

BOAT HANDLING GUIDE

CHANNEL BUOYS

Green on Left
odd numbers



Lighted Buoy



Can Buoy



UPSTREAM

Daymarkers



Midchannel



Nun Buoy



Lighted Buoy

Red even
Right numbers
Returning

Remember these Rules of the Road

1. Meeting Head-on:
KEEP RIGHT
2. Crossing: Give right of way to boats ahead and to the right of you (see **DANGER ZONE**)
3. Passing: Give right of way **KEEP CLEAR**



Lighted Buoy
Red and White or
Black and White



Horn Signals (Short Blast •)
(Prolonged Blast —)

Turning to Starboard •	Leaving Dock —
Turning to Port ••	Open Bridge —•
Going Astern •••	Danger •••••

Right of Way Generally the higher category in this list has priority.

- unable to steer
- limited in turning ability
- restricted to channel water depth
- commercial fishing
- sailing
- power driven



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