

RULE 17

ACTION BY STAND-ON VESSEL

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

INITIALLY KEEP YOUR COURSE AND SPEED

TAKE ACTION WHEN IT'S APPARENT THE GIVE-WAY VESSEL IS NOT TAKING APPROPRIATE ACTION

TAKE ACTION WHEN COLLISION CANNOT BE AVOIDED BY THE ACTIONS OF THE GIVE-WAY VESSEL ALONE

AVOID ALTERING COURSE TO PORT FOR A VESSEL ON YOUR OWN PORT SIDE

(a) (i) Where one of two vessels is to keep out of the way the other shall keep her course and speed.

(ii) The latter vessel may however take action to avoid collision by her manoeuvre alone, as soon as it becomes apparent to her that the vessel required to keep out of the way is not taking appropriate action in compliance with these Rules.

(b) When, from any cause, the vessel required to keep her course and speed finds herself

so close that collision cannot be avoided by the action of the give-way vessel alone, she shall take such action as will best aid to avoid collision.

(c) A power driven vessel which takes action in a crossing situation in accordance with subparagraph (a) (ii) of this Rule to avoid collision with another power driven vessel shall, if the circumstances of the case admit, not alter course to port for a vessel on her own port side.

(d) This Rule does not relieve the give-way vessel of her obligation to keep out of the way.