

NSW Maritime - Yacht Person's Brief

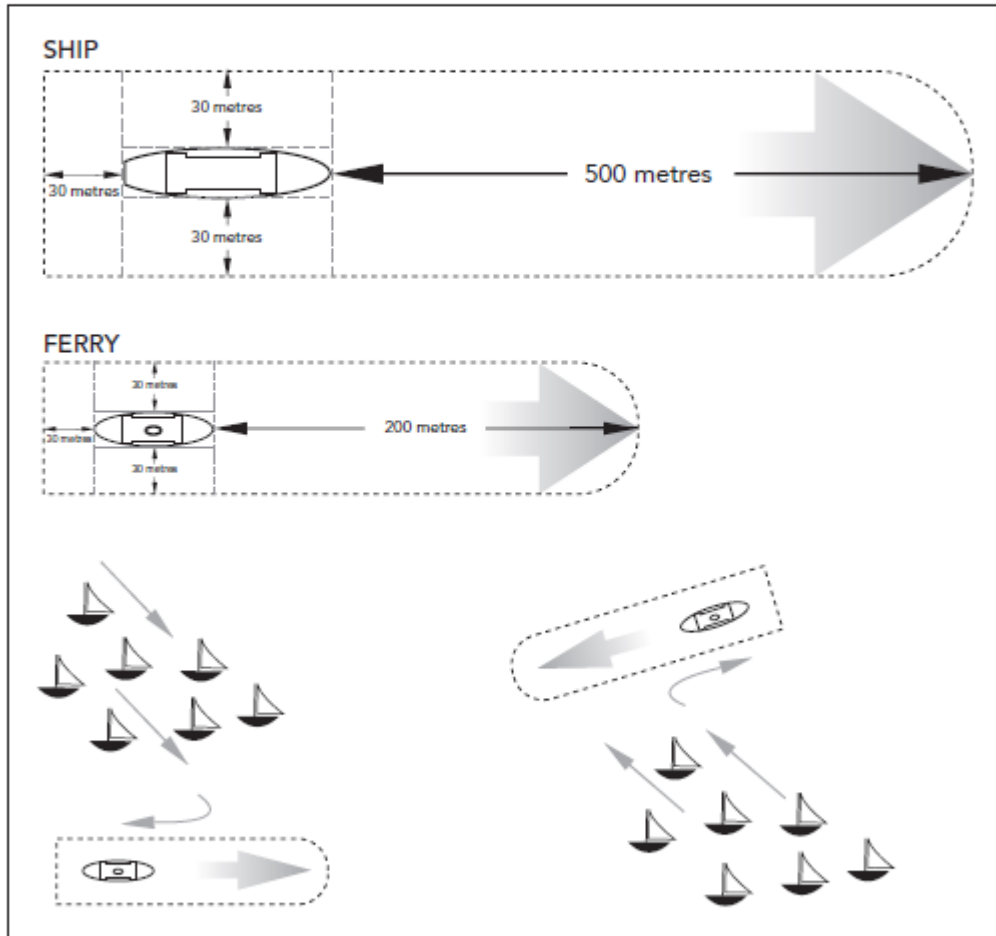
1. Be Safe!
2. Observe NSW Collision regulations and in particular Rule 1 (b) and Rule 2(a)(b), i.e.: Nothing in these Rules shall exonerate any vessel, or the owner, master or crew thereof, from the consequences of any neglect to comply with these Rules or of the neglect of any precaution which may be required by the ordinary practice of seamen, or by the special circumstances of the case.
3. In complying with these Rules due regard shall be had to all dangers of navigation and collision and to any special circumstances, including the limitations of the vessels involved, which may make a departure from these Rules necessary to avoid immediate danger. What this means is that if you're about to be involved in a collision, having stood on or given way in accordance with the Rule; every party involved is responsible in taking avoiding action to prevent a collision.
4. Ship & Ferry Activated Exclusion Zone (Condition 100 – NSW Maritime). The diagram on the following page explains the distances off that must be maintained from ferries and ships.
5. Be mindful of larger ships' bow flare. When closing any vessel, to prevent being overrun, ensure that you remain within sight of the officer of the watch on the vessel's bridge. Beware of overhanging bows and other parts of ship that might obstruct this line of sight. This means that your vessel may disappear from sight inside 200-400 m from the bows of very large ships.
6. Shipping Sound Signal Meanings:
 - One short blast – I am altering course to starboard (right).
 - Two short blasts – I am altering course to port (left).
 - Three short blasts – I am operating engines astern (stopping).
 - Five (or more) short blasts - I'm unsure of your intentions and I doubt whether you are taking enough avoiding action to avoid collision.

SHIP & FERRY ACTIVATED EXCLUSION ZONE

CONDITION 100 – NSW MARITIME

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS SAILING EVENTS

- All competitors must maintain a minimum distance of 500m from the bow of any ship¹ and 200m from the bow of any ferry² and no less than 30m from the sides/stern of any ship or ferry underway.
- The Aquatic Licensee must ensure that all competitors receive a briefing in relation to the requirement to keep clear of ships and ferries.



1 Oil tankers & Seagoing Cruise Ships

2 Other seagoing commercial vessel or Ferry operating in accordance with an approved timetable