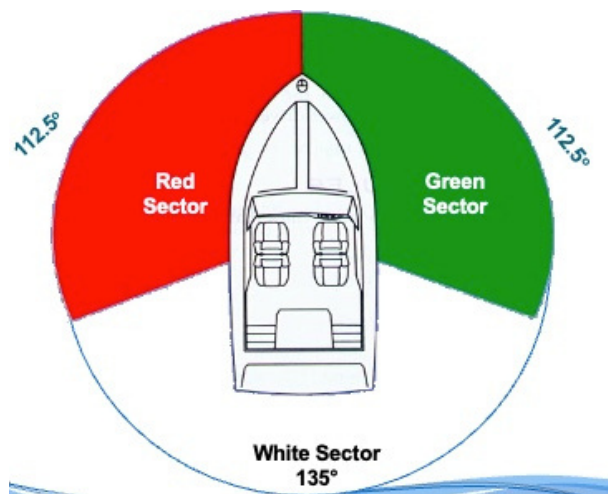




What To Do When Two Vessels Meet

Which side of the other vessel are you seeing? Port, Starboard, Bow or Stern?

Navigation lights on a vessel are critical for safety, legal compliance, and collision avoidance, especially between sunset and sunrise or in restricted visibility (fog, rain, heavy haze).



Port Side: Red
Starboard Side: Green
Stern: White

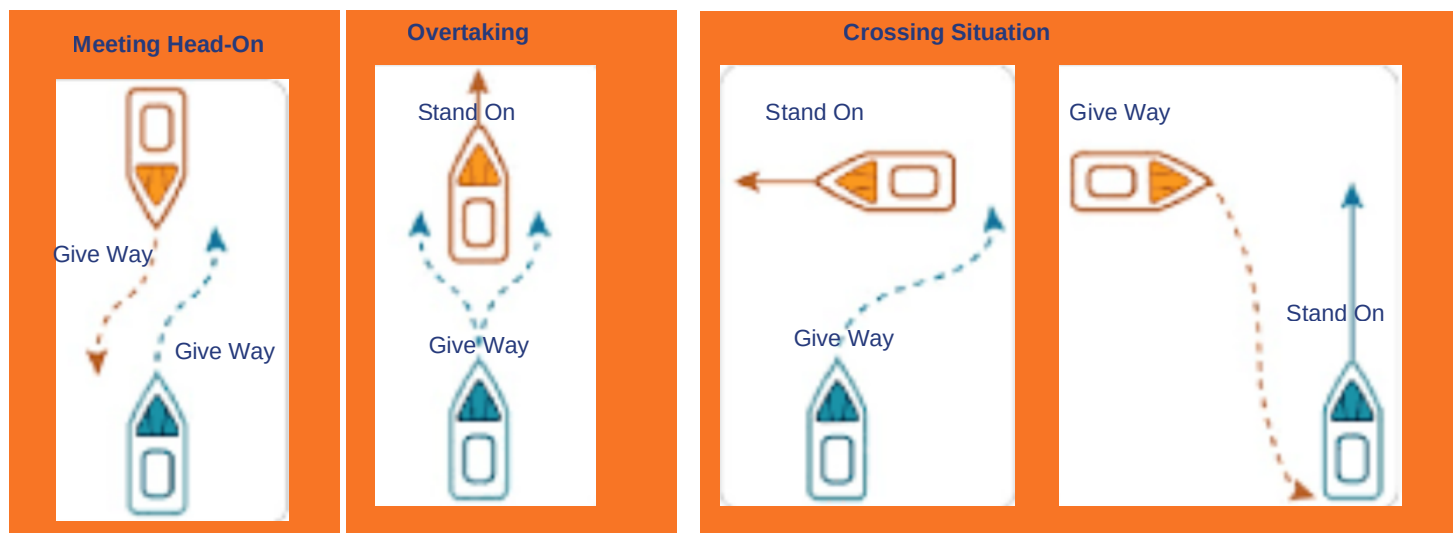
Navigation lights & location allow other vessels to determine:

- Your vessel's direction of travel
- Which side (port or starboard) they are seeing

There are two possible actions you must take depending on the other vessels' approach. From port, from starboard, from stern, or straight ahead.

1. **Stand On Vessel:** Maintain course and speed
2. **Give Way Vessel:** Take action to avoid collision

These are the most common scenarios when two recreational power-driven vessels meet. Other considerations may apply depending on the other vessel's type and conditions.





Boating Speed Zones What Do These Signs Mean?



Vessels must proceed at the slowest speed possible while maintaining steerage and control. The boat's hull should not create any wake.



Vessels must operate fully off plane, settled in the water, and produce only a minimal wake.



Once clear of restricted zones, the operator may gradually increase speed to normal cruising provided it is safe, legal, and considerate of water conditions, visibility, nearby vessels, and posted speed limits.

Wants to learn more? Consider taking the On-the-Water Boat Control Class with National Safe Boating Council Instructor, Captain Ariel Rodriguez.

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