

However, rule 43.1(c), Exoneration, states that a right-of-way boat or one sailing within the *room* or *mark-room* to which she is entitled is exonerated (freed from penalty) if the contact does not cause “damage or injury.” “Damage” is what a boat suffers; “injury” is what a person suffers (see Case 110). Therefore, if the contact causes no physical damage or injury to any boat or person, the right-of-way boat or the one sailing within the *room* or *mark-room* to which she is entitled can be found to have broken rule 14 but she is exonerated by rule 43.1(c) and cannot be penalized for breaking the rule (see rule 43.2, Exoneration).