



COURAGEOUS SAILING

Tanker Policy

Definitions:

- For the purposes of this policy, “tanker” also includes barges under tow, or other commercial vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver.
- The term "vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver" means a vessel which from the nature of her work is restricted in her ability to maneuver as required by these Rules (Colregs) and is therefore unable to keep out of the way of another vessel.

All sailboats are expected to keep a proper lookout and keep well clear of other boats at all times.

When sailing in or near the shipping channel, all Courageous boats must look both ways, at least once per minute, for an incoming tanker. Important to note all of Boston Inner Harbor is a shipping channel.

When a tanker is identified, boats must immediately stick to the side of the channel nearest them or take a clear path away from the middle of the channel if equidistant.

If the tanker is less than 1 mile away, boats must exit to the nearest side of the channel, and remain on that side (Boston or East Boston) close to shore, until the tanker passes.

If the tanker is more than 1 mile away, and the sustained wind is above 7 knots, sailboats may elect to exit to their *preferred* side (Boston or East Boston).

If the sailboat is part of a group activity (youth program or adult program), the timing and direction may be provided by a supervising motorboat. Even when sailing with a motorboat escort, it remains the responsibility of each sailboat to provide their own lookout, and, if a tanker is within view, to seek direction from their supervisor, or, if none is available, to exit independently according to the guidelines above.

For youth program, it is expected that each sailboat identify one or more students will be designated “navigators” who will be responsible for keeping a lookout for commercial traffic. Even if a “navigator” is designated, however, instructors (and skippers, if an instructor is not on the boat) remain responsible for providing their own proper lookout.

