

# Know the Rules-of-the-Road and Signals

**Overtaking: Pass Safely on Either Side**  
[ColRegs Rule 13]

**Head-on? Alter course to Starboard**  
[ColRegs Rule 14]

**Stand-on Vessel: Maintain Course**  
[ColRegs Rule 17]

**Give way to Sail: Alter course!**  
[ColRegs Rule 18]

**Different Blasts – Different Meanings!**

- 1 short blast** The vessel is altering course to **Starboard**
- 2 short blasts** The vessel is altering course to **Port**
- 3 short blasts** The vessel is operating in **Reverse / going Astern**
- 5 short blasts** The **DANGER** or **'Wake up!'** signal  
"I don't understand what you're doing!"

**Know your Blast Signals!**  
[ColRegs Rule 34]

**Give way to Sail: Alter course!**  
[ColRegs Rule 18]

**Give Way to Trawlers: Alter Course**  
[ColRegs Rule 18]

**Different Shapes – Different Meanings!**

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|   |   |   |   |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |

1. Vessel at Anchor
2. Sailing Vessel under Power
3. Vessel Towing
4. Vessel Engaged in Fishing
5. Vessel Not Under Command
6. Vessel Aground
7. Vessel Restricted Ability to Manoeuvre
8. Vessel Constrained by their Draft

**Know your Day Shapes!**  
[ColRegs Rules 20 to 31]

**Give Way to Trawlers: Alter Course**  
[ColRegs Rule 18]