

Collision Regulations rhymes to memorise – it you want!

Steamers, white light on the mast,
A sailor no such light will cast.
Single red or single green,
Then a sailor you have seen

When three lights you see ahead
Starboard wheel and show your red.
Green to green or red to red,
Perfect safety, go ahead.

If to starboard Red appear,
'Tis your duty to keep clear;
Act as judgement says is proper,
Turn to Starboard, back or stop her.

When upon your port is seen
A steamer's starboard light of Green,
There's not so much for you to do
For green to port keeps clear of you.

Both in danger or in doubt
Always keep a good lookout.
If in doubt, no room to turn,
Ease her, stop her, go astern.

Three black balls to heaven bound,
Shows that vessel is aground.
If by night to ground she's wed,
Two white lights and red on red

Green on white, they trawl by night.
Red on white catch fish they might,
Two black cones their points akissing,
By day be sure that they are fishing.

When the wind is on your port,
Then of wisdom don't be short.
Haul your wind or ease your sheet,
You will avoid them when you meet.

If you are closer to the wind,
Of her stay clear and peace you'll find

If moving white light you discern
Then you know you've seen her stern.
One or two white lights and stopped,
Be sure her anchor she has dropped