

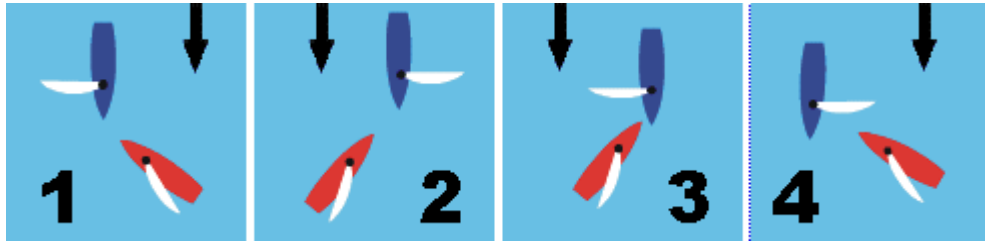
Rule Brief2

Situation:

Two (2) boats meet sailing in opposite directions. Who has the ROW?

Look at each panel and determine who is the ROW boat, why they are the ROW and then ,what rule(s) applies. The arrow in the panel is the wind direction.

When you decide who is the ROW boat, Scroll down to check your answer...



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Panel 1

Red boat is the ROW boat

Red boat is on Starboard and Blue boat is on Port

Rule 10 ON OPPOSITE TACKS

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

Panel 2

Blue boat is the ROW boat

Blue boat is on Starboard and Red boat is on Port

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Panel 3

Red boat is the ROW boat

Red boat is on Port and Blue boat is on Port

11 ON THE SAME TACK, OVERLAPPED

When boats are on the same tack and overlapped, a windward boat shall keep clear of a leeward boat.

Panel 4

Red boat is the ROW boat

Red boat is on Starboard and Blue boat is on Starboard

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You might be confused by the panel 3 and 4. If you read the definition of overlapped, you will see that the 3rd sentence explains how they are determined to be overlapped! Both boats are on the same tack and neither is clear astern of the other, so they are considered OVERLAPPED.

Clear Astern and Clear Ahead; Overlap

One boat is clear astern of another when her hull and equipment in normal position are behind a line abeam from the aftermost point of the other boat's hull and equipment in normal position. The other boat is clear ahead. **They overlap when neither is clear astern.** However, they also overlap when a boat between them overlaps both. These terms always apply to boats on the same tack. They do not apply to boats on opposite tacks unless rule 18 applies or both boats are sailing more than ninety degrees from the true wind.