



Rules 1–10: Application, Conduct & Steering

The foundational ten — scope, definitions, look-out, safe speed, risk of collision, and the conduct rules that apply in any condition of visibility. Built for the night before an oral.

R · 01 Application

- All vessels on the **high seas** & connected navigable waters
- Local authority may make **special rules** for harbours, rivers
- Special rules conform as closely as possible to COLREGs

R · 02 Responsibility

- No exoneration for neglect of rules or **ordinary practice**
- Due regard to all dangers of navigation & collision
- Depart from rules to **avoid immediate danger**

R · 03 General definitions

- PDV · sailing · fishing · seaplane · WIG
- NUC not under command · RAM restricted in ability to manoeuvre
- CBD constrained by draught · underway · making way

R · 04 Application (Section I)

- Rules 4–10 apply in any **condition of visibility**
- Foundation for all conduct rules that follow
- Pair with Rule 19 for restricted visibility specifics

R · 05 Look-out

- By **sight, hearing & all available means**
- Full appraisal of situation & risk of collision
- Applies in all conditions, at all times

R · 06 Safe speed

- Proper & effective action; stopped within appropriate distance
- Visibility · traffic density · manoeuvrability · draught
- Radar: range scale · sea clutter · echo limits

R · 07 Risk of collision

- Use **all available means** appropriate to circumstances
- Compass bearing **not appreciably changing** → risk exists
- If in doubt, assume risk exists

R · 08 Action to avoid collision

- Positive · ample time · good seamanship
- Alterations **large enough to be readily apparent**
- Avoid a succession of small alterations

R · 09 Narrow channels

- Keep to **starboard** outer limit, safe & practicable
- <20 m / sailing / fishing / crossing: **don't impede**
- No anchoring in a narrow channel

R · 10 Traffic separation schemes

- Proceed in lane **direction of flow**
- Cross on heading as **nearly as practicable at right angles**
- Avoid anchoring inside the scheme or near terminations

● FOUNDATION ● JUDGEMENT ● REQUIRED ACTION

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