

**RULE 19.2 — GIVING ROOM AT AN OBSTRUCTION**

**(a) A right-of-way boat may choose to pass an *obstruction* on either side.**

*“Which boat gets to choose which side of the obstruction the boats will pass on?”*



Before one of the boats needs to commit to passing on one side or the other, the rules of Section A and B apply and the right-of-way boat can sail where she pleases, subject to rules 16 (Changing Course) and 17 (On the Same Tack; Proper Course). Rule 19.2(a) reminds of this by saying “A right-of-way boat may choose to pass an obstruction on either side.” So, approaching an obstruction, the right-of-way boat (leeward boat or starboard-tack boat) gets to choose on which side she wants to pass the obstruction, and the other boat(s) must keep clear.

