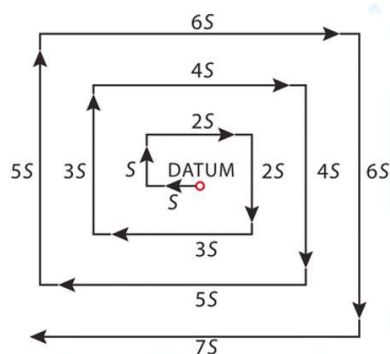
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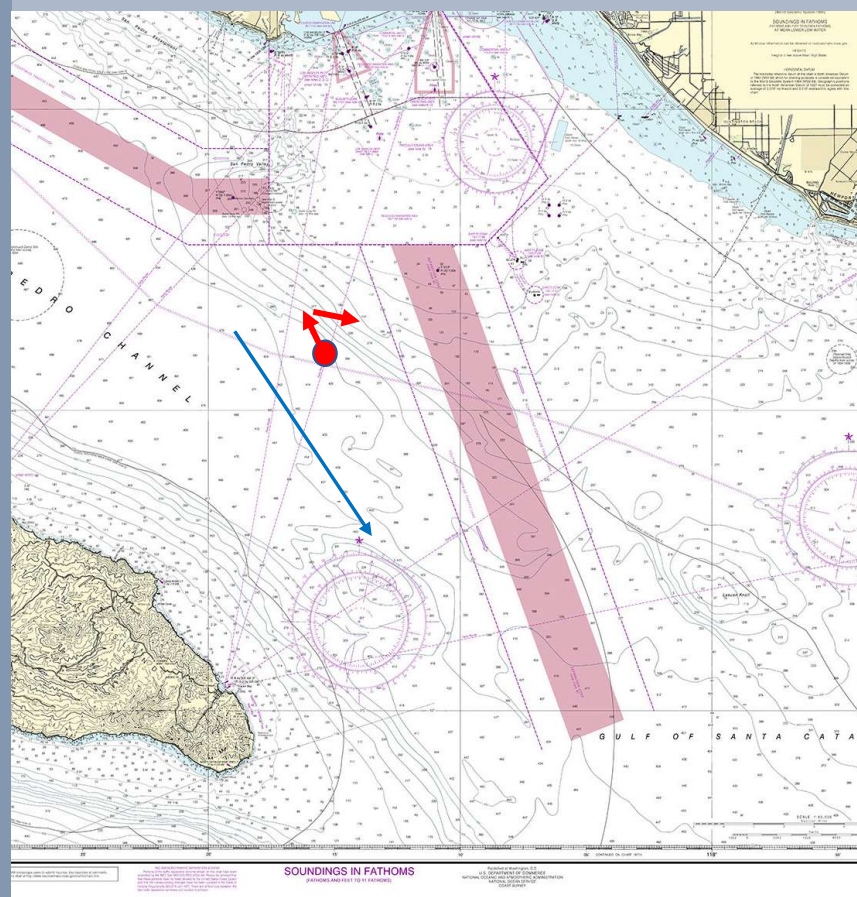
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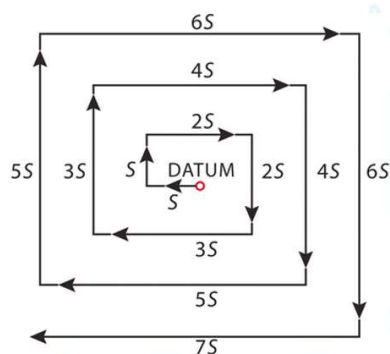
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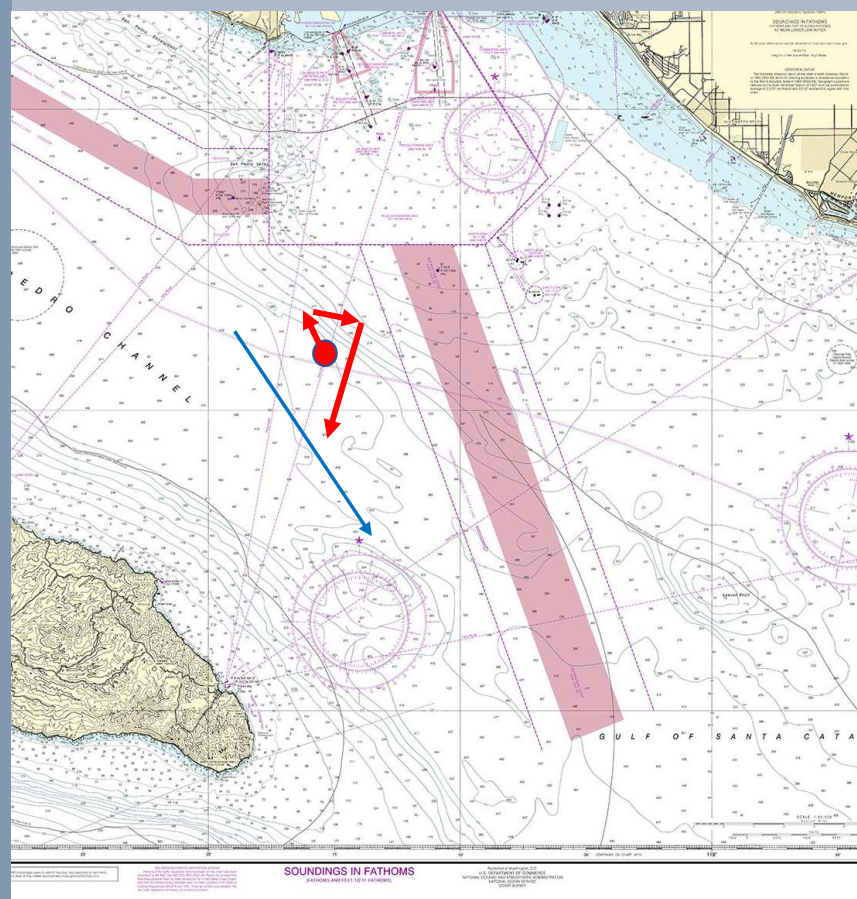
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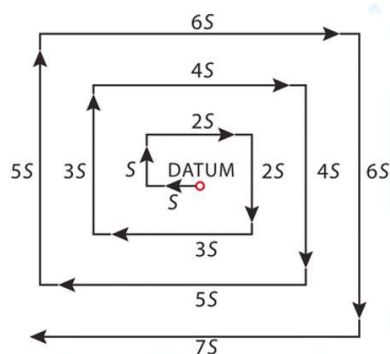
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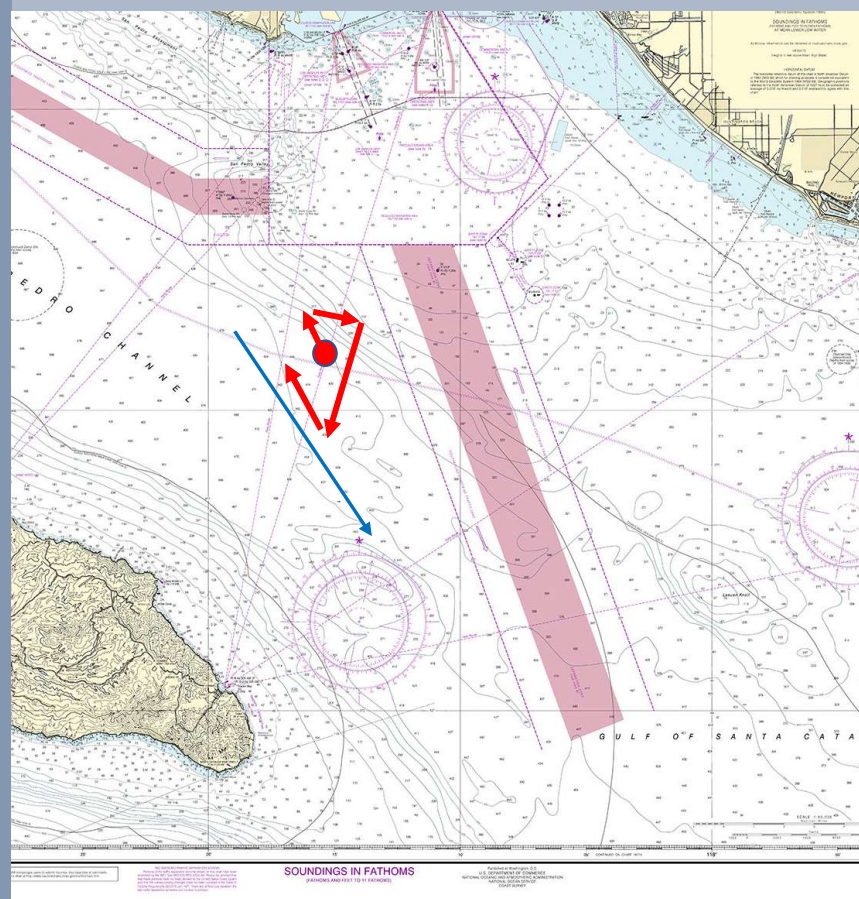
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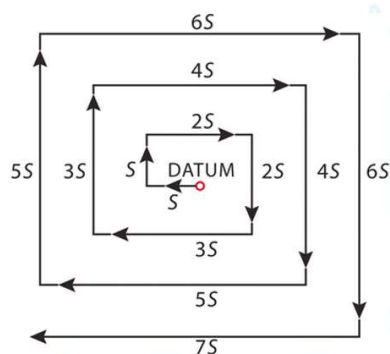
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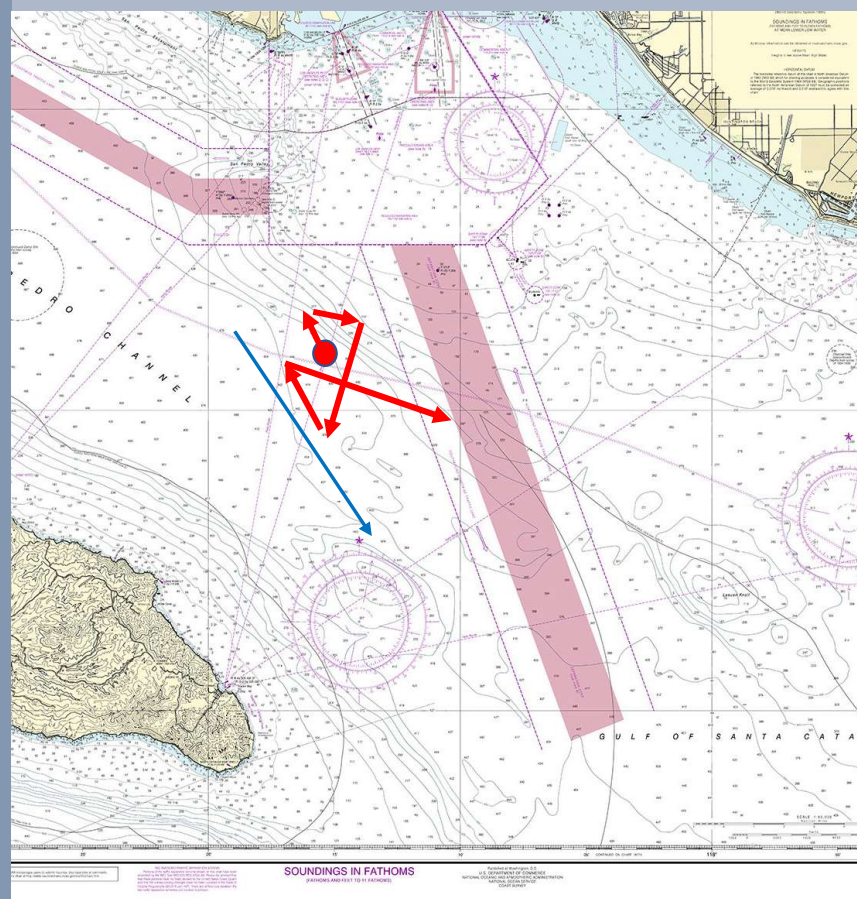
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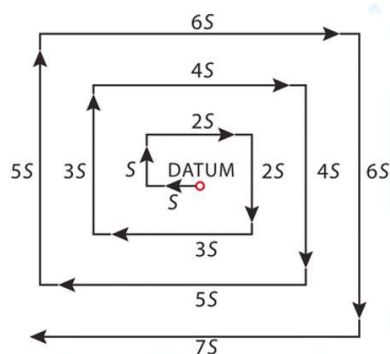
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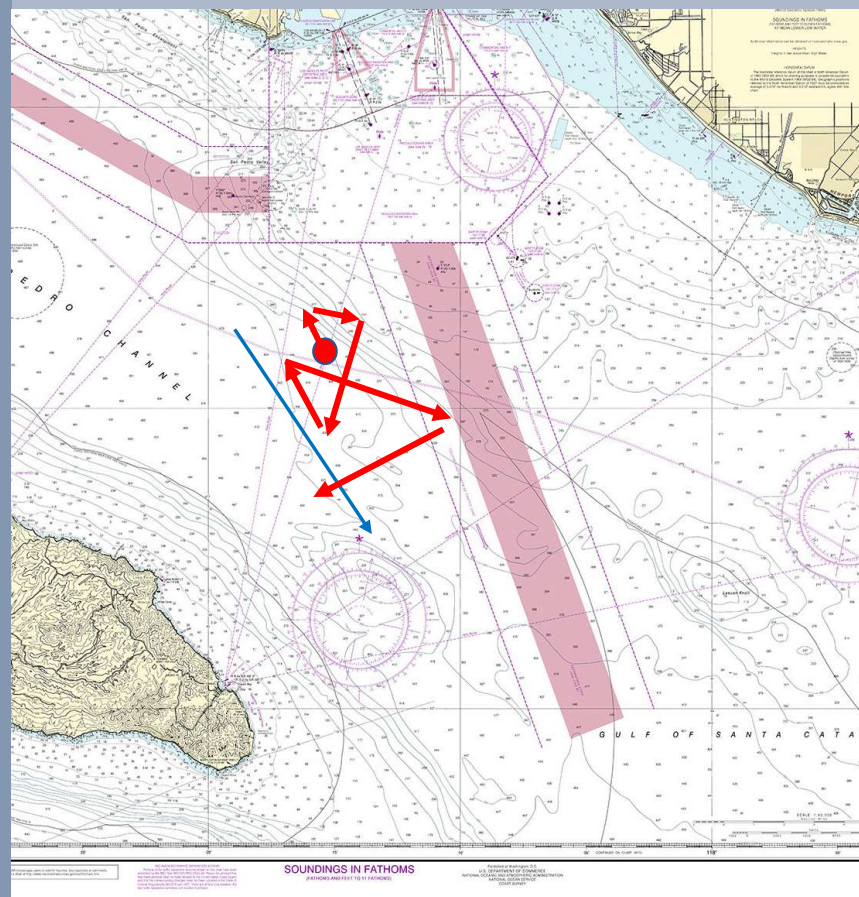
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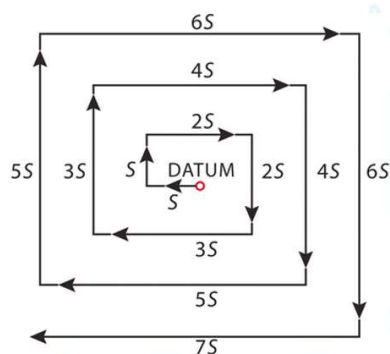
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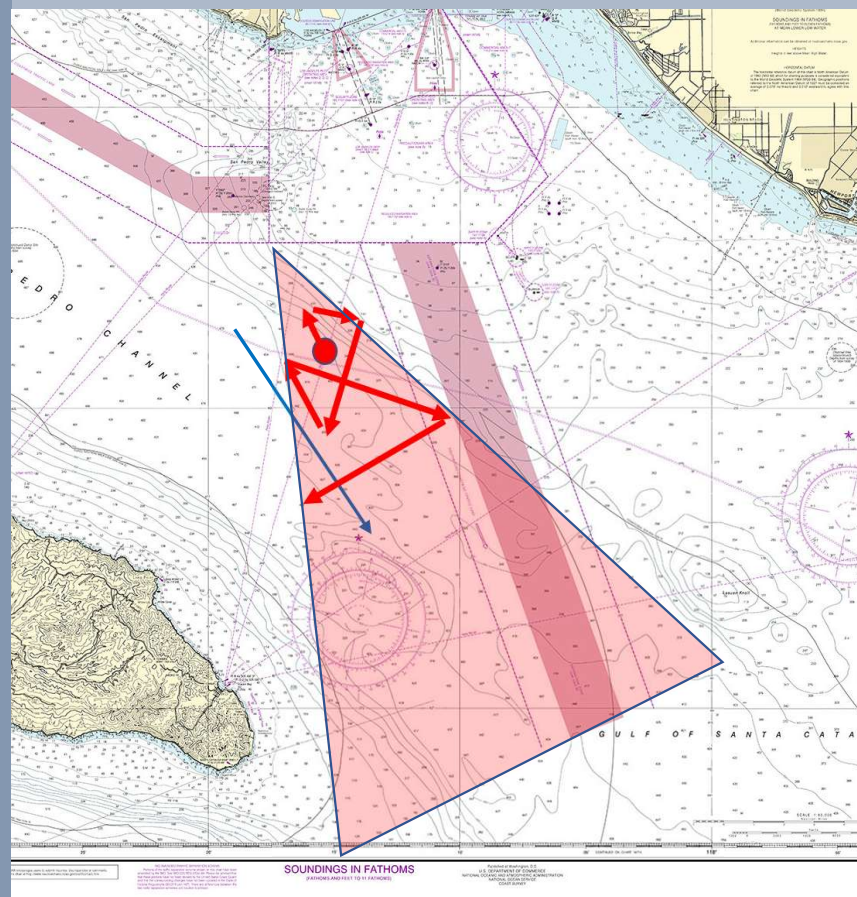
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Man Overboard (Expanding Grid Searches)



COLD WATER CASUALTY



Man Overboard (Drowning Victims)

- Must complete 'Rescue Breaths' before compressions or AED
- Turn victim to 'Recovery Position' when fluid rises into mouth
- Listen for gurgling and wheezing
- Begin CPR and continue until unable or when higher care arrives



COLD WATER CASUALTY



Man Overboard (Signs of Hypothermia)

- Confusion, memory loss, or slurred speech
- Drop in body temperature below 95 Fahrenheit
- Loss of consciousness
- Numb hands or feet
- Shallow breathing
- Uncontrollable Shivering

COLD WATER CASUALTY



Man Overboard (Treatment of Hypothermia)

- Remove casualty from water
- Do NOT overwarm
 - Incremental warming methods: Remove wet clothes; don dry clothes, cover in blankets, skin-to-skin contact, sip warm fluids, keep feet ventilated
- Monitor heart rate and keep casualty alert
- Administer CPR if patient is not breathing
- Do NOT apply warmers or hot water to skin

COLD WATER CASUALTY



(Capsize/ Founder)

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1- Minute of Breathing Control

10- Minutes of Planning for Survival

1- Hour of Consciousness

Square Breathing:

- Inhale deeply for 4 seconds
- Hold your lungs full for 4 seconds
- Exhale for 4 seconds
- Hold your lungs empty for 4 seconds



Wave Approach and Handling



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Wave Approach and Handling

PROPER BALANCE

STIFF

vs

TENDER

PROS:

Most stable balance for self-righting after a vessel rolls

CONS:

Uncomfortable and possibly dangerous roll rate

PROS:

Most comfortable "ride" for crew and cargo.

CONS:

If center of buoyancy cannot overcome the lateral push of gravity, vessel will not recover from heeled position

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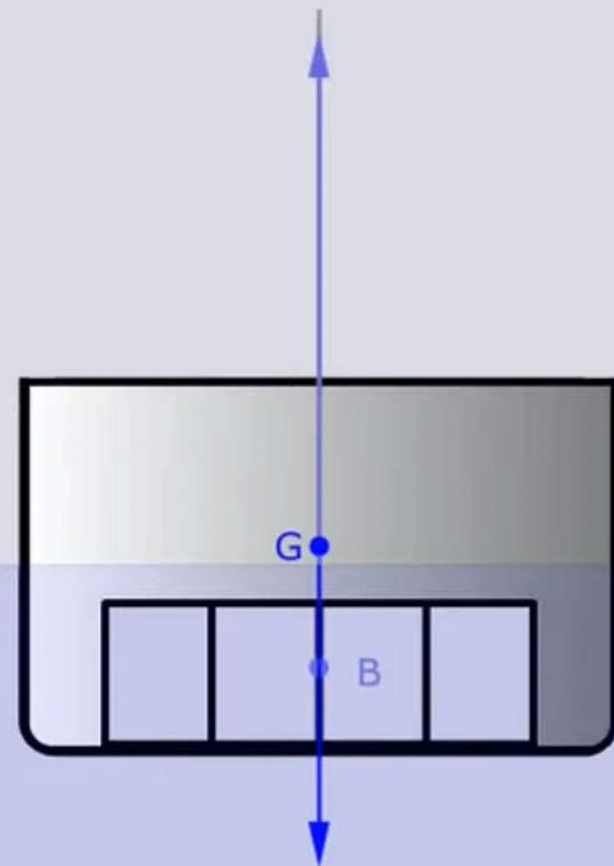
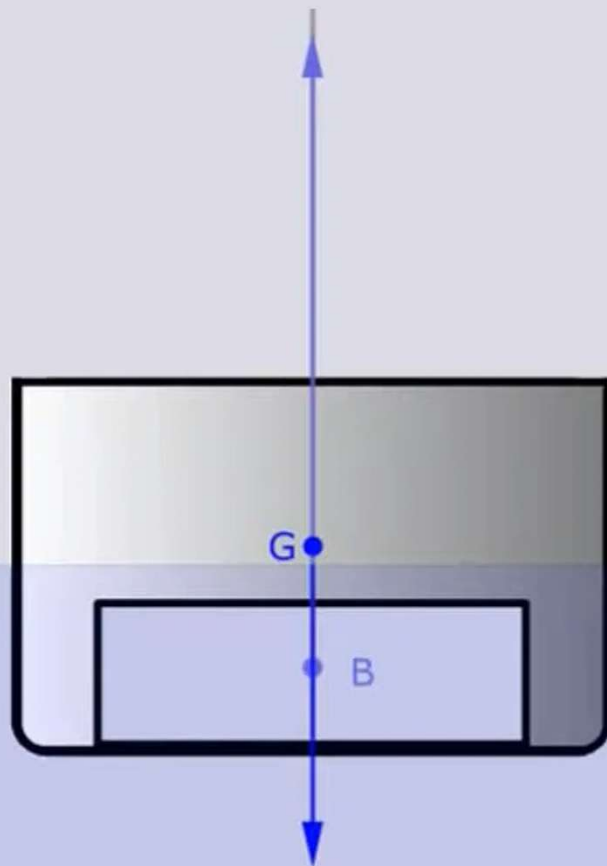
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Trimming



Trimming In (Down)

- *Lowers the bow
- *Results in quicker planing, especially with a heavy load
- *Improves ride in choppy water
- *Increases steering torque or pull to the right



Neutral Trimming

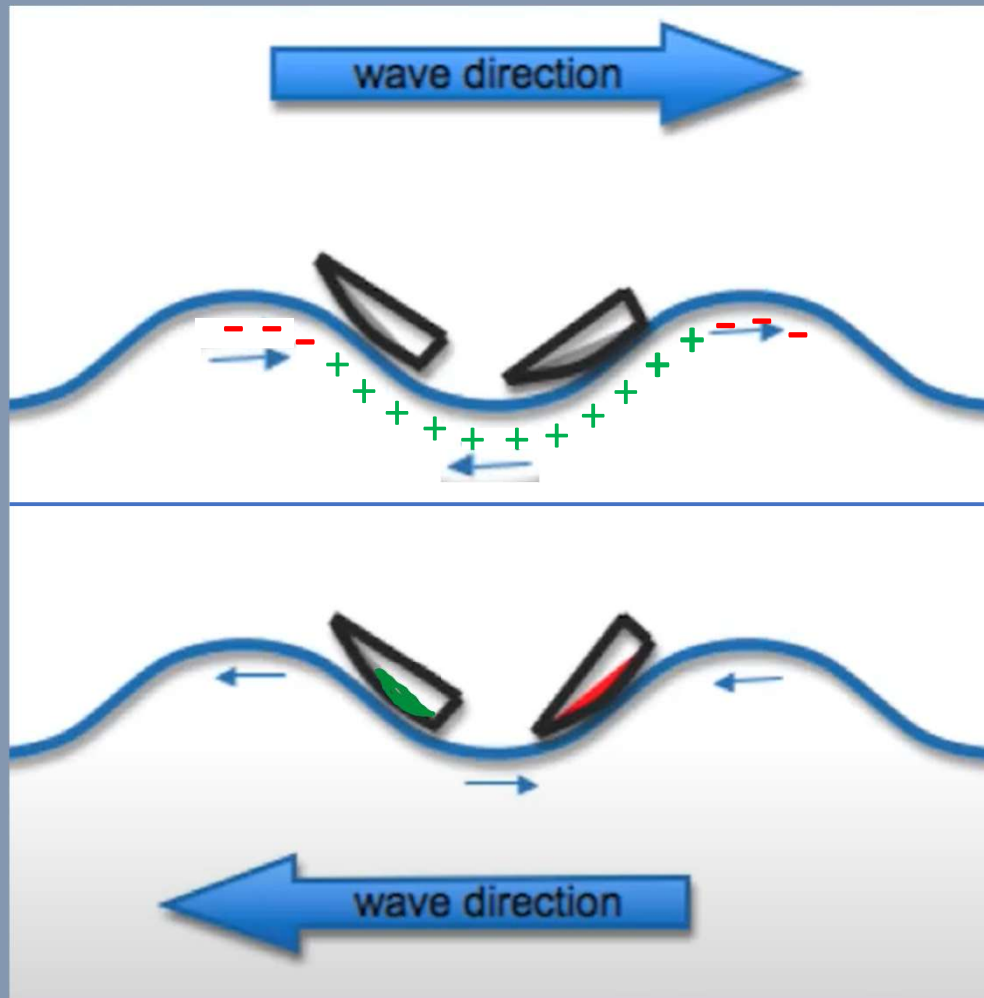
- *Normally results in greater efficiency. (Note that the propeller shaft, which connects the propeller to the drive shaft, is parallel to the surface of the water.)



Trimming Out (Up)

- *Lifts the bow
- *Increases top speed
- *Increases clearance in shallow waters
- *Increases steering torque or pull to the left

Wave Approach and Handling



(Capsize/ Founder)

Head Seas:

- Bow Level/ Down
- Accelerate UP wave
- Decelerate BEFORE crest
- Accelerate DOWN wave

Following Seas:

- Bow Up
- Ride the back of the wave. Do not allow aft wave set to overtake your stern

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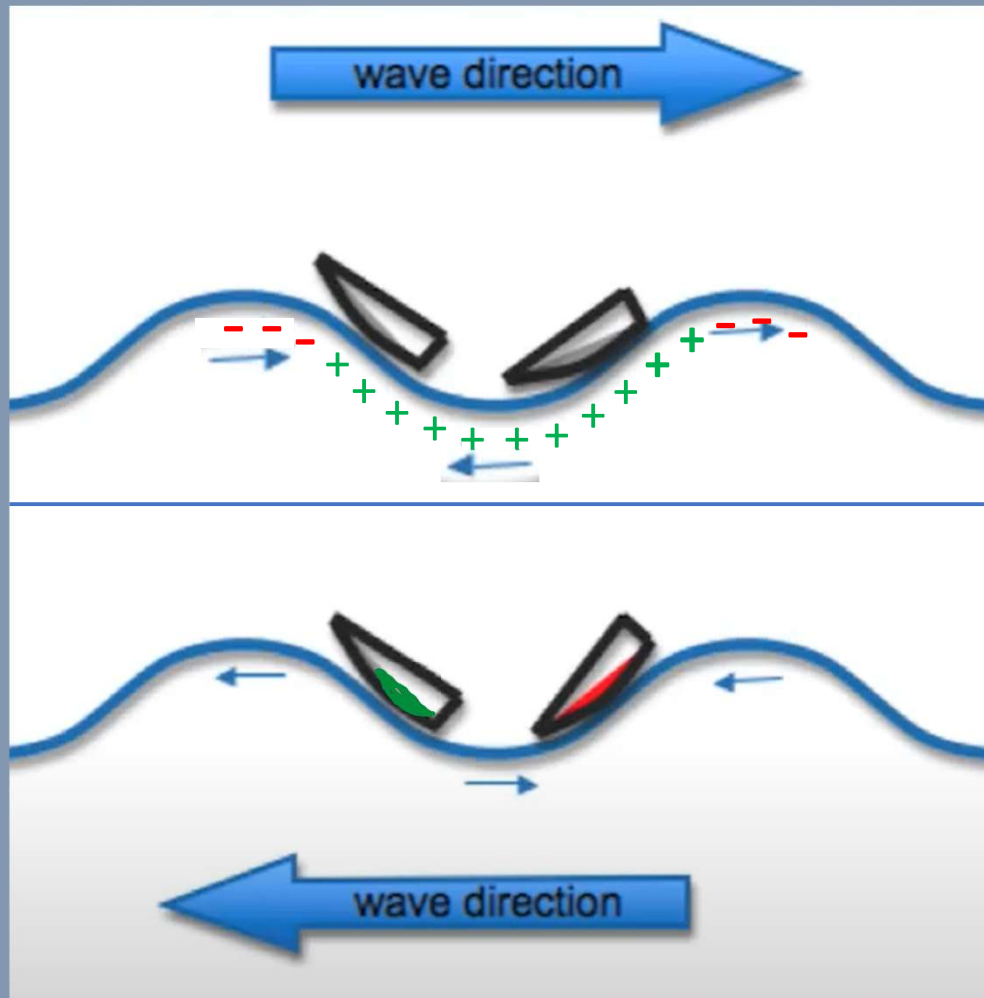
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Head Seas:

- Bow Level/ Down
- Accelerate UP wave
- Decelerate BEFORE crest
- Accelerate DOWN wave

Following Seas:

- Bow Up
- Ride the back of the wave. Do not allow aft wave set to overtake your stern

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- ☐ Notify crew of intention to 'Abandon Ship'
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SECTION 2: RADIO CALL (VHF 16)

- ☐ Select highest broadcast setting (amps)
- ☐ If enabled, press 'Distress Button' or DSC
- ☐ Key microphone, breathe deeply, and begin radio call in a slow, and clear voice.

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We are abandoning ship and evacuating # _____

souls (into # _____ life rafts) (into the water).

Requesting immediate rescue. Lookout for:

- o INFRARED BEACON
- o _____ COLORED SMOKE
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- ☐ EPIRB _____
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Repeat full broadcast until you receive acknowledgment from the U.S.C.G. or until it is no longer safe to remain on board.



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Survival items should be consolidated in a dry bag

- Regular inspections of your dry bag are paramount to survival
- Dry bag should have easily attachable/detachable device (ie: D-Ring)

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SECTION 5: DEPLOY LIFE RAFT

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Do not deploy life raft into oil slicks or flames

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Life Raft Considerations

-Identify hazards and manipulate the raft into a safe position before inflating

-If Fire or flammable fluid is present, deploy from the windward side of the vessel

-Lash survival equipment to the raft, not individuals

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Orange smoke



Hand-held flare



Meteor (aerial) flare



Pistol-fired meteor flare



Rocket-prop. parachute flare



Signal Mirror



Dye Marker







FLARES & OTHER SIGNALS



Pg 100 in Beating the Odds **for details**

RESCUE



Type	Image	Optimum Visibility	Signal Duration	Advantages	Disadvantages
Orange Smoke		3 to 5 miles at water level, more from the air	50 seconds to 2 minutes	Compact, good for day use, can show helicopter pilots wind direction, can help locate a person overboard in daylight.	Smoke dissipates rapidly in windy conditions, must be used in well-ventilated area, container can damage raft or cause personal injury.
Handheld Flare		3 to 5 miles	50 seconds to 2 minutes	Compact, longest burning of any flare type, secondary use as a fire starter, inexpensive. Helps rescuers locate you.	Ash and slag can damage raft, signal is low to the water.
Meteor (Aerial) Flare		10 to 20 miles	5.5 to 8 seconds	Compact, helps alert rescuers. Maximum height about 100 feet.	Ash and slag can damage raft, can be difficult to operate with cold hands.
Pistol-Fired Meteor Flare		19 to 40 miles	5.5 to 30 seconds	Easy to use, helps alert rescuers. Maximum height about 100 feet.	Flares unusable if the pistol breaks, flare can cause personal injury or damage raft
Rocket-Propelled Parachute Flare		40 miles	30 to 60 seconds	Most visible flare on the market for night use. Maximum height about 1,000 feet.	Flare may drift or be blown from your area, flare can cause personal injury or damage raft.
Signal Mirror		40 miles	As long as there is enough light.	Compact, easy to use, good for day use, doesn't deteriorate in bad weather.	Needs sun or other light source to work, must be manned constantly.
Dye Marker		10 miles at 3,000 feet of altitude	20 to 30 minutes in calm seas, dissipates more rapidly in rough seas	Compact and easy to use, can also be used on snow, doesn't deteriorate in bad weather.	Only visible during the day, not as visible from the sea as from the air, dissipates rapidly in rough seas.



FLARE TYPES





FLARE USE





Vessel Towing

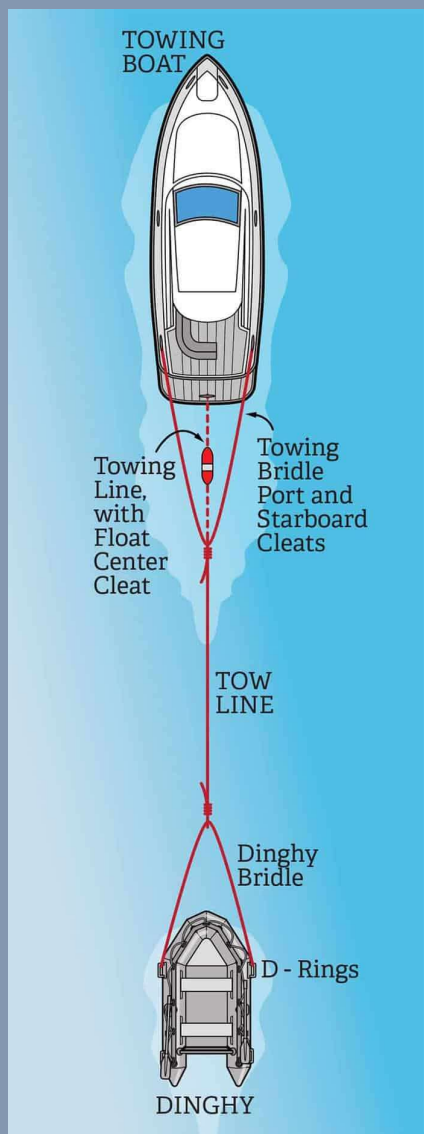
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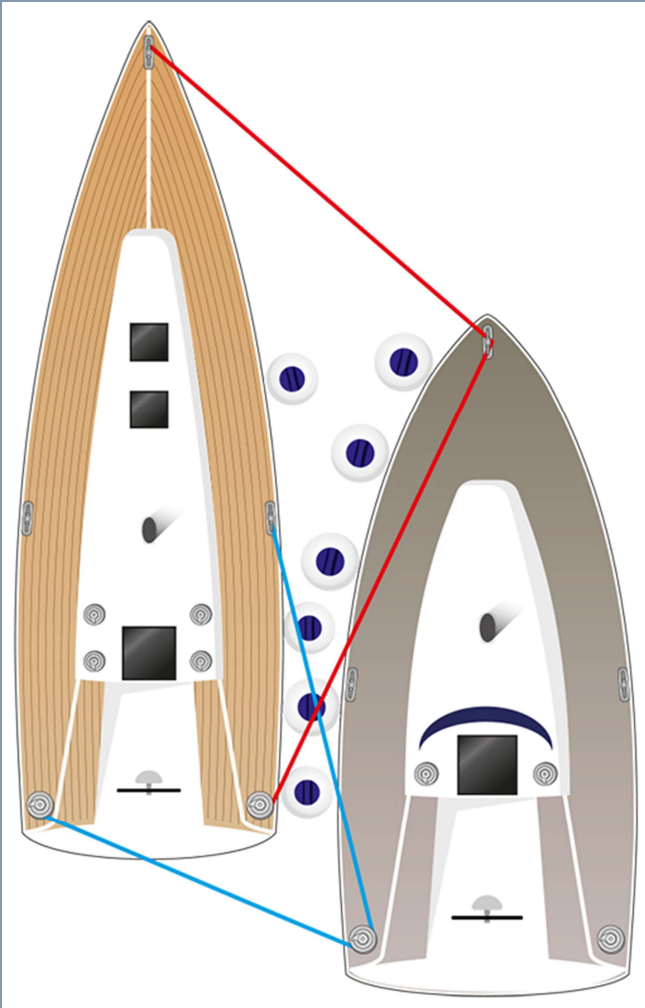
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'Hip-Towing' increases control of towed vessel

Make "SECRURITE" call and announce your restricted ability maneuver

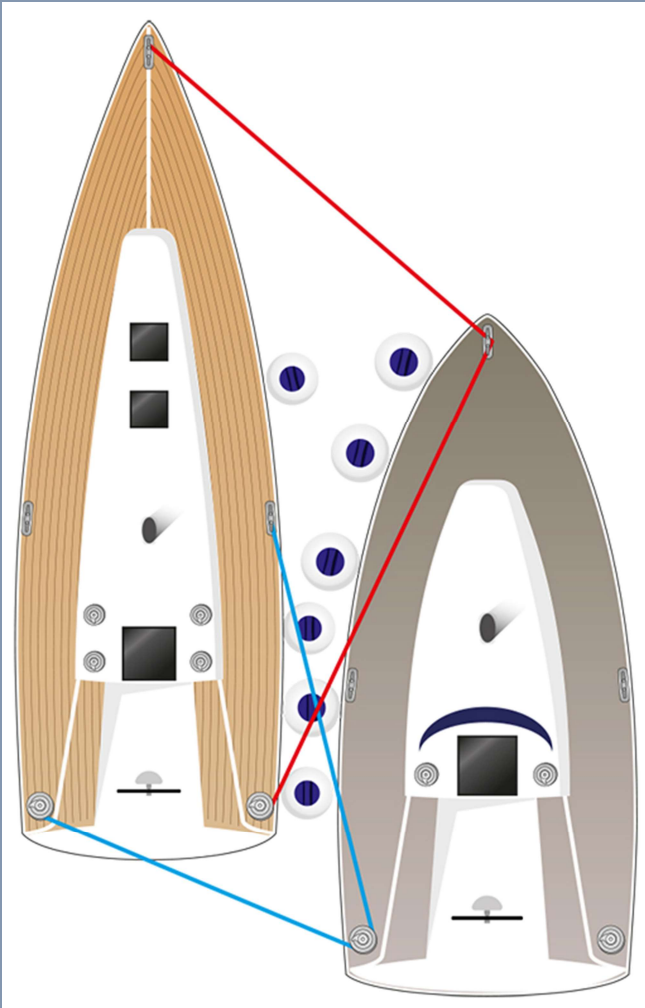


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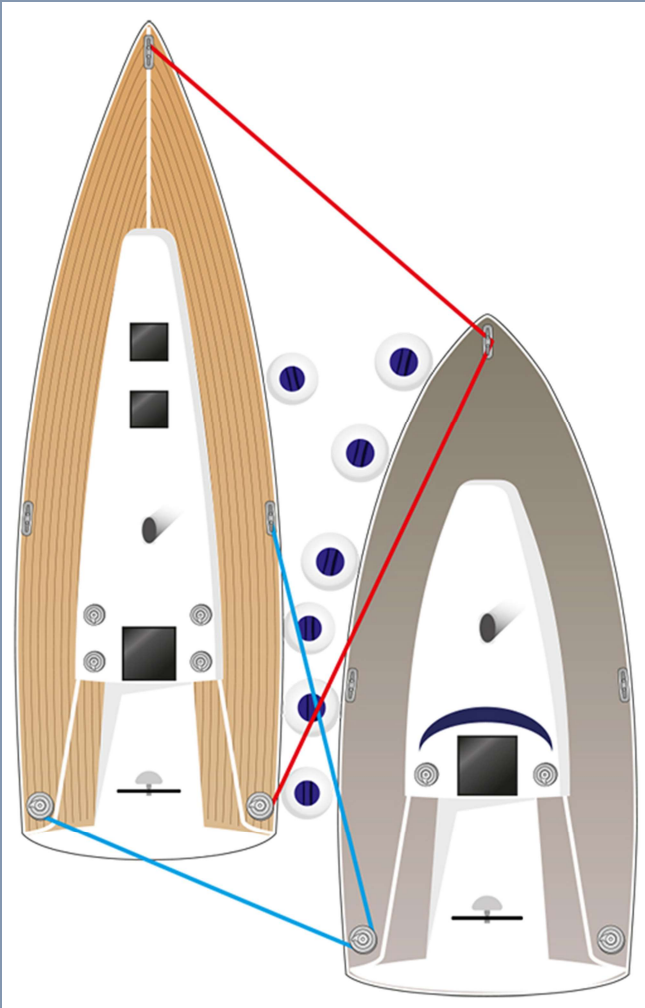
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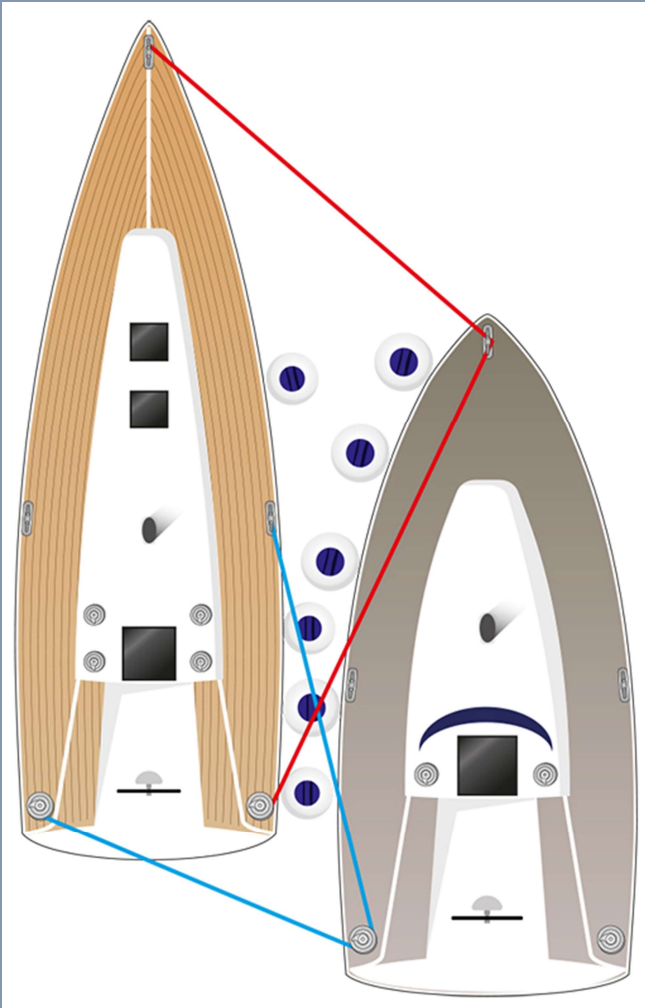


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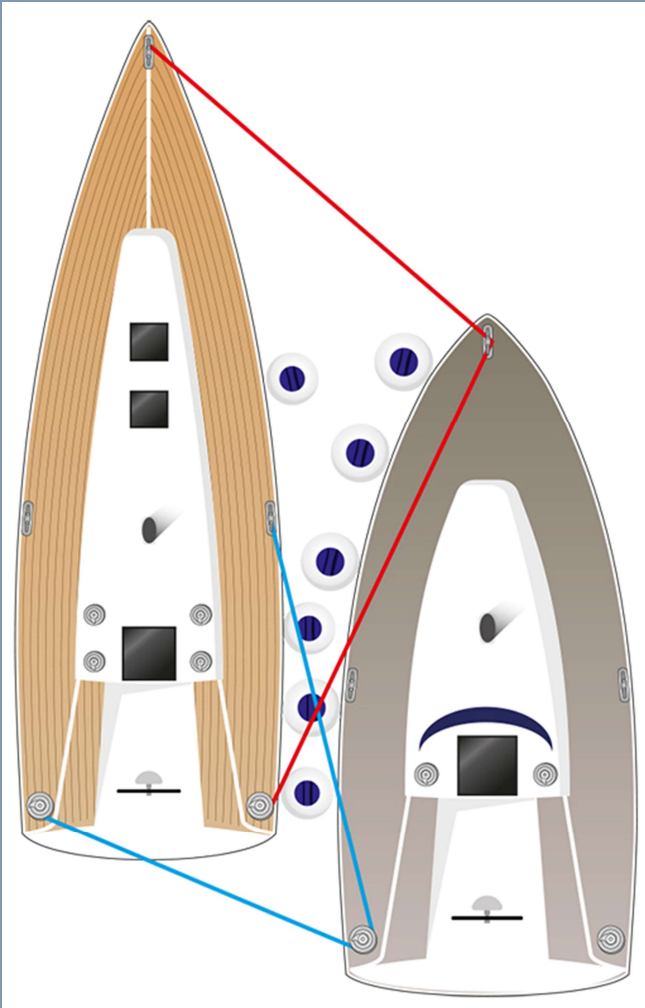
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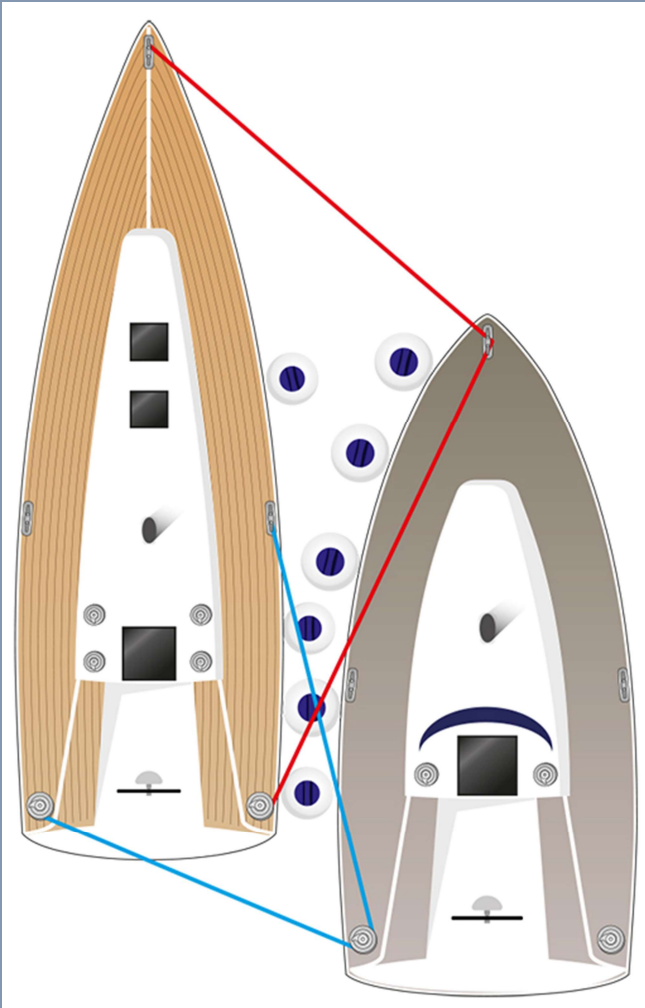
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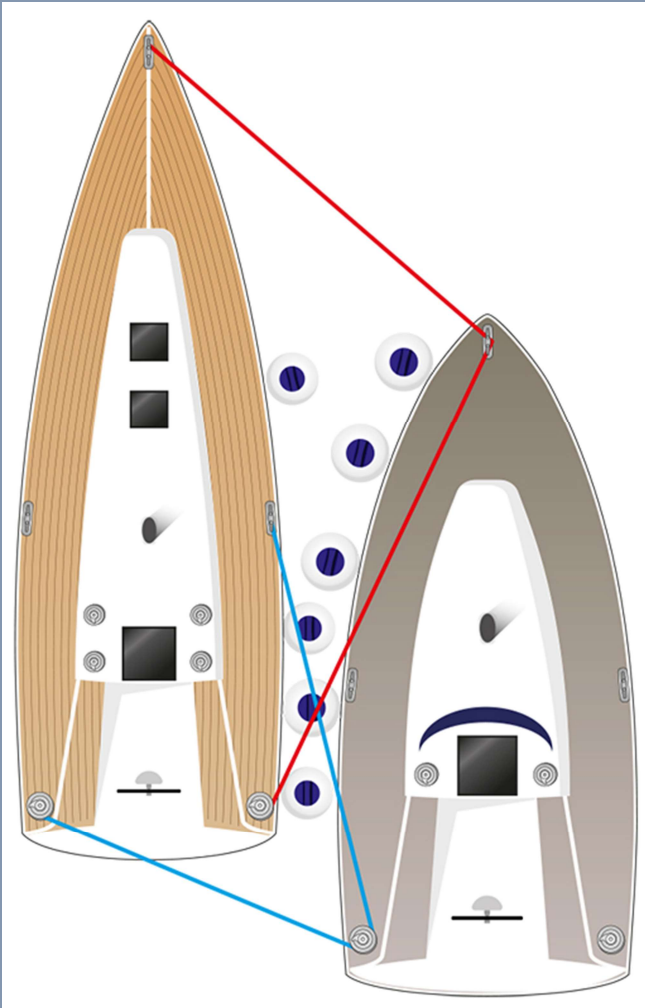
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Vessel Towing



Transferring Passengers

Similar Line Assembly as 'Hip Towing'. Add short spans of line abreast the two vessels

Only the disabled vessel should place fenders

Assign a Lookout to warn of approaching waves or wakes

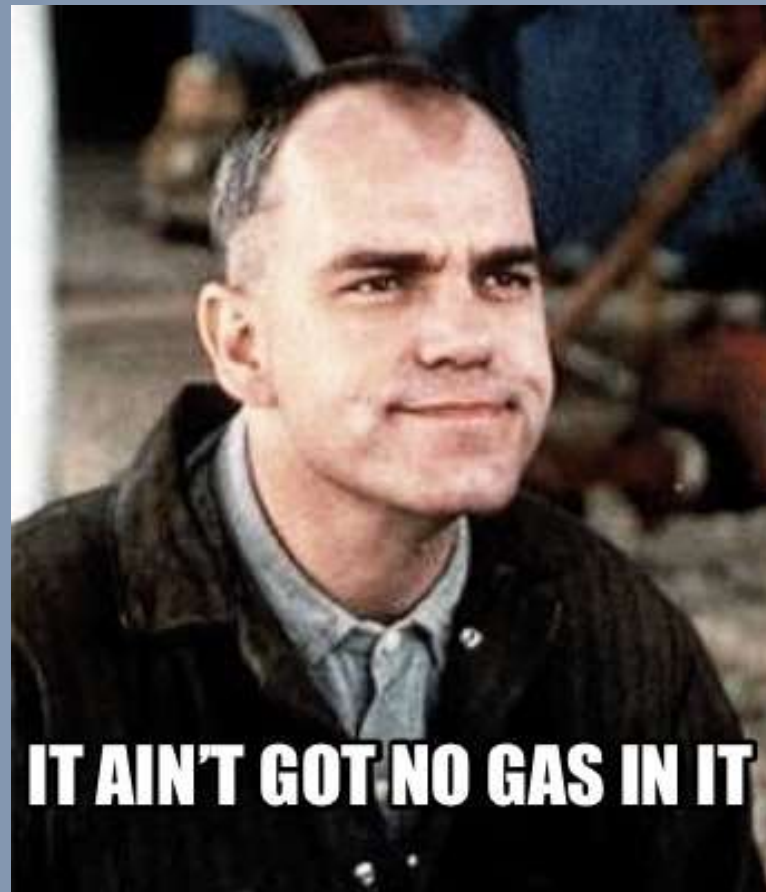
Identify at least 3-points of contact

Do not 'span' the two boats

When assisting others across the span, do so from the receiving vessel



Troubleshooting Systems



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Generic Outboard Engine Troubleshooting Guide

Engine does not start

Possible Cause	Solution
Fuel tank is empty	Refill tank. Fuel that has been in the tank for over 30 days should be drained and replaced with clean, fresh fuel.
Kill switch is engaged	Disengage the kill-switch.
Kill switch clip is not inserted	Insert the kill switch clip firmly into place. Or try removing the clip and putting it back in place.
Engine is in gear	The engine needs to be set to neutral in order to start. Slip the engine lever to neutral and try starting again.
Dead battery	Charge the battery to give the engine enough power to start up. Also, check the electrical connections of the engine for any signs of damage, corrosion, or loose wires.
Engine flooded	Turn choke off and try starting. If still not starting, take out spark plugs and allow fuel to evaporate from plugs and combustion chamber before trying to start again.
Damaged spark plugs or ignition system	Make sure the plugs are seated tightly and not loosely. Use a spark plug tester to check if the ignition system is in good condition or if the plug is sparking. If tester is unavailable, unscrew plug and with plug connected to ignition system look for spark while trying to start engine. If no spark, replace the spark plugs. In more extreme cases of damage, the ignition system may need to be replaced.

Engine overheated

Possible Cause	Solution
Water is blocked from entering the cooling system	Turn engine off and check for any blockage in water flow. Remove weeds, foreign objects, etc. from intake vent. Try running engine again after it has cooled down. Water cooling system should always be "peeing" while the engine is running.
Broken water pump impeller (round disc with blades that circulates water through the engine)	Replace the water pump impeller with a new one.

Console



- Helm (Remote) Steering
- Throttle / Gear Change
- Tilt / Trim Switch
- Cold Start / Neutral Throttle
- Deadmans
- Ignition Key
- Other dials and lights and thingys...



Tell-tale
(open circuit)

Cowl

Fuel line

Anti-cavitation
plate

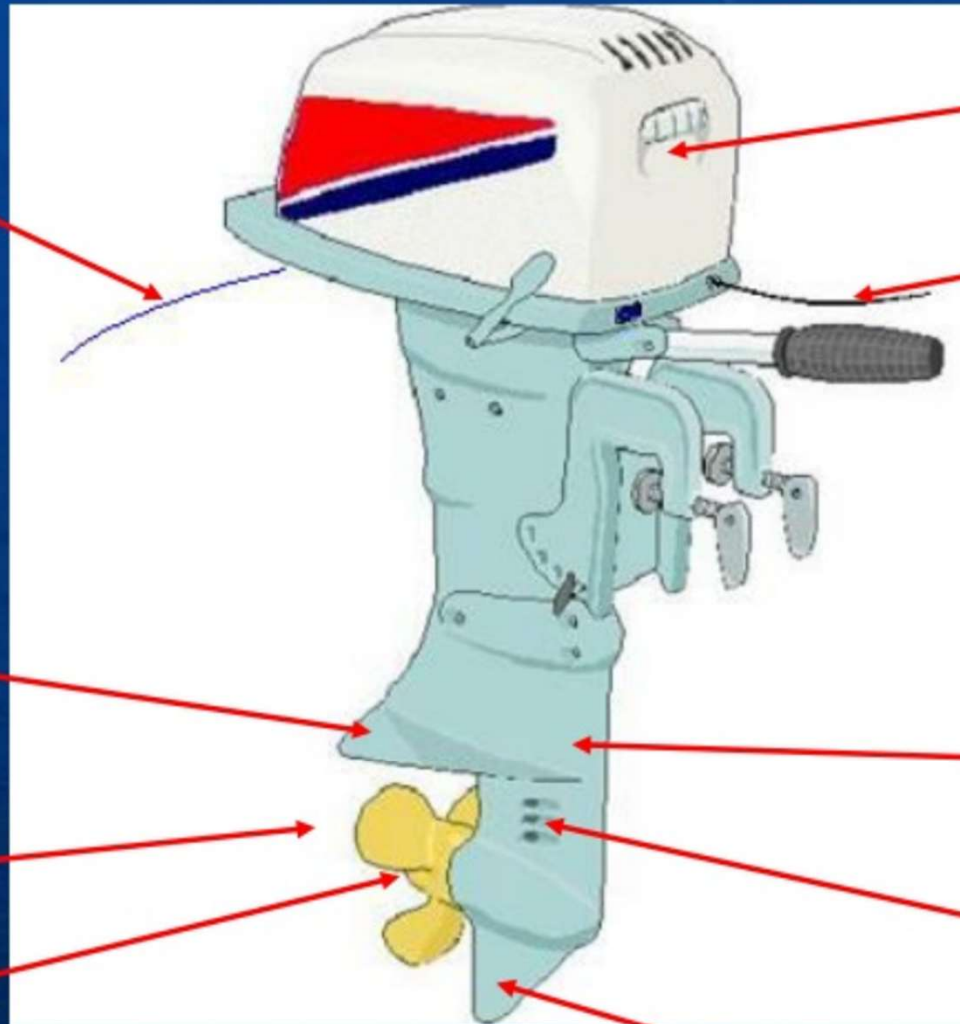
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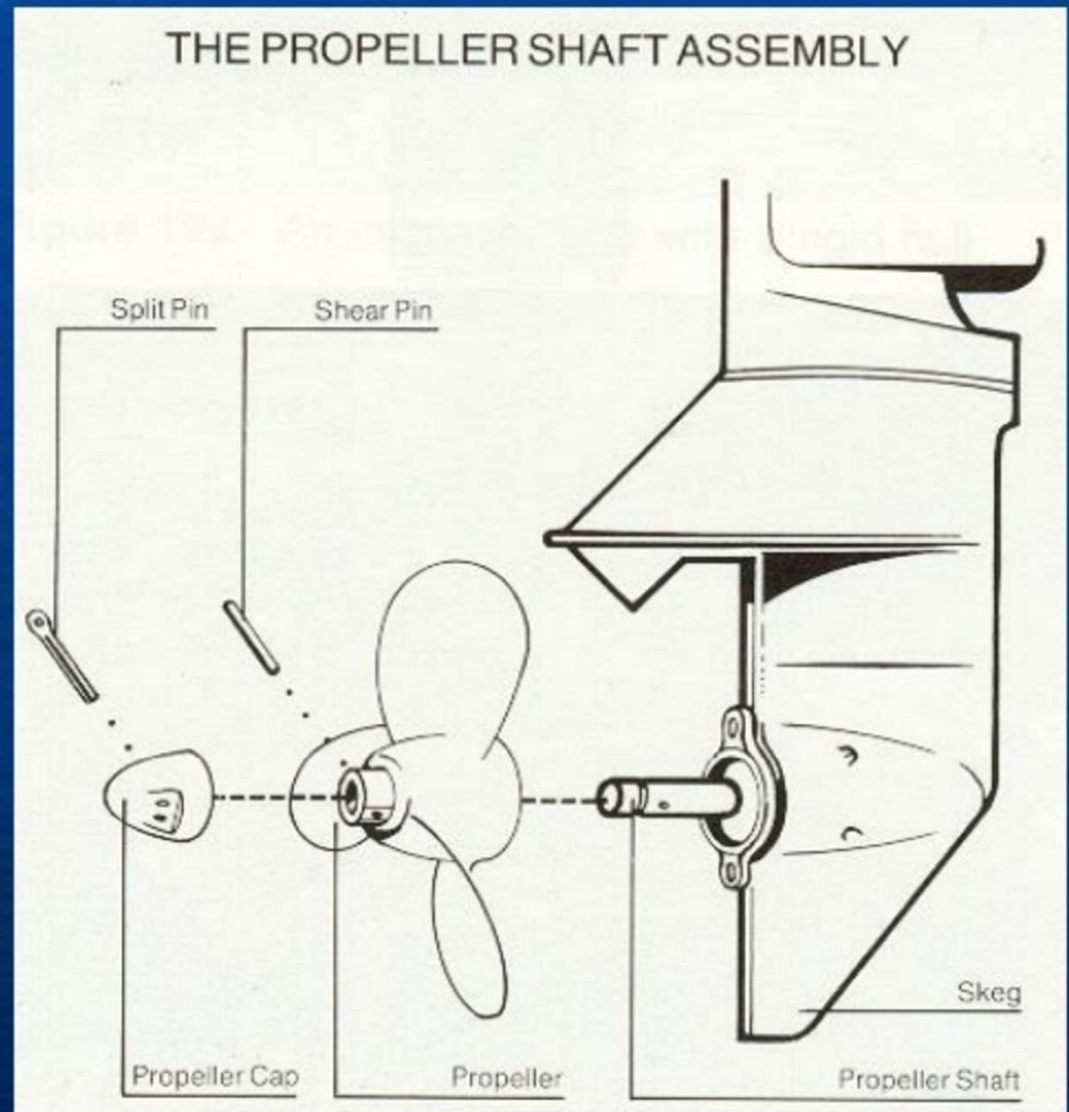
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- Shafts
- Propeller pitches
- Shear pins
- Splined hubs
- Spare prop
- Prop guards





QUESTIONS