

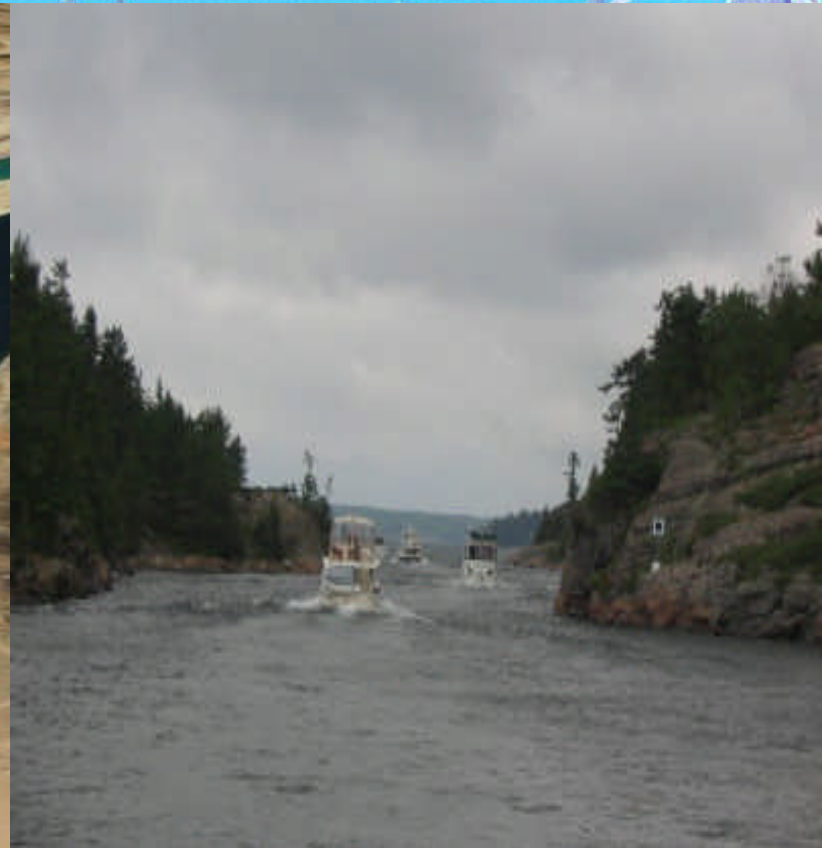


Rule 9

Narrow Channels



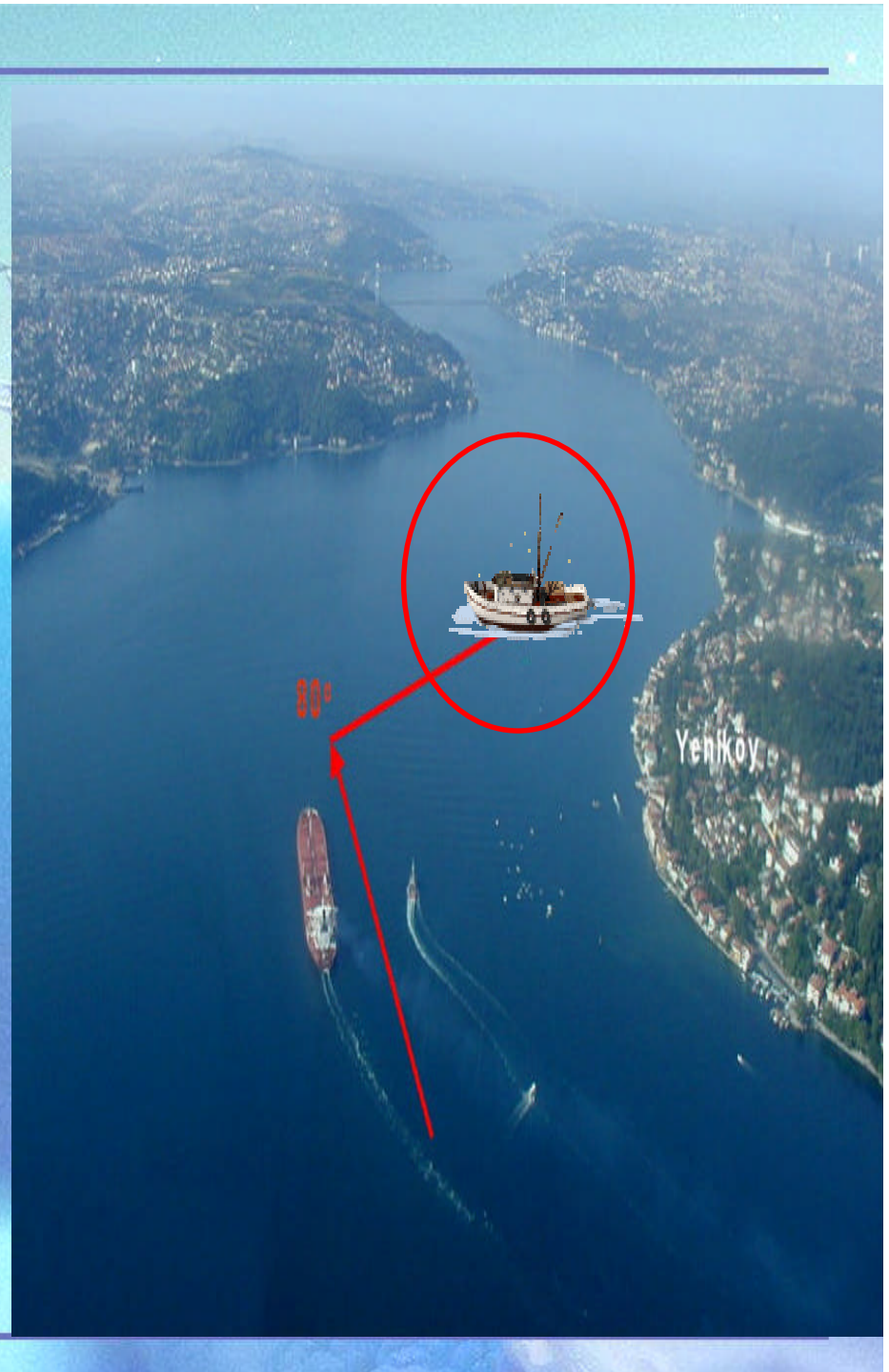
(a) A vessel proceeding along the course of a narrow channel or fairway shall keep as near to the outer limit of the channel or fairway which lies *on her starboard side* as is safe and practicable.



(b) A vessel of less than 20 meters in length or a sailing vessel *shall not impede* the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel

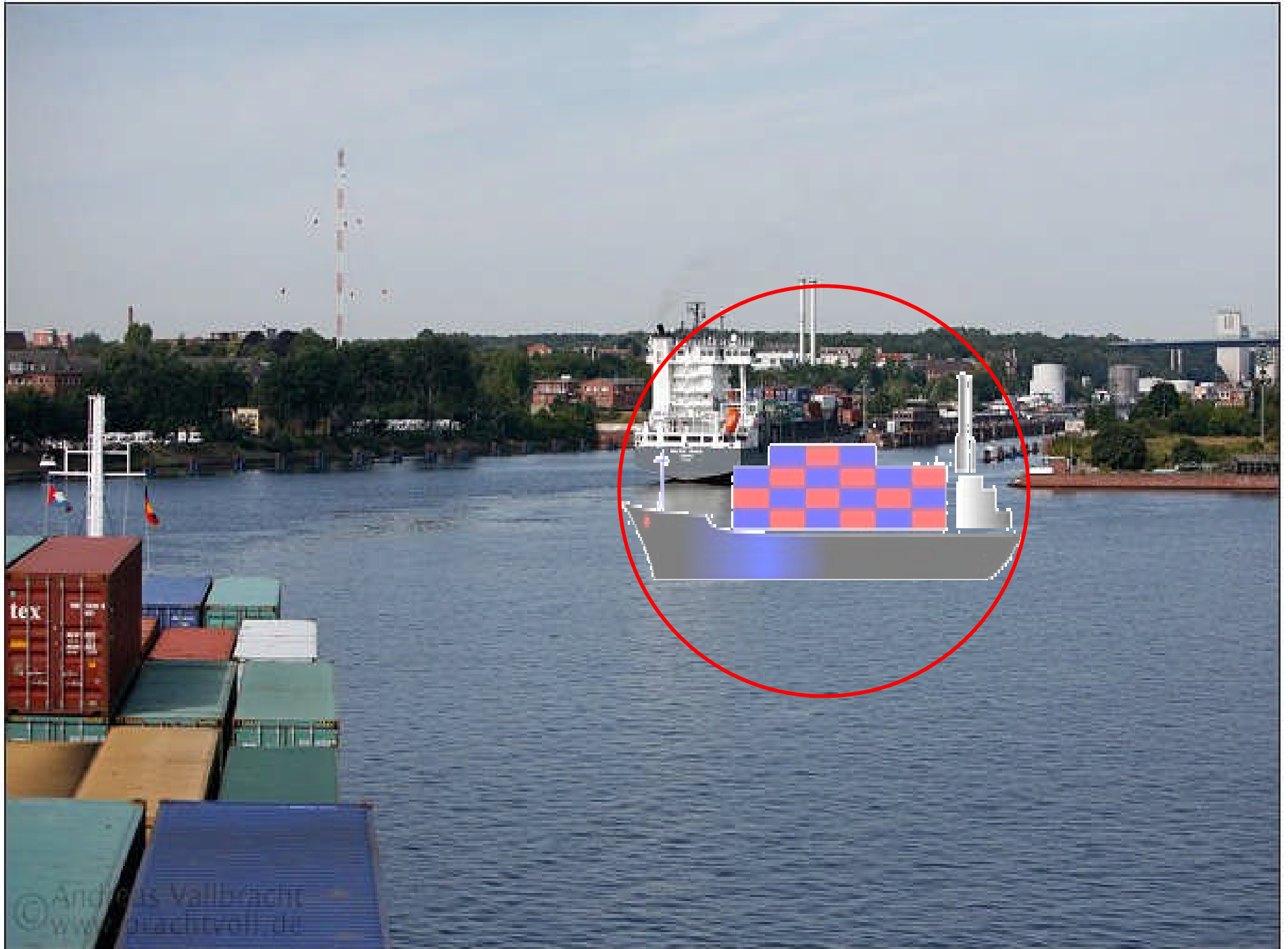


(c) A vessel engaged in fishing *shall not impede* the passage of any other vessel navigating within a narrow channel or





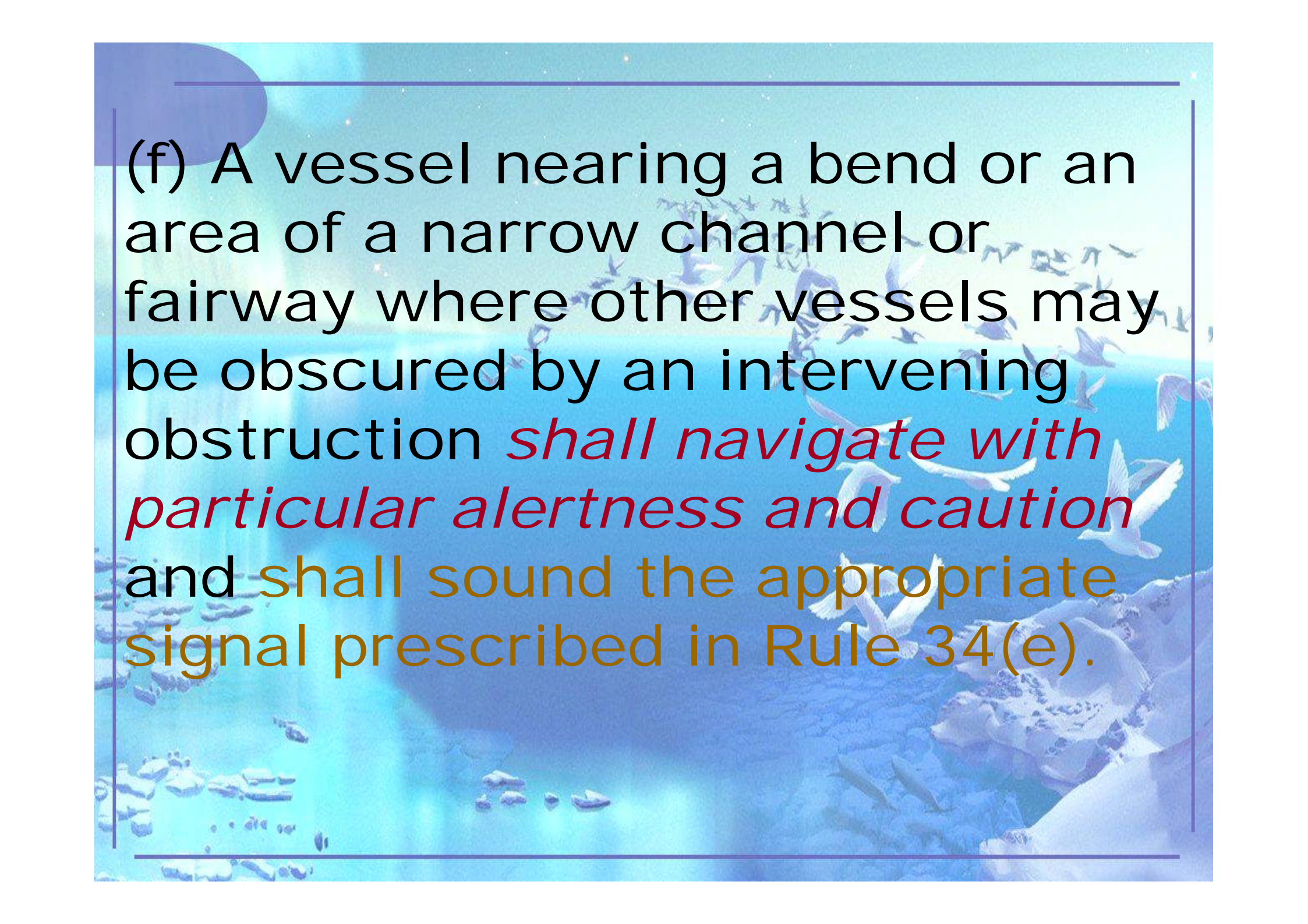
(d) A vessel *shall not cross* a narrow channel or fairway *if such crossing impedes* the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within that channel or fairway. The latter vessel *shall use the danger signal prescribed in Rule 34(d) if in doubt* as to the intention of the crossing vessel.



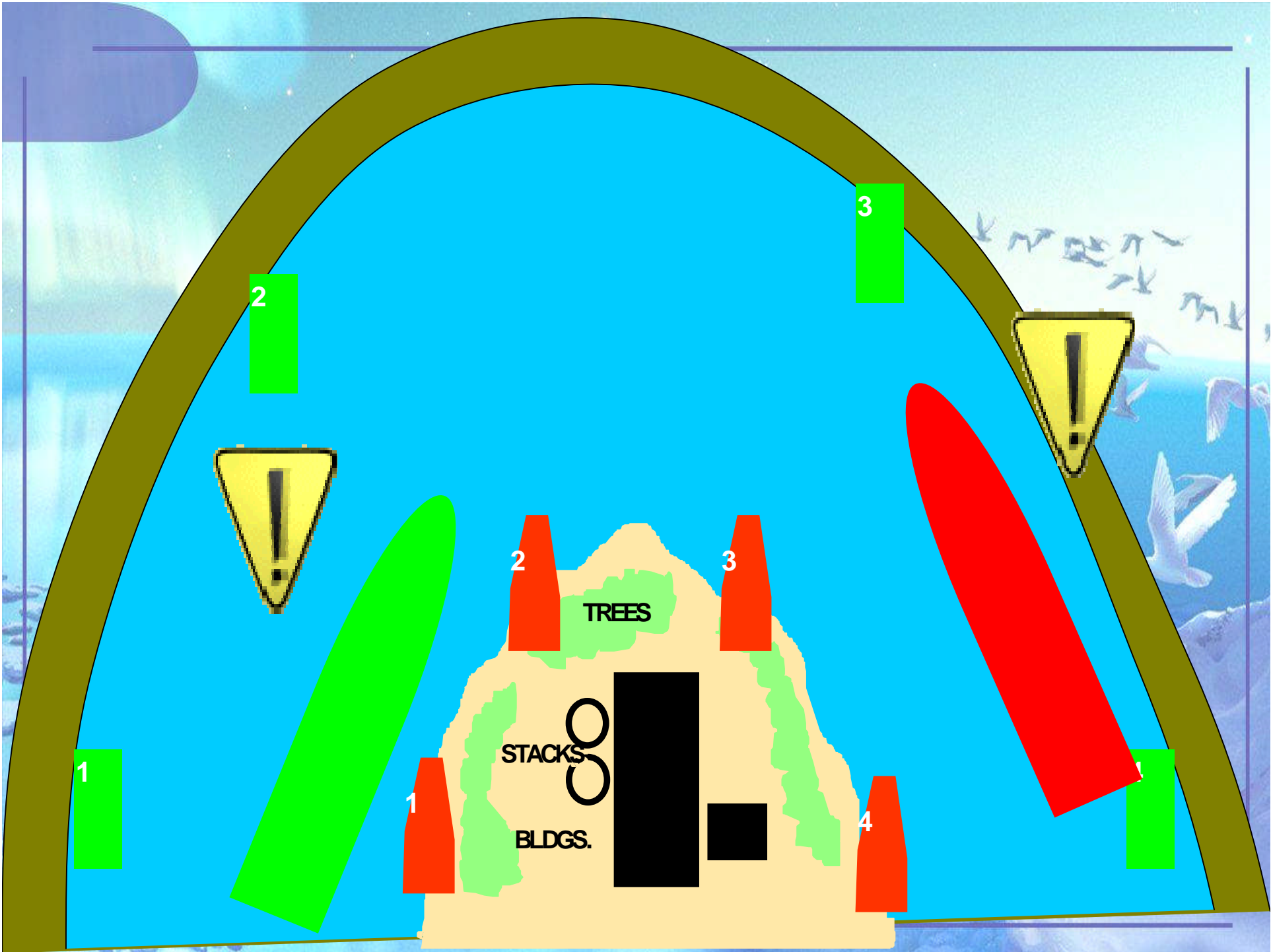
(e) (i) In a narrow channel or fairway when overtaking, the vessel intending to overtake shall indicate her intention by sounding the appropriate signal prescribed in Rule 34(c) and take steps to permit safe passing. The overtaken vessel, if in agreement, shall sound the same signal. If in doubt she shall sound the danger signal prescribed in Rule 34(d).

(ii) This Rule does not relieve the overtaking vessel of her obligation under Rule 13.





(f) A vessel nearing a bend or an area of a narrow channel or fairway where other vessels may be obscured by an intervening obstruction *shall navigate with particular alertness and caution* and shall sound the appropriate signal prescribed in Rule 34(e).



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(g) Every vessel shall, if the circumstances of the case admit, *avoid anchoring* in a narrow channel.











End of Rules