

Navigational Aids

Know and understand the variety of navigational aids that you will see on the water. The most commonly seen of these are the lateral buoys and day beacons as shown below.

Lateral Buoys

1. Bifurcation

(red and green bands)

You may pass this buoy on either side when moving upstream. The colour of the top band shows which is the main or preferred channel. For example: keep this buoy on your starboard (right) side.

2. Port *(green can)*

Keep this buoy on your port (left) side when going upstream.

3. Port *(green pillar)*

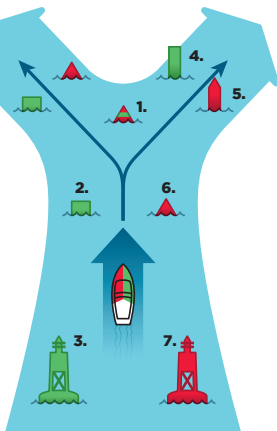
Keep this buoy on your port (left) side when going upstream.

4. Port *(green spar)*

Keep this buoy on your port (left) side when going upstream.

5. Starboard *(red spar)*

Keep this buoy on your starboard (right) side when going upstream.



6. Starboard *(red conical)*

Keep this buoy on your starboard (right) side when going upstream.

7. Starboard *(red pillar)*

Keep this buoy on your starboard (right) side when going upstream.

Standard Daybeacons



Port Hand

When going upstream, keep a port hand day beacon on your port (left) side.



Starboard Hand

When going upstream, keep a starboard hand day beacon on your starboard (right) side.



Junction

(Preferred channel to right)
This day beacon marks a point where the channel divides and may be passed on either side. If you want to take the channel to your right, keep this day beacon on your port (left) side.



Junction

(Preferred channel to left)
This day beacon marks a point where the channel divides and may be passed on either side. If you want to take the channel to your left, keep this day beacon on your starboard (right) side.

Buoys and daybeacons may also be lighted at night.