

# International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea.

## Sound Signals

Sound Signals	Description
●	Altering Course to Starboard. <b>Vessels in sight.</b>
● ●	Altering Course to Port. <b>Vessels in sight.</b>
● ● ●	Operating Reverse Propulsion. <b>Vessels in sight.</b>
● ● ● ●	Pilot Vessel on Duty. <b>Restricted Visibility.</b>
■ ■ ●	I wish to overtake to your Starboard. Narrow channel. <b>Vessels in sight.</b>
■ ■ ● ●	I wish to overtake to your Port. Narrow channel. <b>Vessels in sight.</b>
● ● ● ● ●	I do not agree or I am unclear as to your intentions. <b>Vessels in sight.</b>
■	Power driven vessel making way. <b>Restricted Visibility.</b>
■ ■	Power driven vessel underway not making way*. <b>Restricted Visibility.</b>
■ ● ●	Last vessel in tow. (Vessel Being towed). <b>Restricted Visibility.</b>
■ ● ● ●	Tug, CBD, NUC, RAM**, fishing/trawling, sailing vessel. <b>Res Vis.</b>

\* Under way = not attached to ground (ropes or anchor) i.e. drifting or in neutral.

Making way = Moving along with propulsion (power). To remember this think of making progress.

\*\* CBD = constrained by draft. Shallow depth means it will not be able to alter course to avoid collision so stay away.

NUC = not under command, mechanical failure, captain cannot steer or slow down etc. Again stay clear.

RAM = restricted in ability to manoeuvre. Maybe mine clearance, dredging, towing, trawling/fishing.

**All Restricted Visibility sound signals are sounded every 'less than 2 minutes'**