

## Red, right, return

This navigational mantra refers to the starboard or red navigational aids posted along the right hand side of your vessel when returning to a harbor or traveling in an upstream direction. [Note that, in a rowing shell, this refers to the right side of the boat when facing forward. Since rowers face the back or stern, "red, right, return" means stay to your left.] When sculling in any waterway, navigate your boat in a path along the right side of the course.

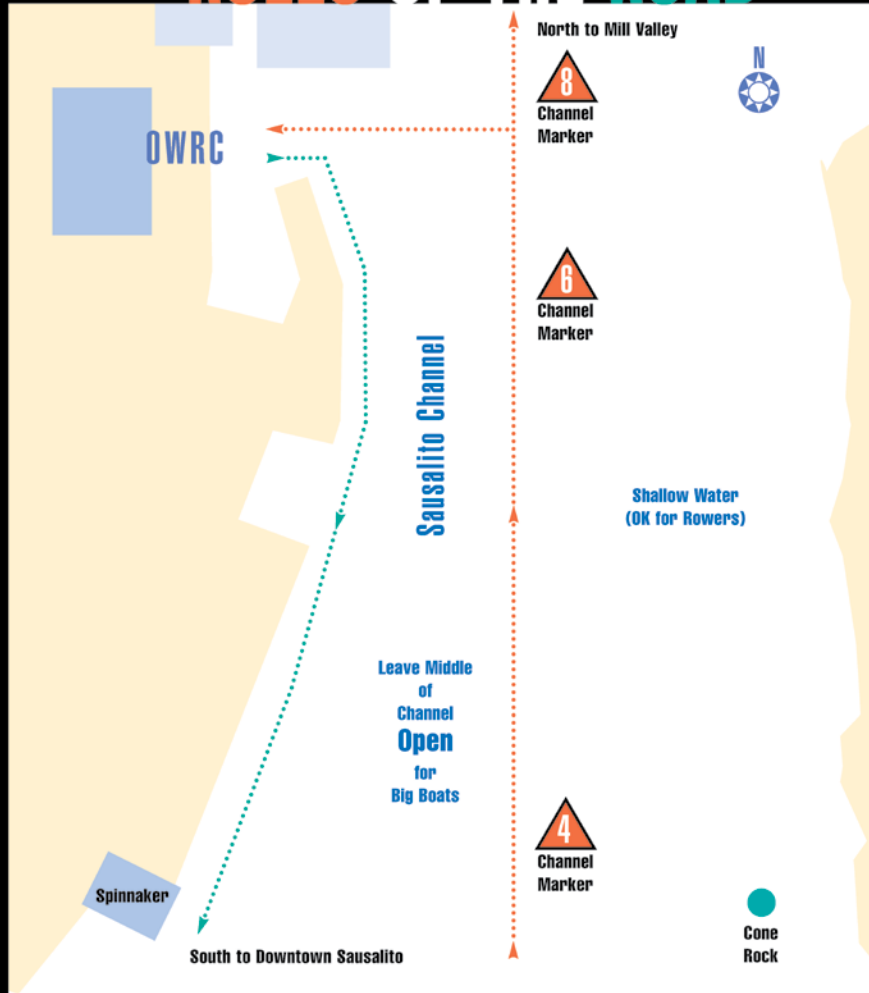
Boat channels are intended for use by deeper draft vessels and rowers do not have right of way. Larger boats have more limited maneuverability, especially around marinas and docks and they cannot always see you. Always assume that you must yield to other vessels; be alert for their activity in your vicinity.

Scullers should take care not to interfere with larger boats, especially commercial vessels, and use the middle of the channel only for crossing. Cross at 90° and do so as quickly as possible. Allow any oncoming vessels to pass, and then cross astern of them.

Don't row near the ferry slip. Ferries give one blast upon leaving the pier but, if you are behind them when they blow their horn, it's already too late to get out of the way.

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# RULES OF THE ROAD



The map shows the Sausalito Channel with a green dotted line indicating a path from the OWRC (Open Water Rowing Center) area towards the Spinnaker area. A red dotted line with arrows indicates a path from the channel towards Mill Valley (North) and Downtown Sausalito (South). Three channel markers are shown: a red triangle with the number 8 for the northern end, a red triangle with the number 6 for the middle, and a red triangle with the number 4 for the southern end. A blue circle with a white star represents the Cone Rock. A blue square labeled 'OWRC' is on the left side of the channel. A blue square labeled 'Spinnaker' is at the bottom left. A blue circle with a white star labeled 'Cone Rock' is at the bottom right. A blue circle with a white star labeled 'N' is at the top right. The text 'Shallow Water (OK for Rowers)' is in the middle right. The text 'Leave Middle of Channel Open for Big Boats' is in the middle. The text 'North to Mill Valley' is at the top right. The text 'South to Downtown Sausalito' is at the bottom.

Stay to the **INSIDE** of the Channel going **SOUTH** Stay to the **OUTSIDE** of the Channel coming **NORTH!!!**

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