

THE GONDOLA DISPUTE

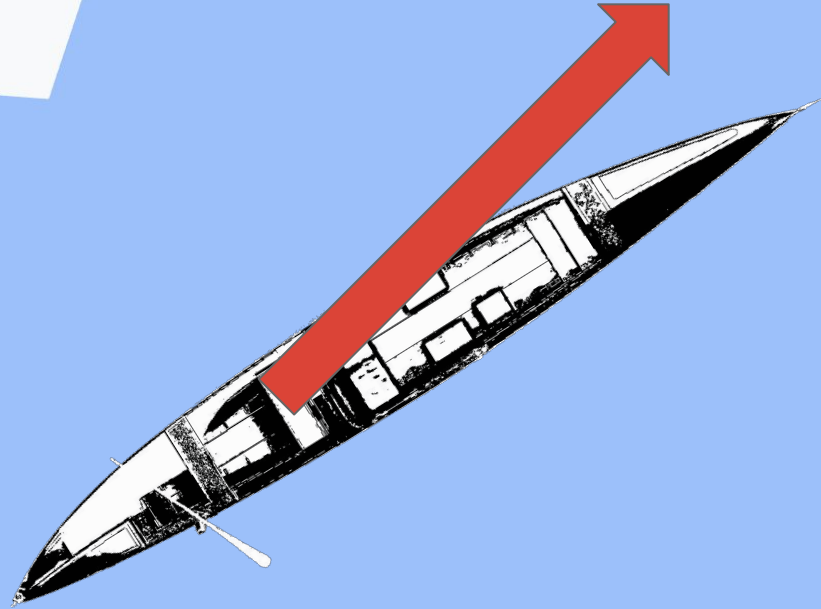


All modern gondolas are exactly 35 ft 6 ins long (10.87 m) by 4 ft 6 ins wide (1.42 m) as decreed by early laws.

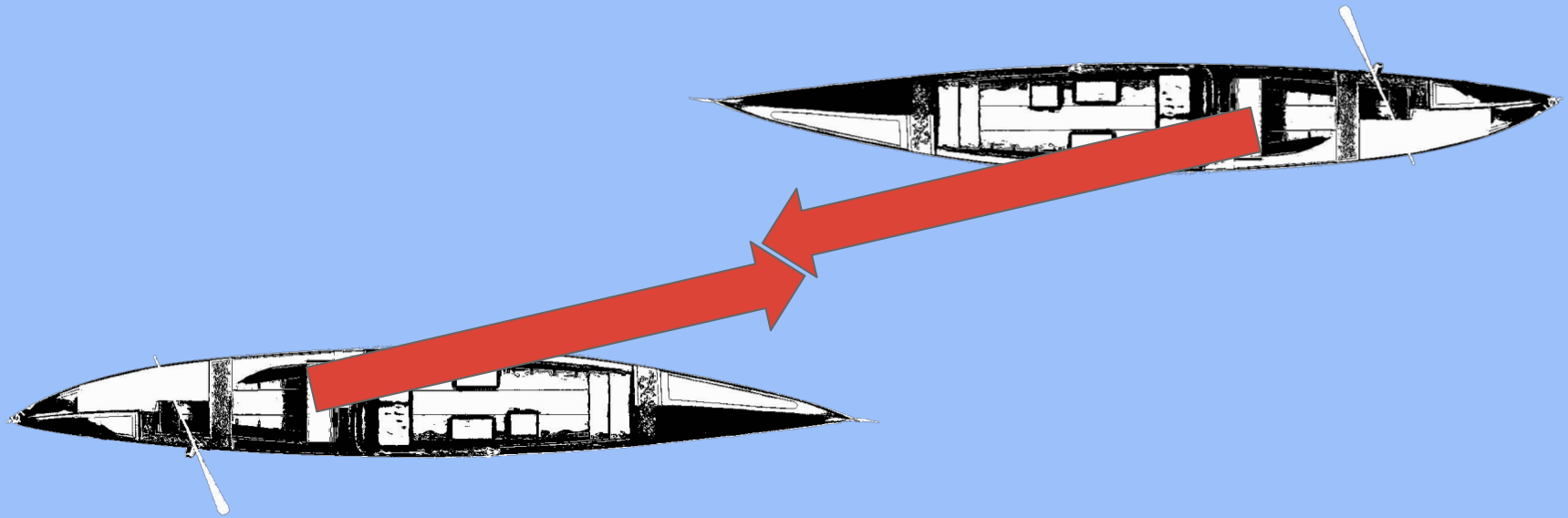
Another quirky anomaly to their construction sees that the left side of the boat is 10 inches (24 cm) longer than the right side. The purpose of this oddity is that the design is thought to counterbalance the rowing action of the gondolier so the boat is moved in a straight line.



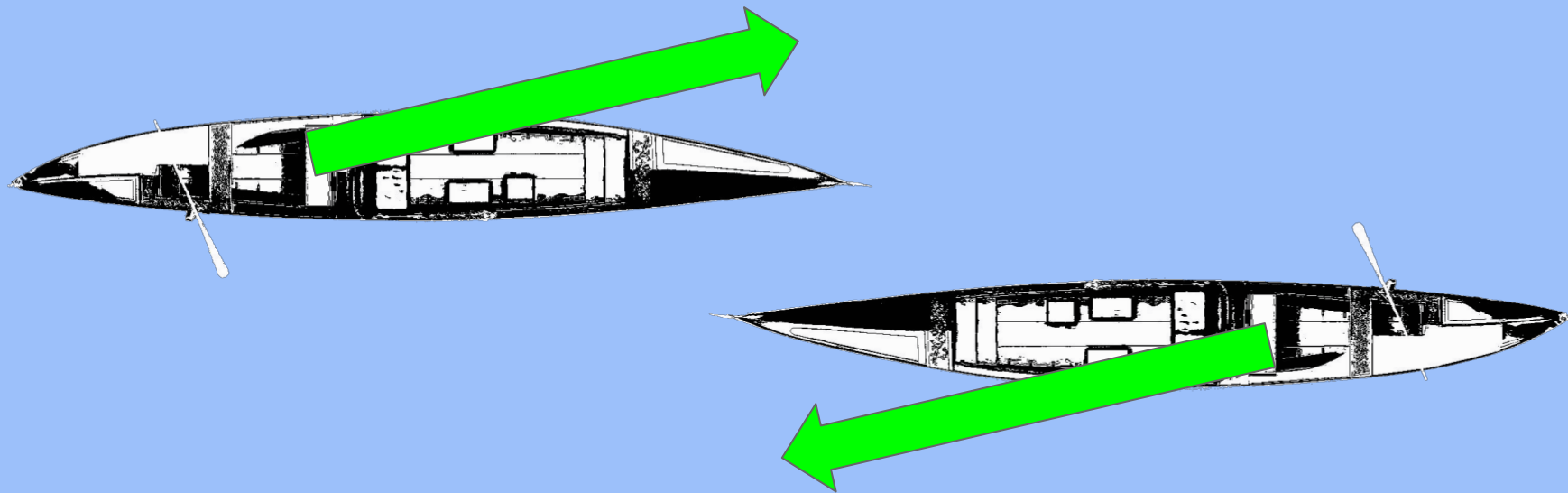
Because it is only rowed from one side, a gondola does not move straight forward. The boat is actually drifting to the left of the bow about 15 to 20 degrees



If the boats pass portside to portside,
they are drifting toward each other.

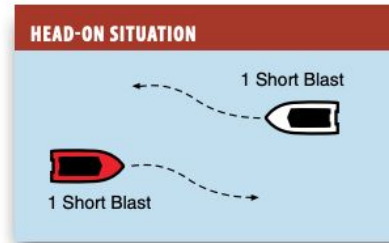


If the boats pass starboard to starboard, they are drifting away from each other and can therefore pass closer to each other without fear of collision.



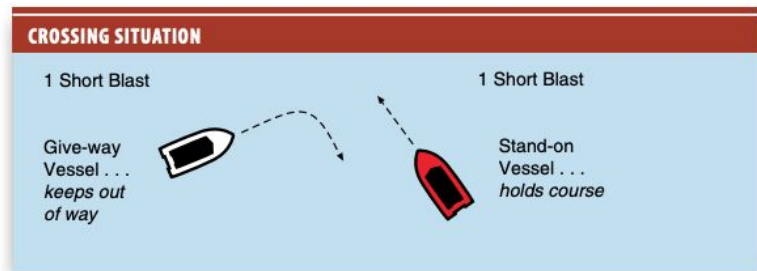


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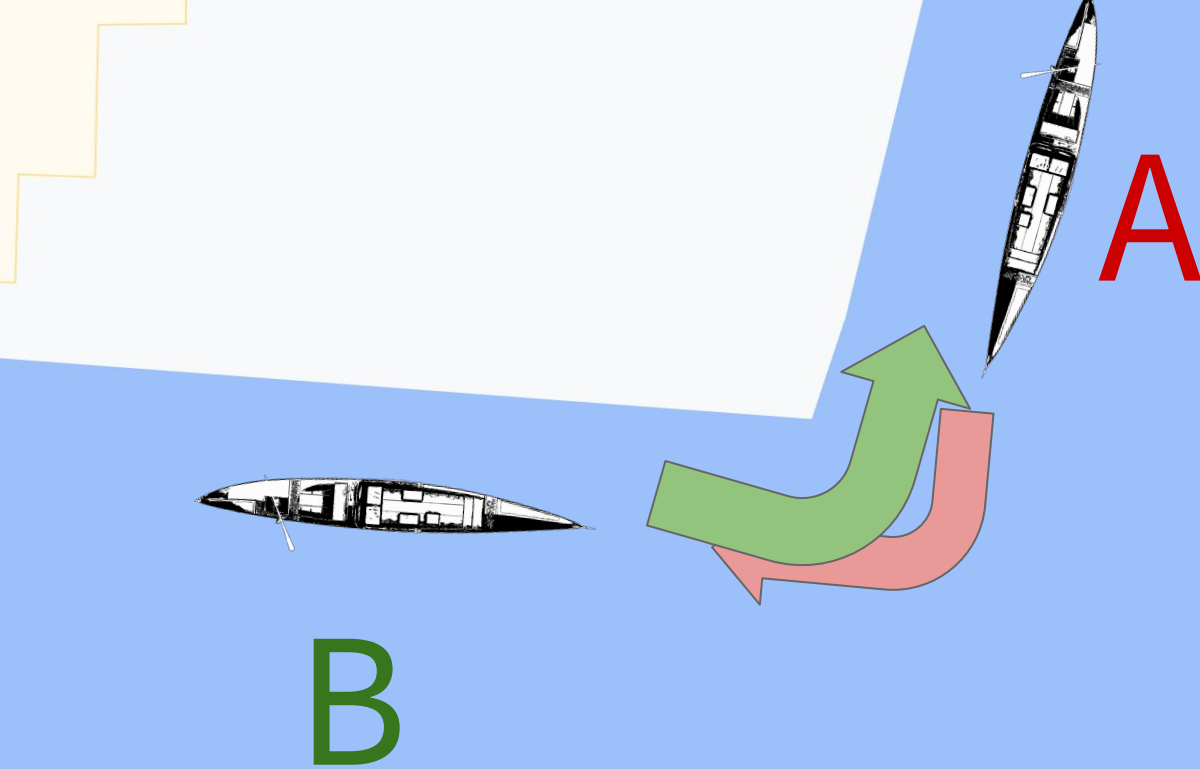
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When crossing, the vessel that has the other on the starboard (right) side shall keep out of the way and avoid crossing ahead of the other vessel. The give-way vessel (the vessel required to keep out of the way) shall take early and substantial action to keep well clear of the other vessel (the stand-on vessel), which should hold course and speed. However, the stand-on vessel may take action to avoid collision by maneuvering as soon as it becomes apparent that the give-way vessel is not taking appropriate action.



Overtaking Situations

When two motorboats are running in the same direction and the



So if boat A and boat B get to a blind corner, who should have the “inside” track? This is not an issue on a straight away because it’s easier to communicate intention.



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