

AVOID BOATING TRAGEDY



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I can drive a car ...



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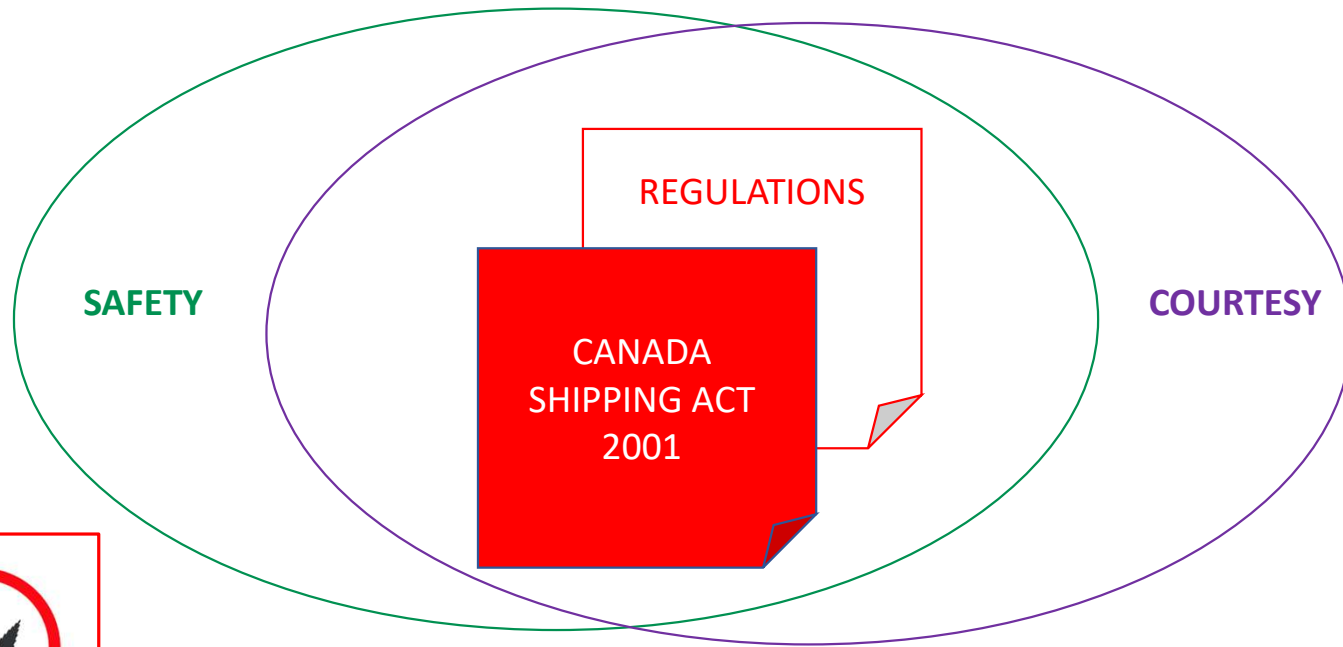
Tragedies on the water occur every year

I believe ...

- Most are avoidable
- Obeying the law is *only the beginning*



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PRACTICES

REGULATIONS

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2001

1. Avoid Complacency



I can do this route blindfolded!

Routine trips/chores

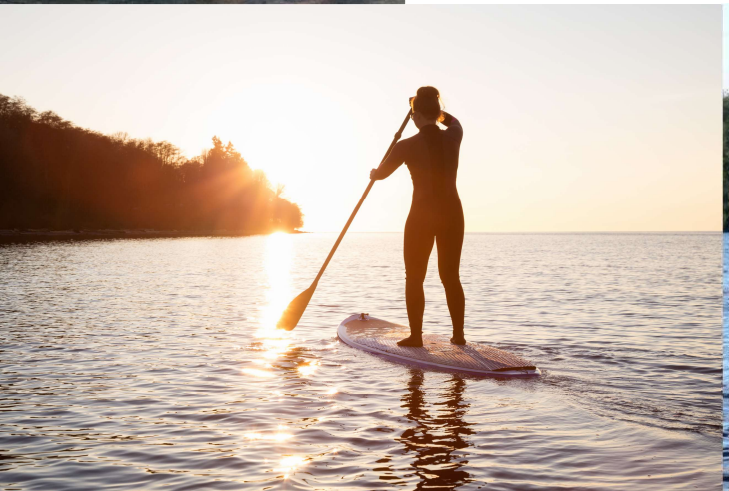
To/from dinner out



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Shared Space



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Avoid distraction

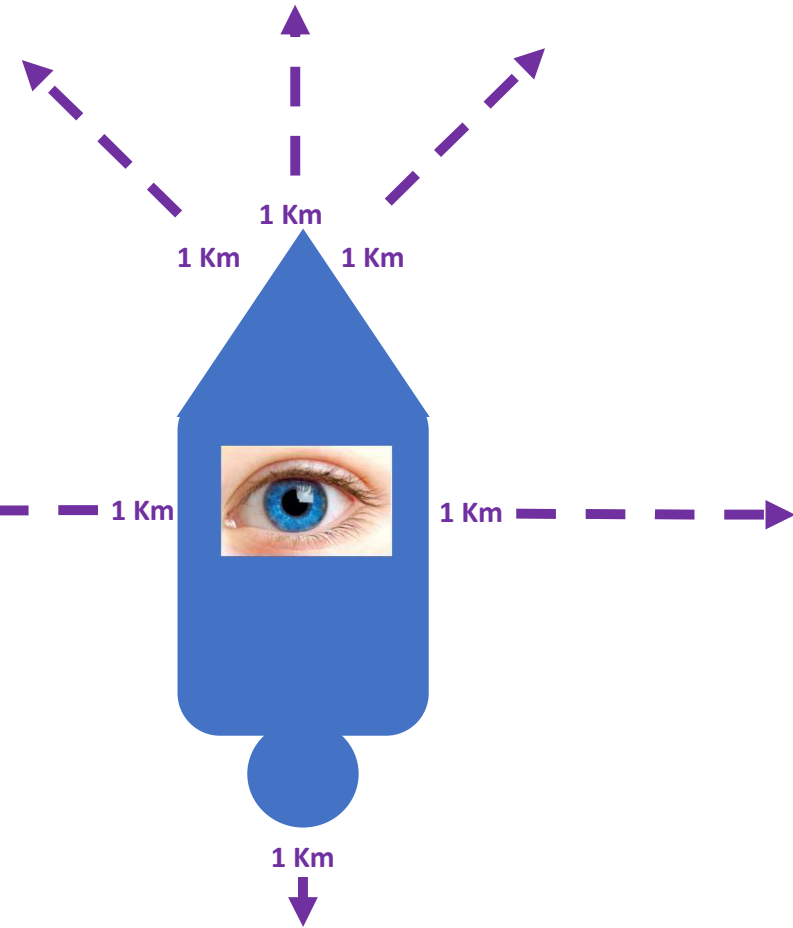


Know your surroundings 360°



Look 1 km in all directions

Ask passengers to help



2. Be Alert



Look behind before you TURN



... and before you SLOW DOWN

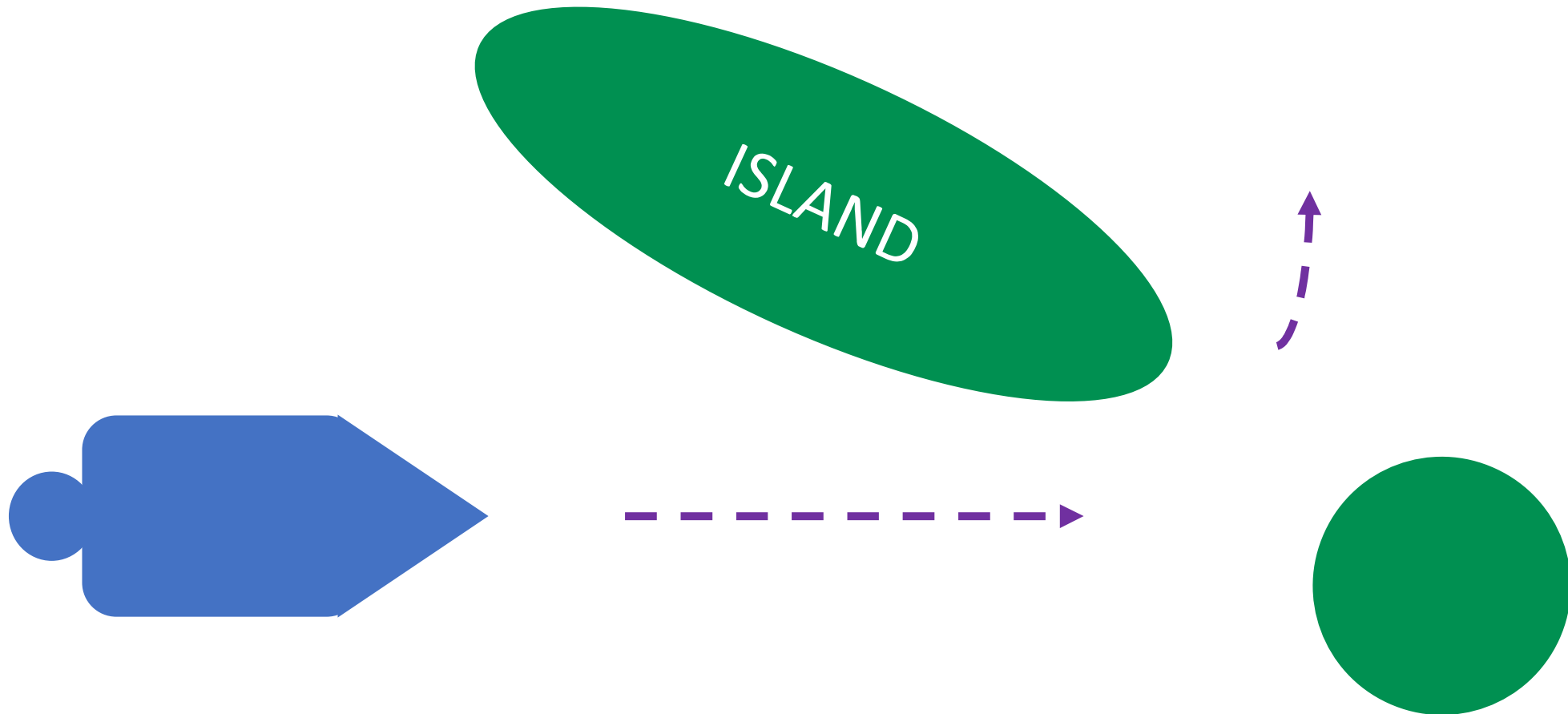
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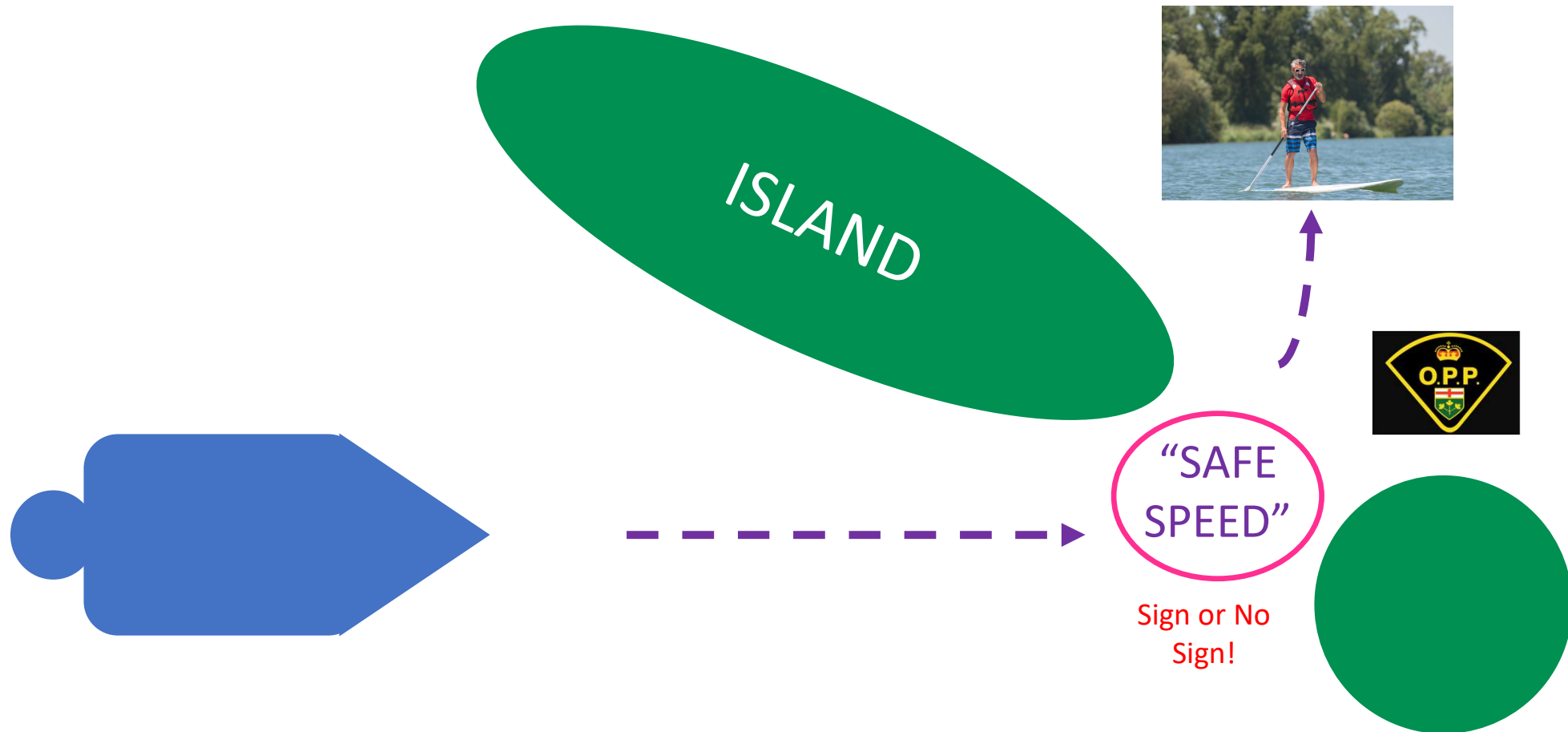
But what if I can't see 1 km ahead?

What if there are islands in the way???

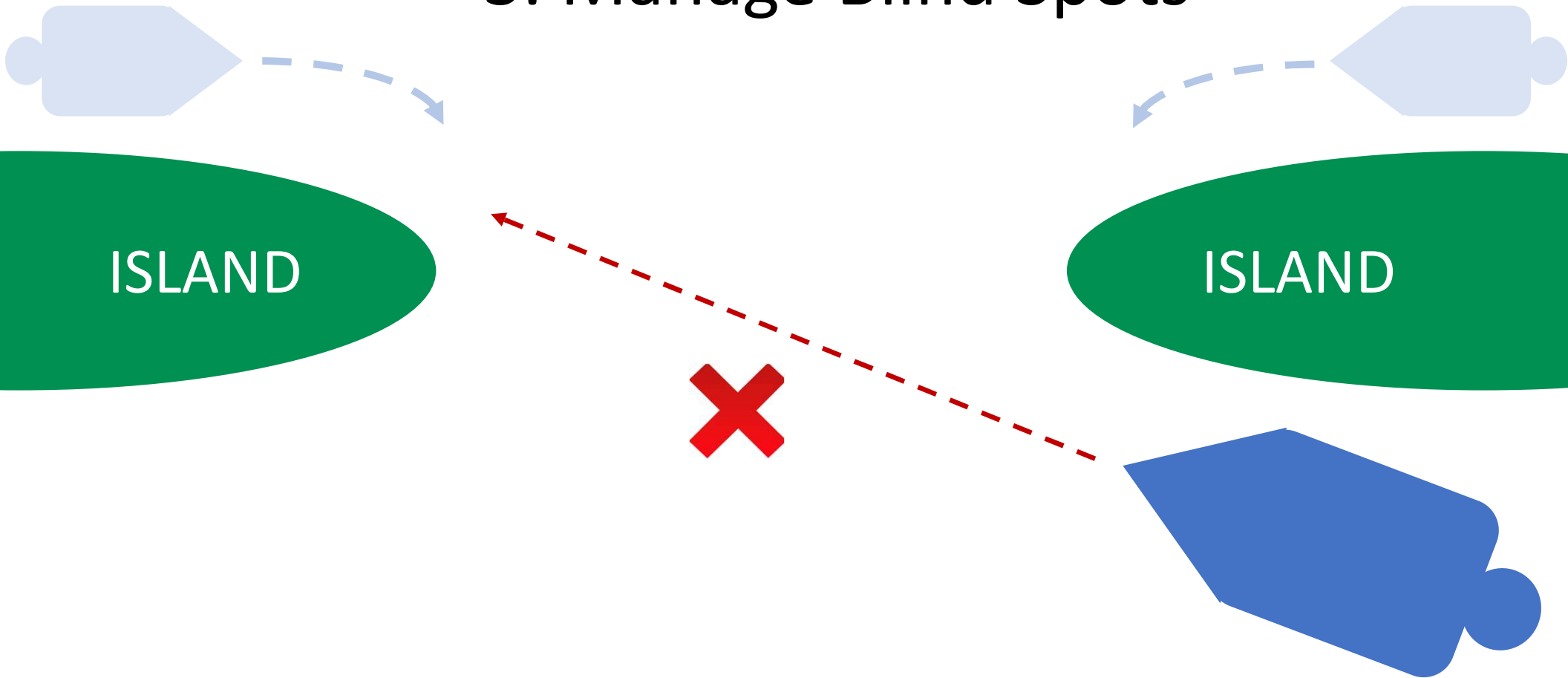
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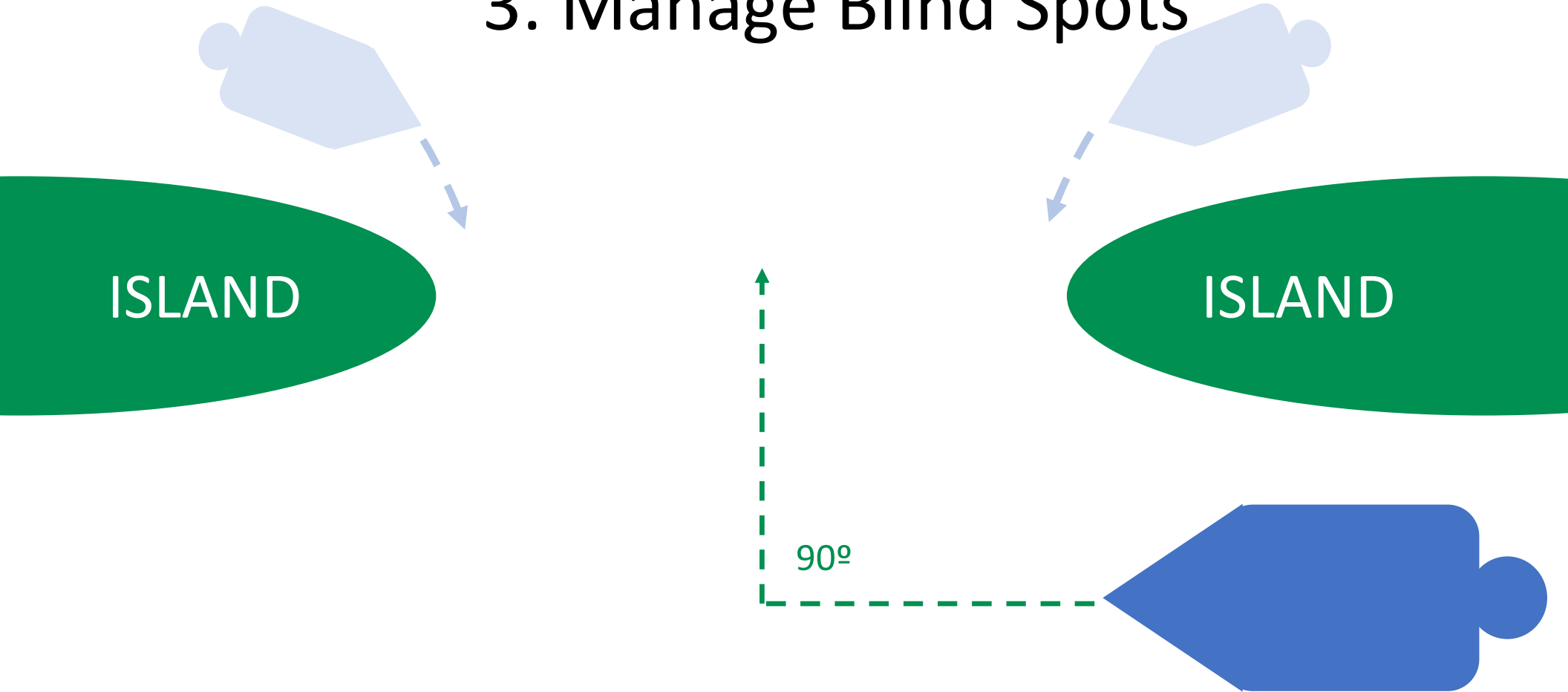
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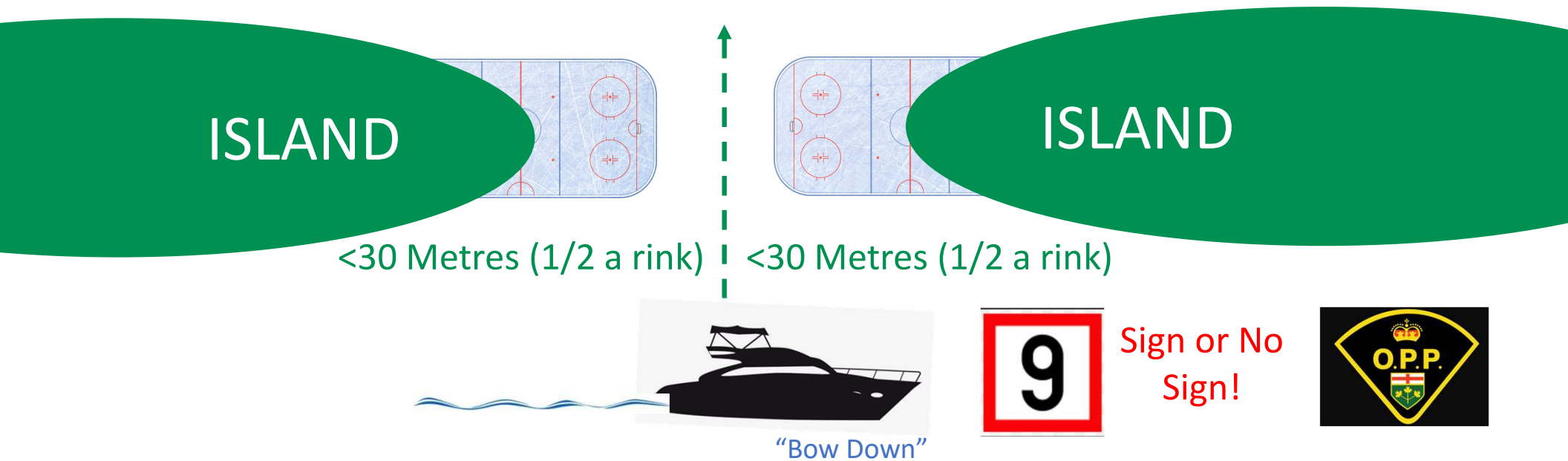
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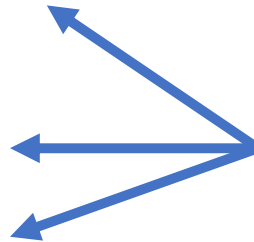
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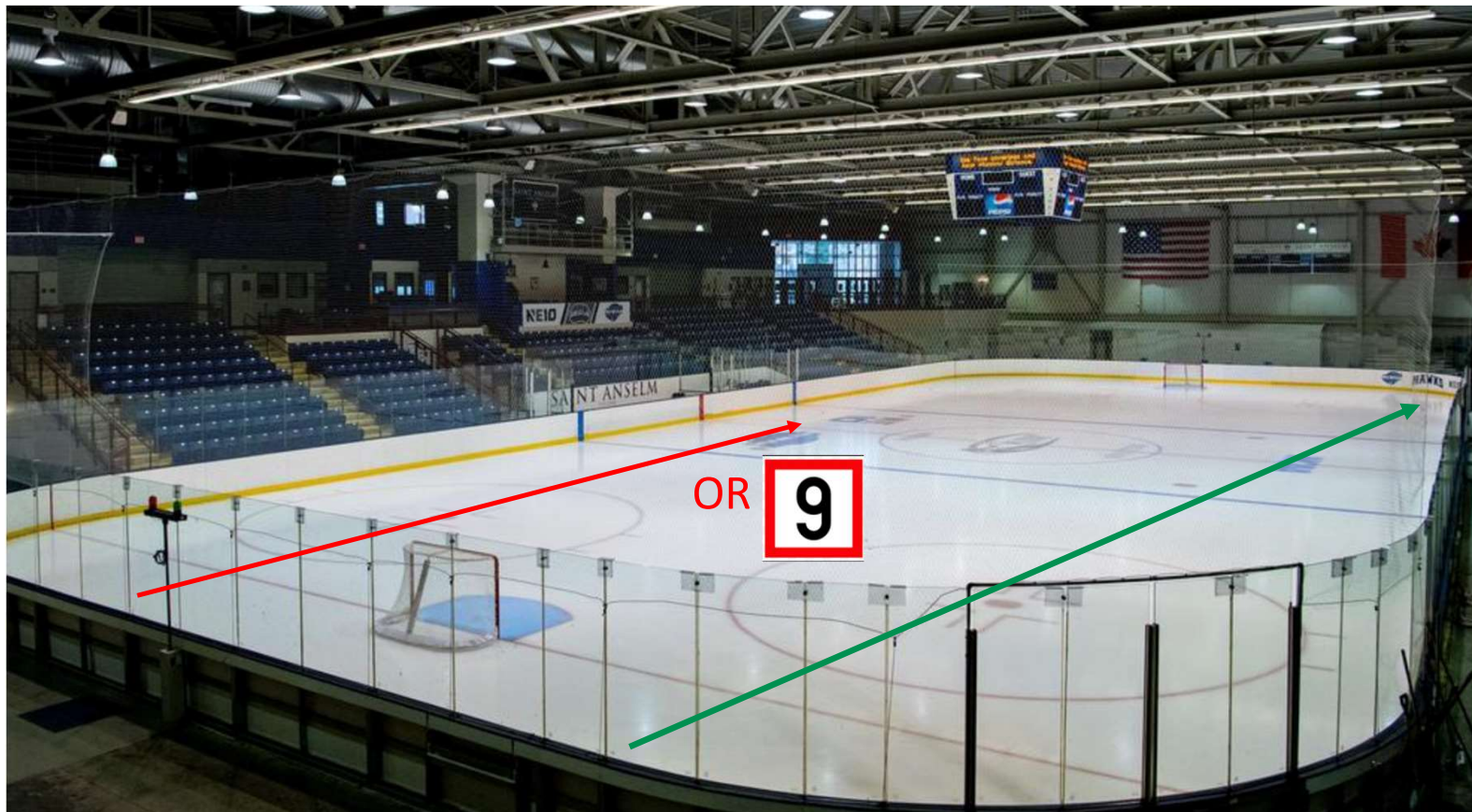
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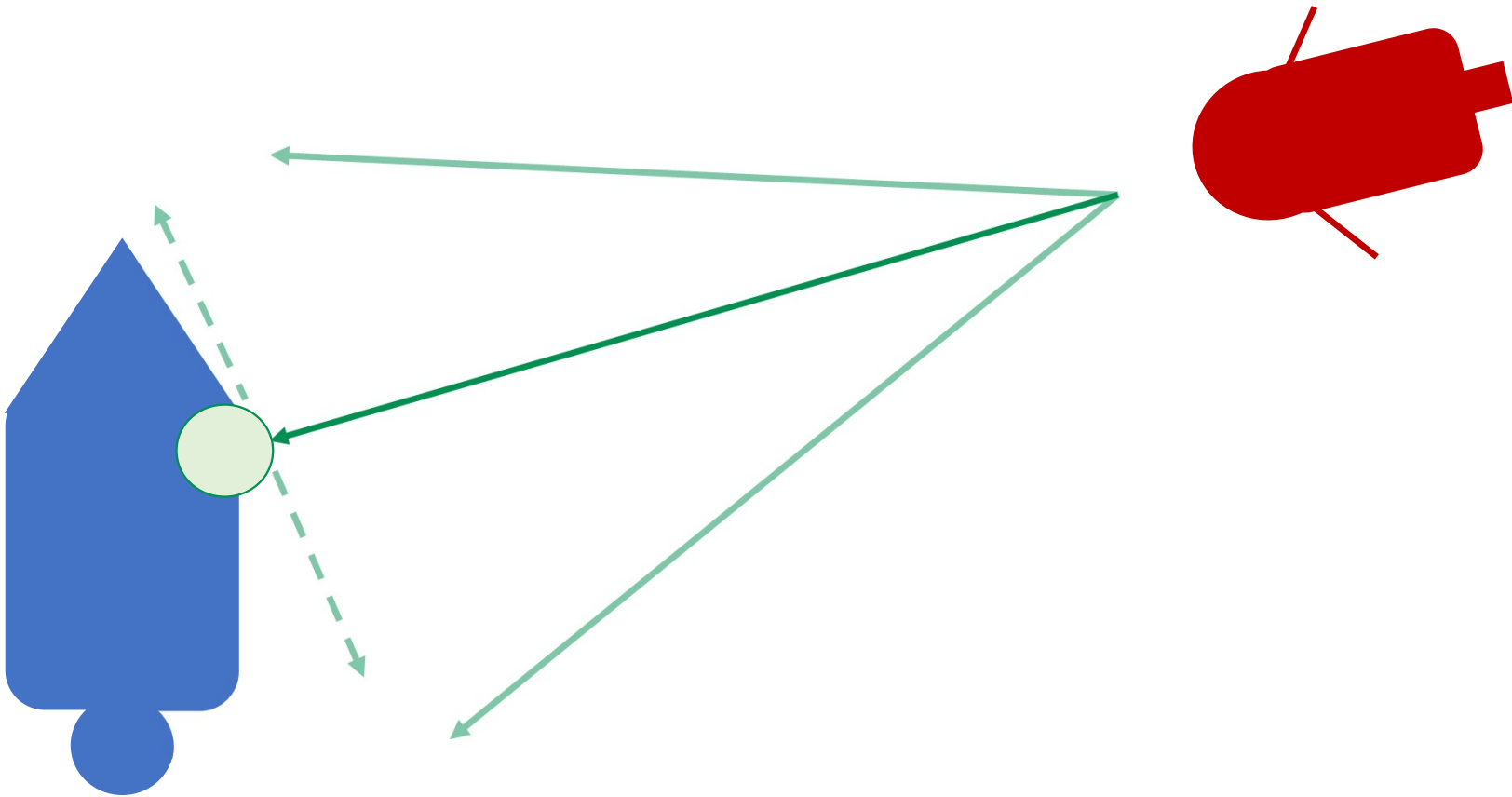
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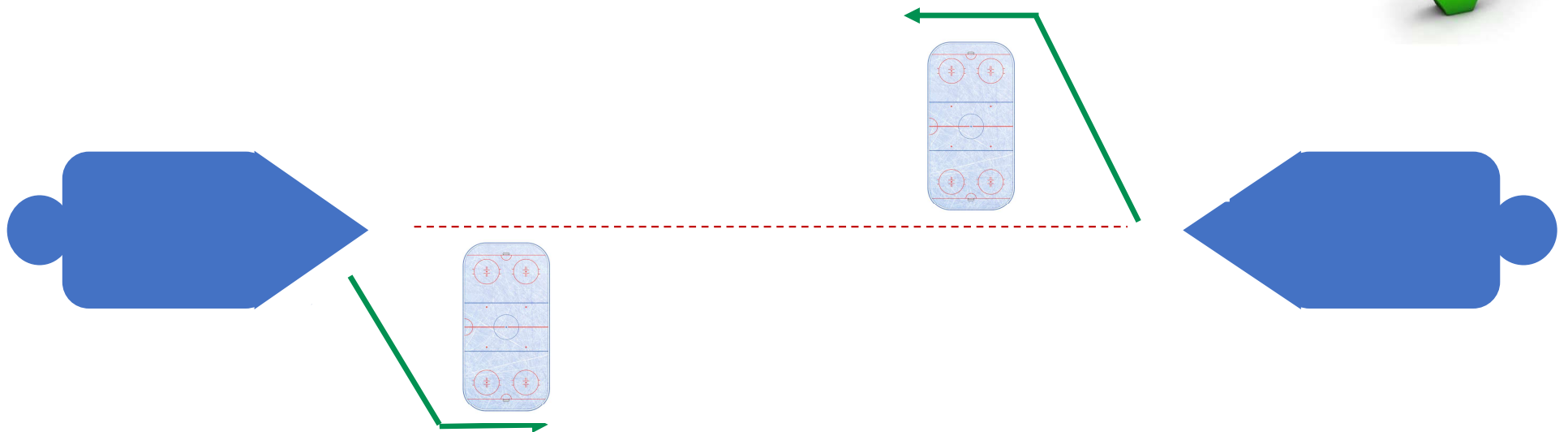
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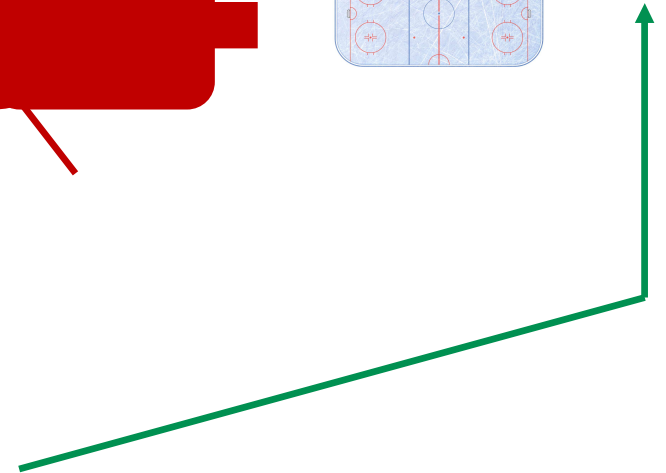
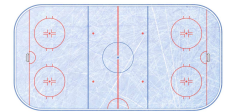
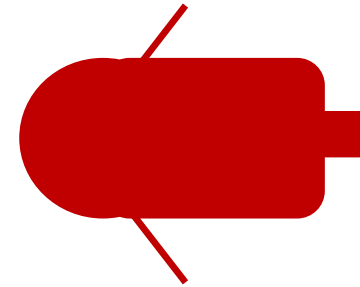


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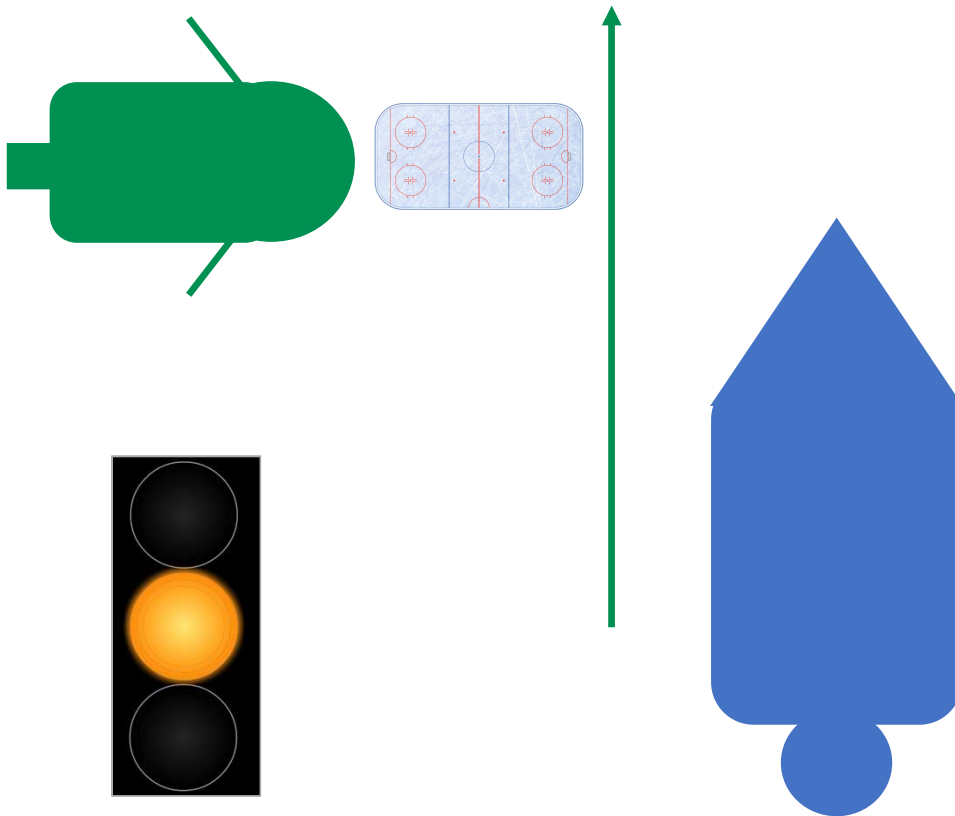


Point with Your Nose

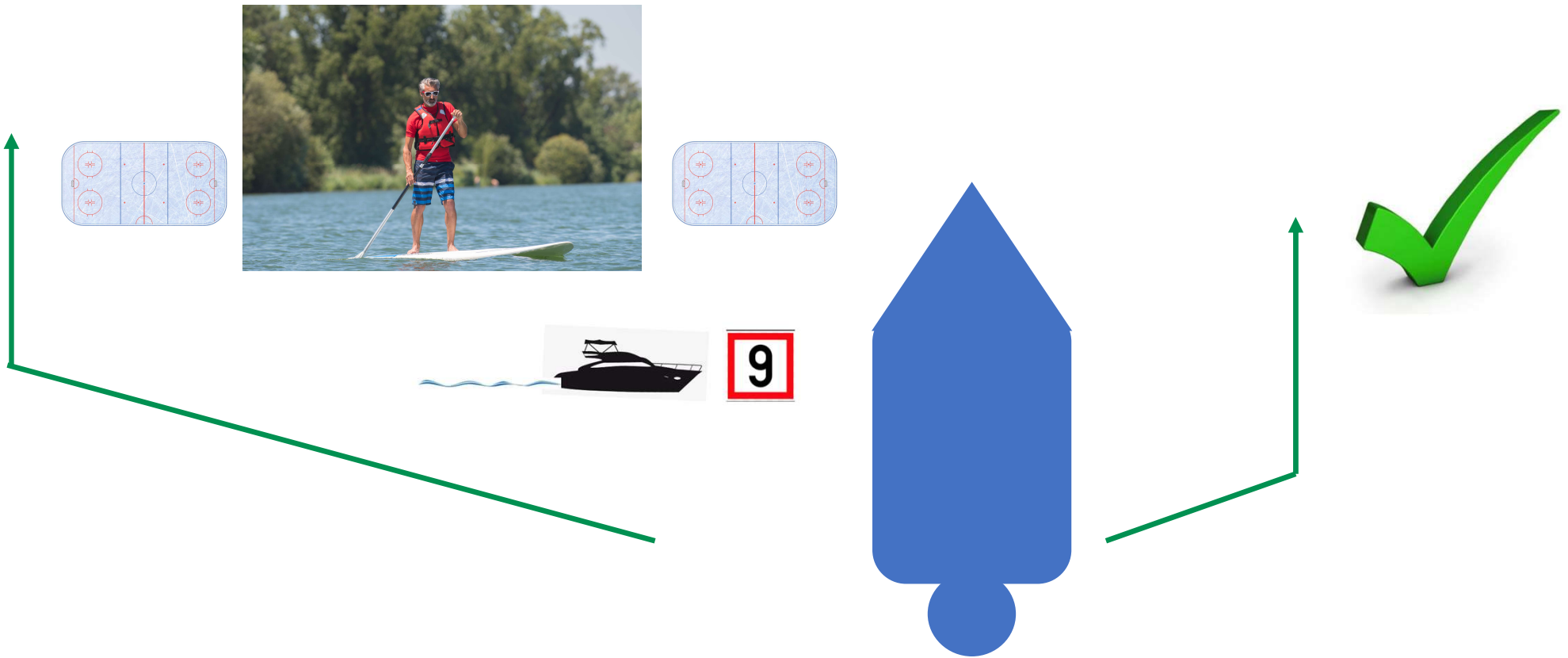
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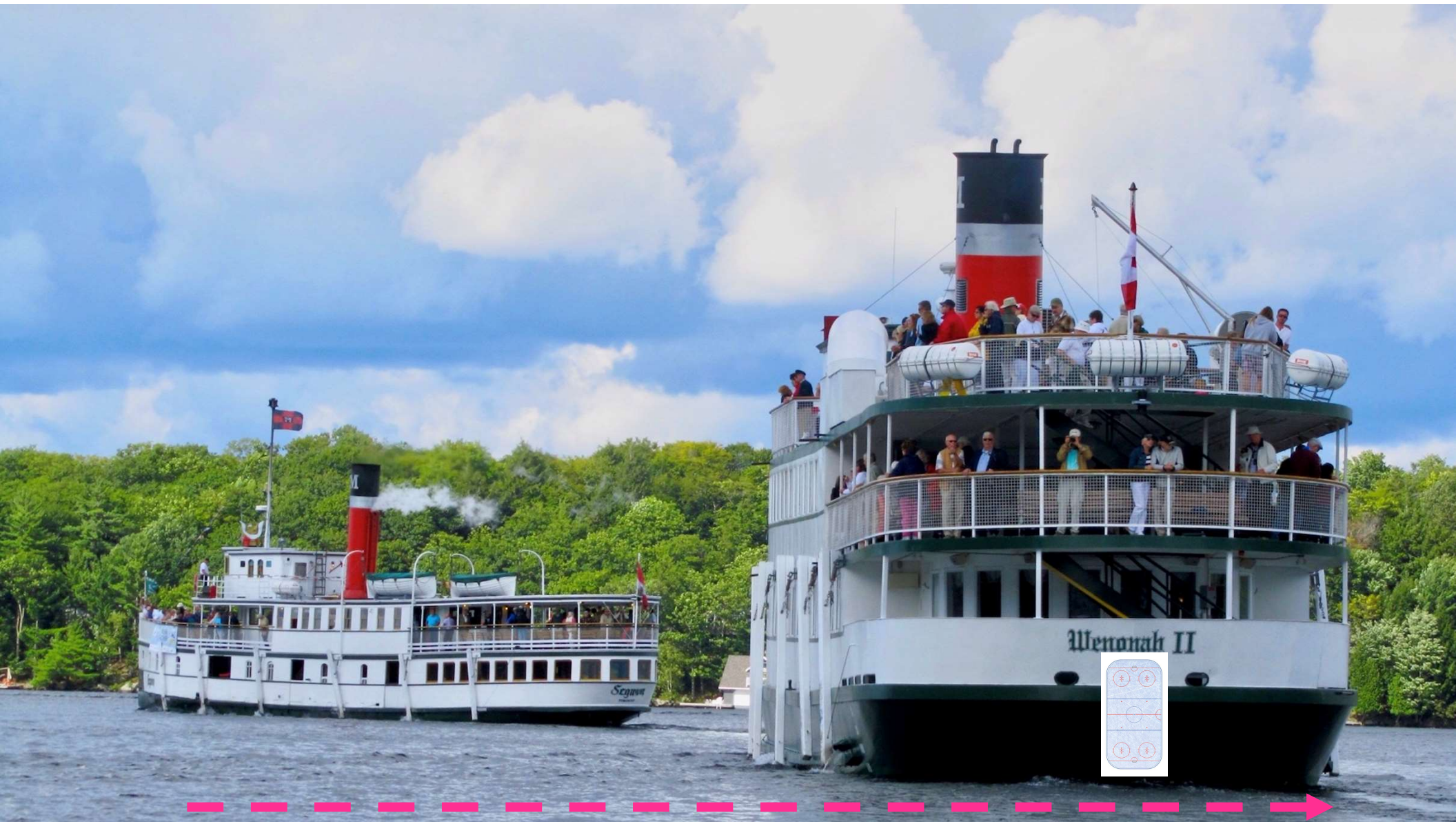


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7. Operate PWCs *Responsibly!*

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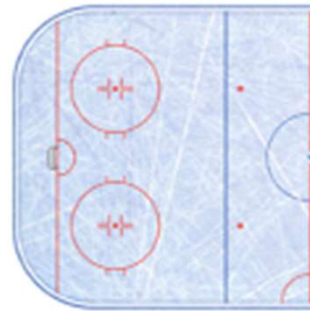
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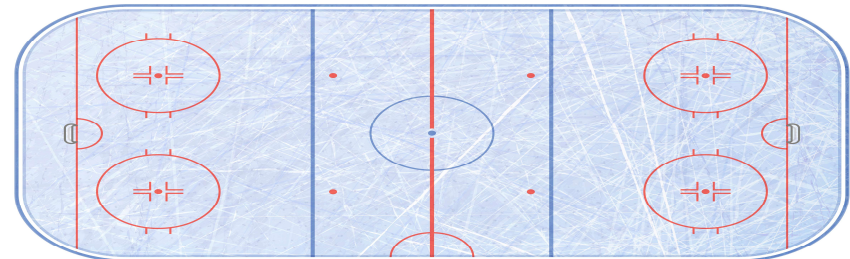


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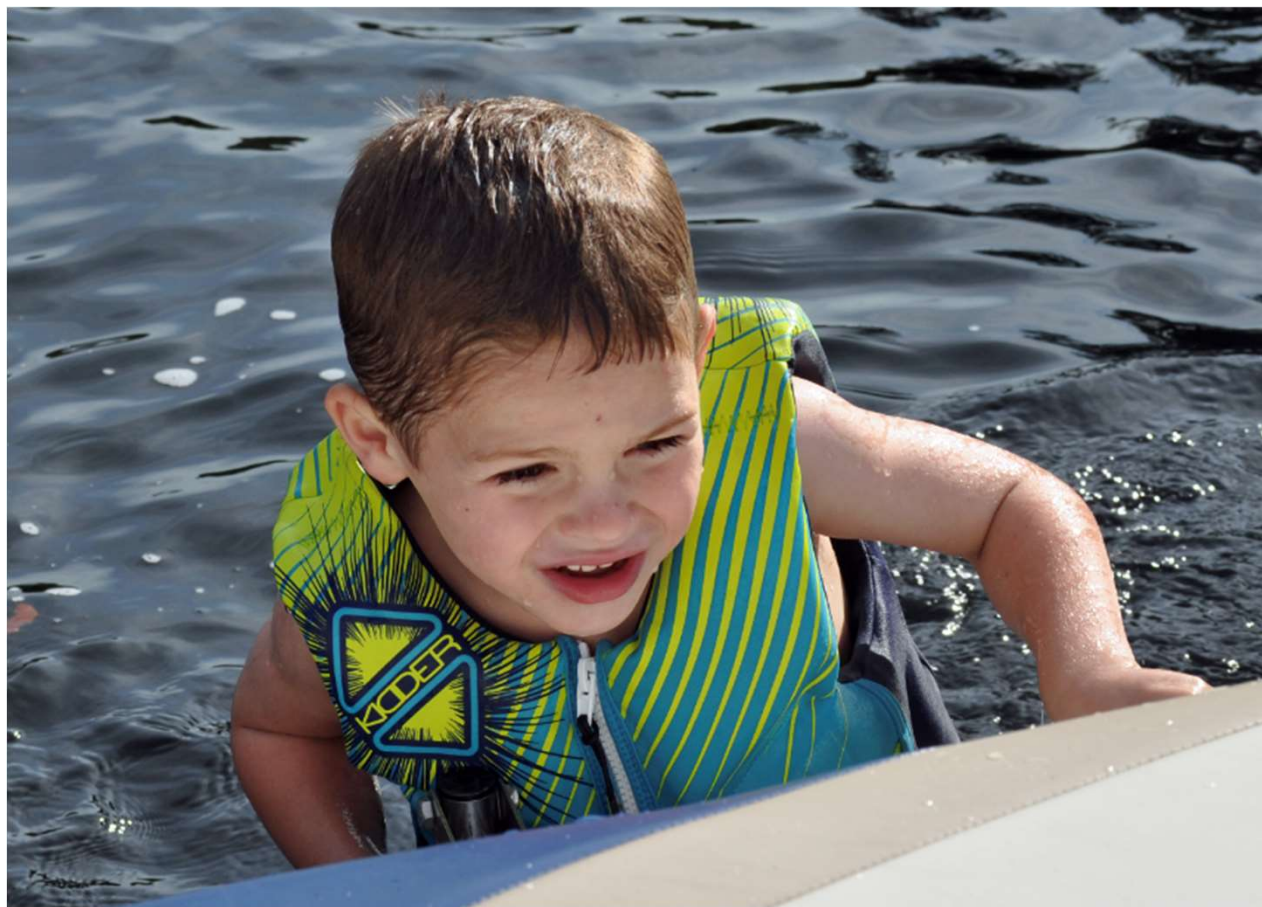
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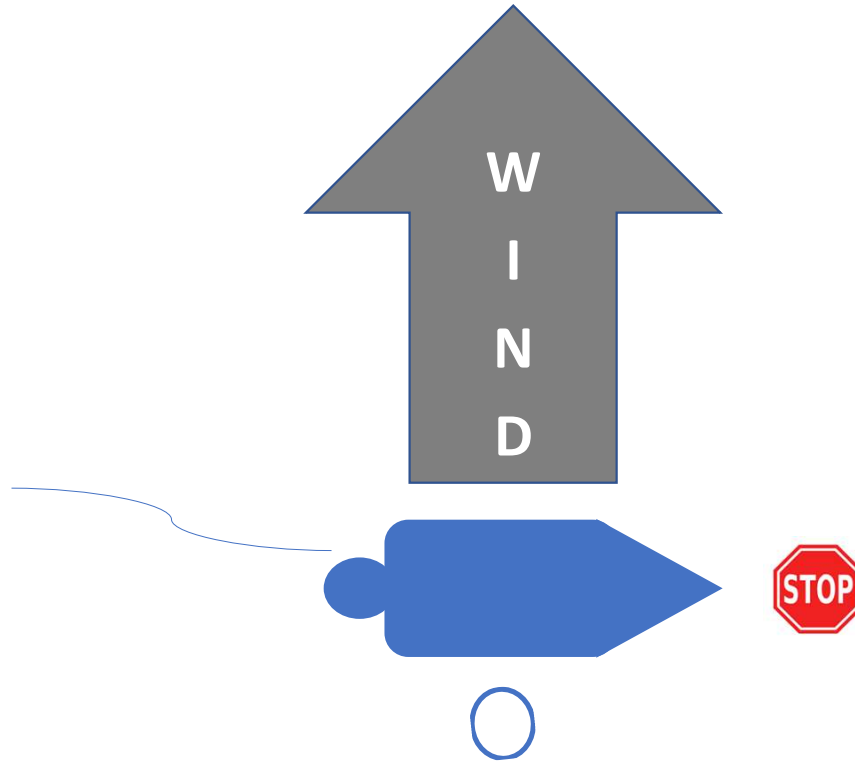
Slow down to 9 km/hr



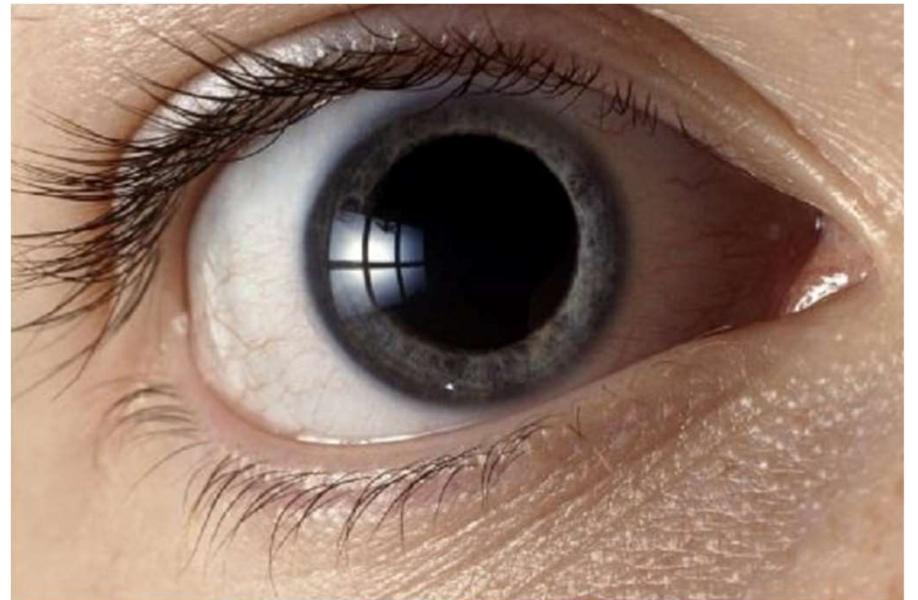
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8. Approach Humans in the Water On The Driver's Side and Downwind

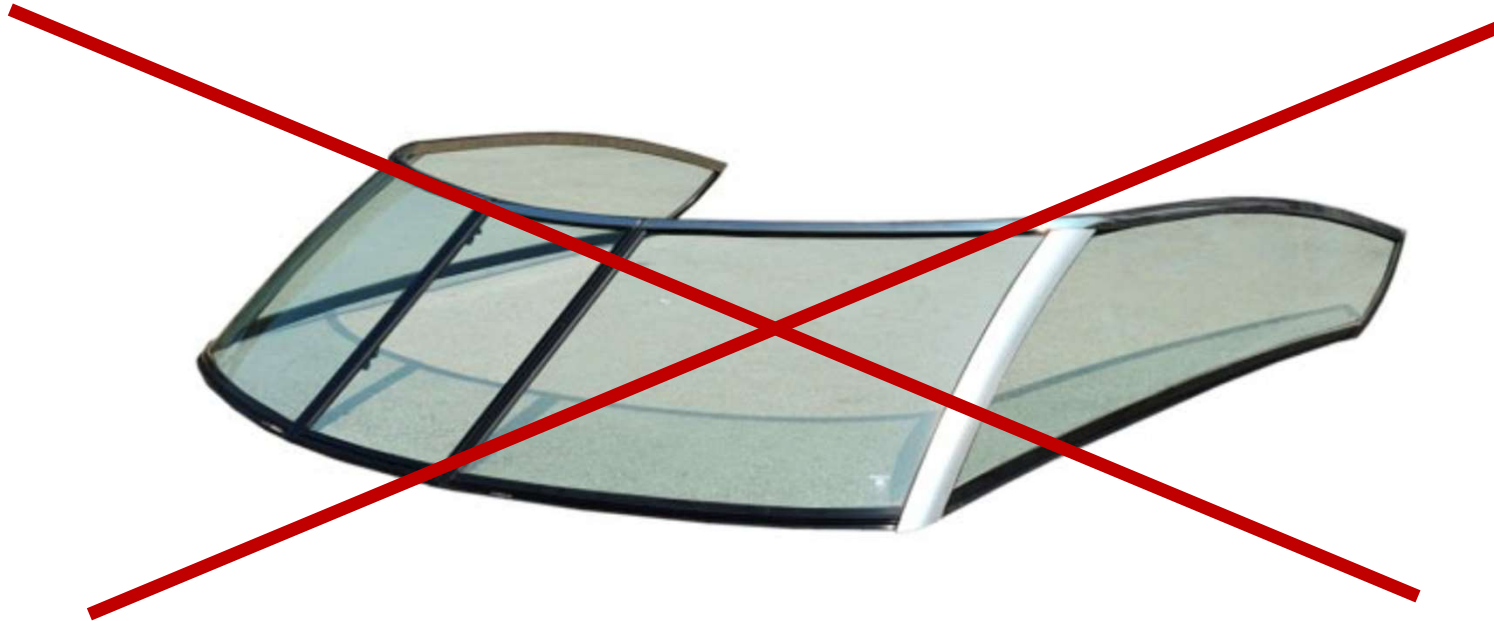


9. Turn Off Headlights



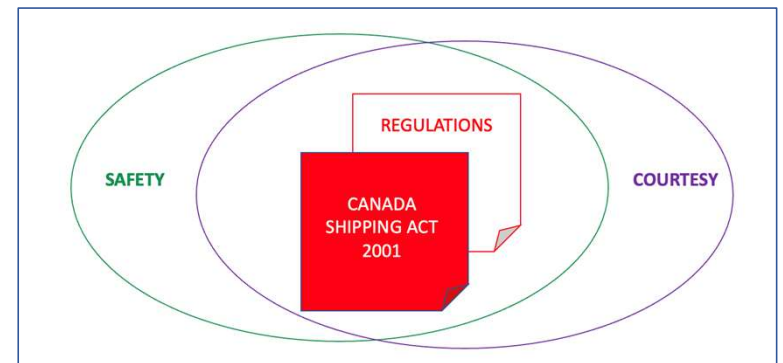
10. Rise Above it All

NEVER look through a windshield at night!



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2. Be alert
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