

115-30-7. Boating; pilot rules steering and sailing requirements. (a) Each operator of a vessel shall keep the vessel to the right of the channel if it is safe and practicable to do so.

(b) When two vessels are approaching each other head-on or nearly so, each operator shall pass the other on ~~their~~ that operator's own left side at a speed and distance so that the wake of each vessel will not endanger the other vessel.

(c) When one vessel passes another traveling in the same direction, the operator of the passing vessel shall pass when it is safe to do so and at a speed and distance ~~to~~ that do not endanger the overtaken vessel. The operator of the overtaken vessel shall maintain its course and speed until the passing vessel has safely passed.

(d) When two vessels are approaching each other in a crossing situation ~~where~~ that involves risk of collision ~~is involved~~, the operator of the vessel on the right shall maintain ~~its~~ that vessel's course and speed. The operator of the vessel on the left shall direct ~~its~~ that vessel's course to the right to cross the stern of the other vessel, or shall stop and reverse if necessary to avoid collision.

(e) ~~Any~~ Each operator of a vessel propelled by machinery shall keep that vessel clear of any vessel under sail or being propelled by oars or paddles and shall maintain a speed and distance so that the wake will not endanger any vessel under sail or being propelled by oars or paddles.

(f) Each operator of a vessel shall maintain a proper look-out at all times by sight and sound as well as other available means in order to make a full appraisal of the surroundings and avoid the risk of collision.

(g) Each operator of a vessel shall proceed at a safe speed at all times in order to avoid collision and stop within any distance necessary to avoid a collision.

(h) Each operator of a vessel shall use all appropriate available means to determine if a risk of collision exists.

(i) Each operator of a vessel taking any action to avoid a collision shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Each alteration of course or speed to avoid collision with another vessel shall be great enough to be readily apparent to the operator of any other vessel observing visually or by radar. A succession of small alterations of course or speed shall be avoided.

(2) Each action taken to avoid collision with another vessel shall result in passing at a safe distance of at least 100 feet, until the other vessel has passed.

(3) Each operator of a vessel shall reduce the vessel's speed by stopping or reversing the vessel's means of propulsion as necessary to avoid a collision.

(j) No operator of a vessel shall interfere with the placement or visibility of any navigational aid.

(k) No operator of a vessel shall moor the vessel to any navigation buoy except a designated mooring buoy.

(l) This regulation shall be effective on and after January 1, 2008. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. ~~1989~~ 2006 Supp. 32-1119; effective Oct. 22, 1990; amended P-_____.)