SEA YARN

RULES OF THE ROAD AT SEA

WHEN ALL THREE LIGHTS I SEE AHEAD,
I TURN TO STARBOARD AND
SHOW MY RED.
GREEN TO GREEN, RED TO RED,
PERFECT SAFETY, GO AHEAD.

BUT IF TO STARBOARD RED APPEAR,
ITS MY DUTY TO KEEP CLEAR.
TO ACT AS JUDGEMENT
SAYS IS PROPER,
TURN TO STARBOARD,
BACK OR STOP HER.

AND, IF UPON MY PORT IS SEEN,
A STEAMER'S STARBOARD
LIGHT OF GREEN.
I HOLD MY COURSE AND
WATCH TO SEE,
THAT GREEN TO PORT KEEPS
CLEAR OF ME.

BOTH IN SAFETY AND IN DOUBT, ALWAYS KEEP A GOOD LOOK OUT. IN DANGER WITH NO ROOM TO TURN, EASE HER, STOP HER, GO ASTERN.

SOURCE: UNKNOWN

USED BY MANY AS A WAY TO MEMORISE ON-WATER RULES