

Rule 14 – Head On Situation

(a) When **two power-driven vessels** are meeting **on reciprocal or nearly reciprocal courses** so as to involve risk of collision each shall alter her course to starboard so that each shall pass on the port side of the other.

(b) Such a situation shall be **deemed to exist when a vessel sees the other ahead or nearly ahead and by night she could see the masthead lights of the other in a line or nearly in a line** and/or both sidelights and by day she observes the corresponding aspect of the other vessel.

(c) When a vessel is in **any doubt** as to whether such a situation exists she shall assume that it does exist and act accordingly.