In the past I simply suggested that students simply read **Rules 4 through 9** and see if there were any surprises. Most of these rules will seem very familiar to experienced boaters. They discuss:

- **Look-out**: You always need a look-out.
- **Safe Speed**: You must make your own determination of ‘Safe Speed’.
- **Risk of Collision**: This exists if the bearing of another vessel doesn’t change.
- **Give Way**: You must take early action in such a way that it is apparent to the other vessel.
- **Narrow Channels**: Stay to starboard. Don’t anchor in a narrow channel.

**Sailing Vessels**: Yes, you have to know their special maneuvering rules for 2 sailboats.

- When the wind is on different sides, the vessel with wind on the starboard side is *Stand On*.
- When the wind is on the same side, the vessel to leeward is the *Stand On* vessel.

Windward is defined as the side opposite the side on which the mainsail is carried.

(You hear racers yell ‘Starboard’ if they think they have the ‘right-of-way’ – no such thing.)

(The definition of windward is necessary for boats sailing almost directly downwind.)

Read **Rules 13 through 15** for Power Driven Vessels.

- **Head-On**: Both vessels are *Give Way* and both turn to Starboard.
- **Crossing**: The vessel to Starboard is *Stand On*. The other vessel avoids turning to Port.
- **Overtaking**: The overtaking vessel is *Give Way* (even if she is a Sailboat).

There are questions about which is these situation you are in; e.g. if you see both side-lights you are Head-On and if you see only the stern light, you are Overtaking.

Read **Rules 16 and 17** giving action of the *Give Way* and *Stand On* vessels.

*Give-Way* takes early and substantial action. Do not alter course to port with a vessel to port.

*Stand-On* maintains course and speed unless the *Give-Way* does not taking appropriate action.

Note: Maneuvers are often accompanied by sound signals. These are covered under Sounds.

Class of 2011 Is this brief summary enough? Would you like to expand it for future classes?