

# Bradford Amateur Rowing Club



**Safety comes first**

**Safety on our river**

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## Assess the water before going afloat:

- ✓ Is the water under the safety mark?
- ✓ Is the water rising ( has it rained recently)?
- ✓ How much stream is running?
- ✓ How strong is the wind? And from which direction?
- ✓ Is there any debris in the river?
- ✓ Is the water safe for your boat type and your experience?
- ✓ How many other boats are on the water?

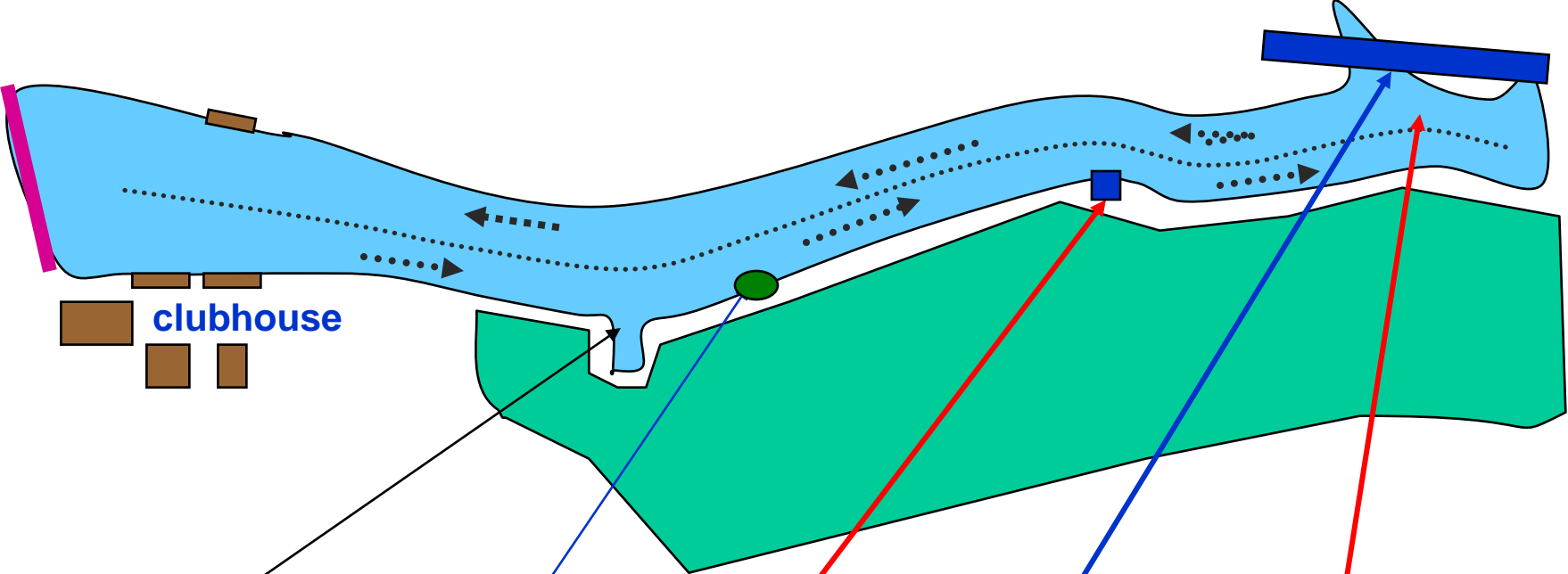
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If there is any doubt walk along the river bank and assess the conditions visually

- ✓ How much swirl of the water is there off the trees on the bank?
- ☹ (a lot of swirl means river running fast)
- ✓ How much water is running in at the stream?
- ☹ (the muddier the colour of the stream water, the faster it is running)
- ✓ Are the conditions of wind and stream safe to turn the boat at the top turning point?
- ☹ (conditions that look safe at the clubhouse may not be safe at the top turning point)

# BARC: points of the river



## The Stream

A small stream that flows into the river

## Crowther's Tree

A point that has good observation up & down the river

## Regatta start

The point at which the Bradford regatta starts

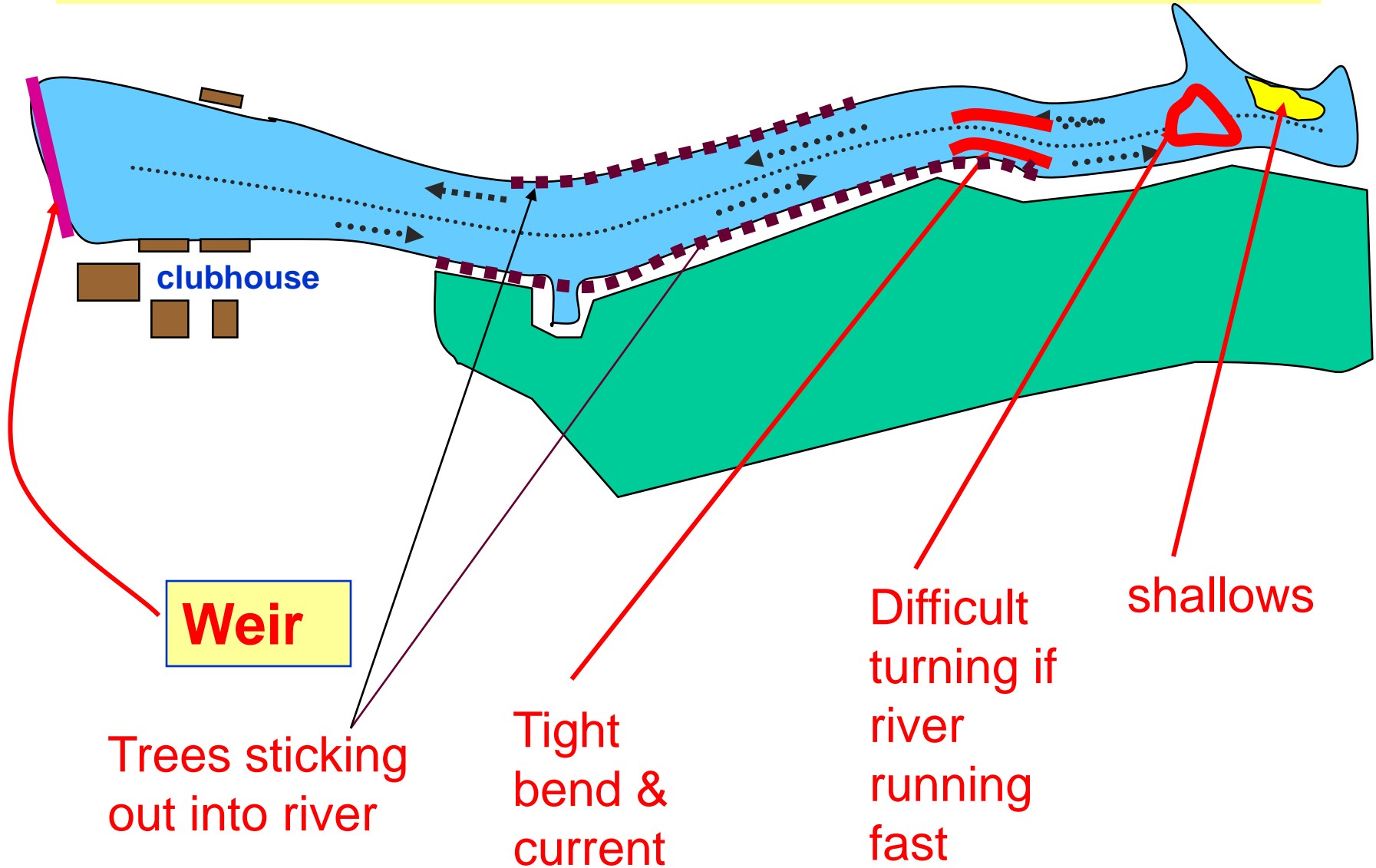
## Seven Arches

The canal aquaduct over the river

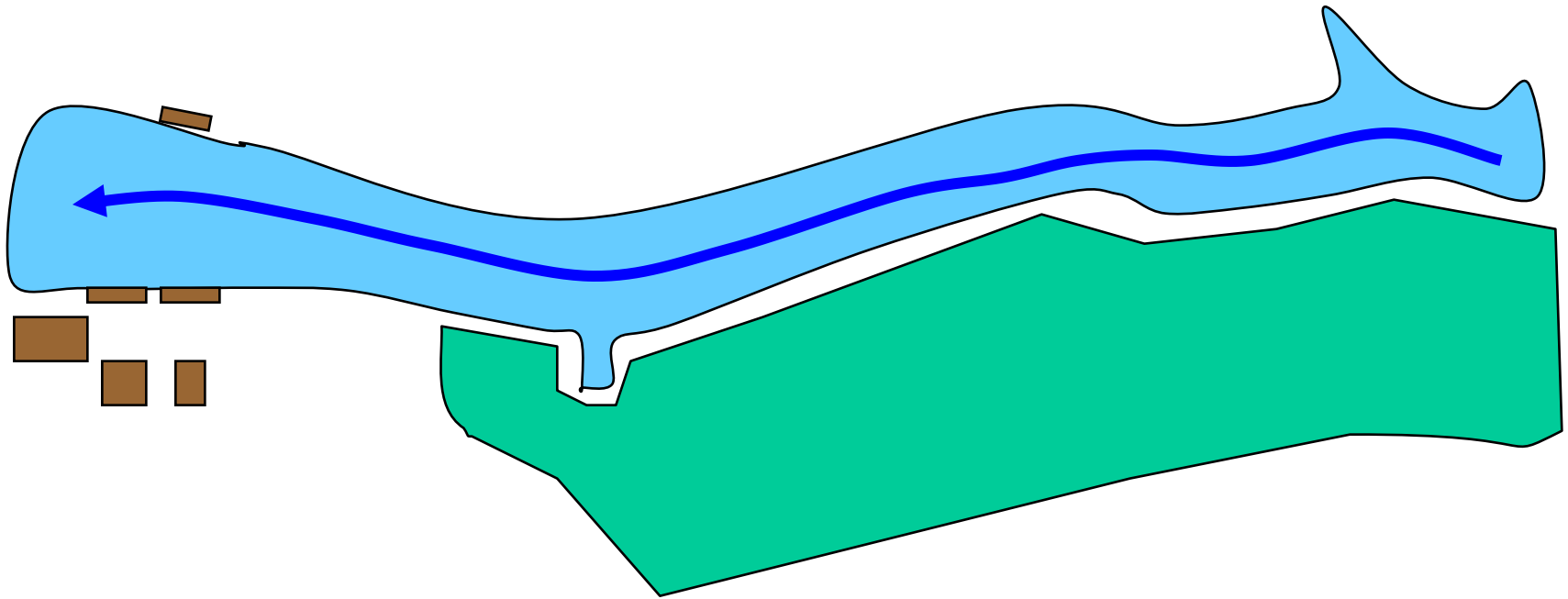
## The top

As far as you go safely without grounding the boat

# BARC: Danger points on our river.



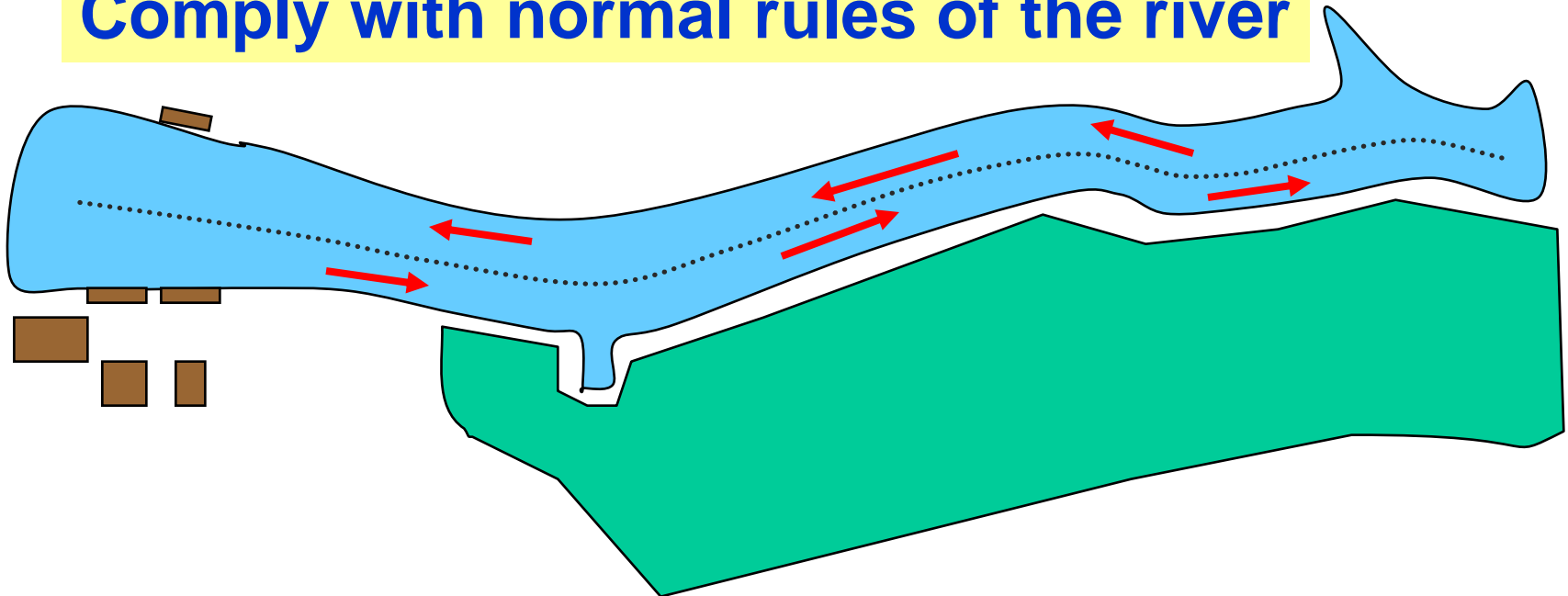
# BARC: Safety on our river.



The maximum current is not in the centre of the river, and varies according to the strength of the steam

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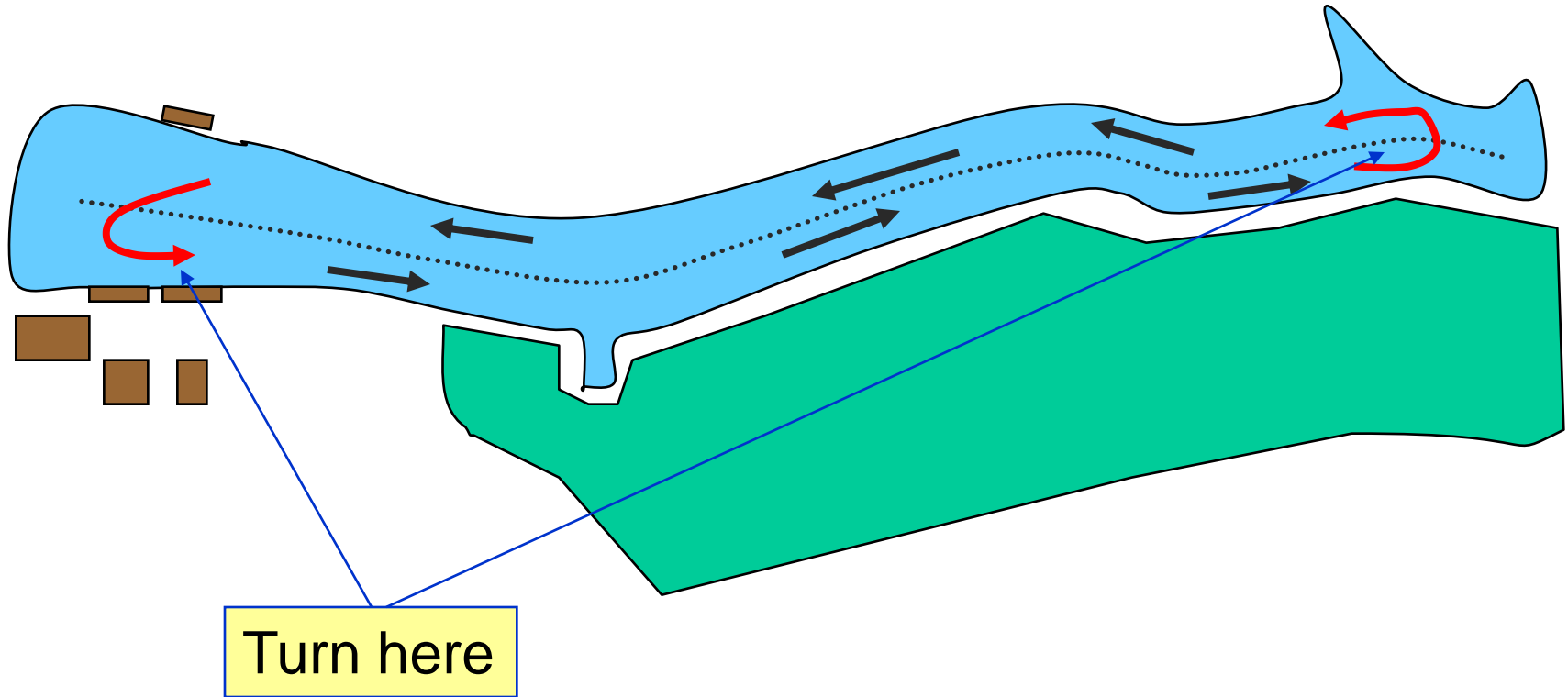
Comply with normal rules of the river



- Do not cross the middle of the river
- Keep starboard side of boat close to bank

Do not pass another boat going the same way without asking for, and receiving, permission to come past, and checking that it is safe.

# BARC: Safety on our river.



Do not turn except at either end of the river

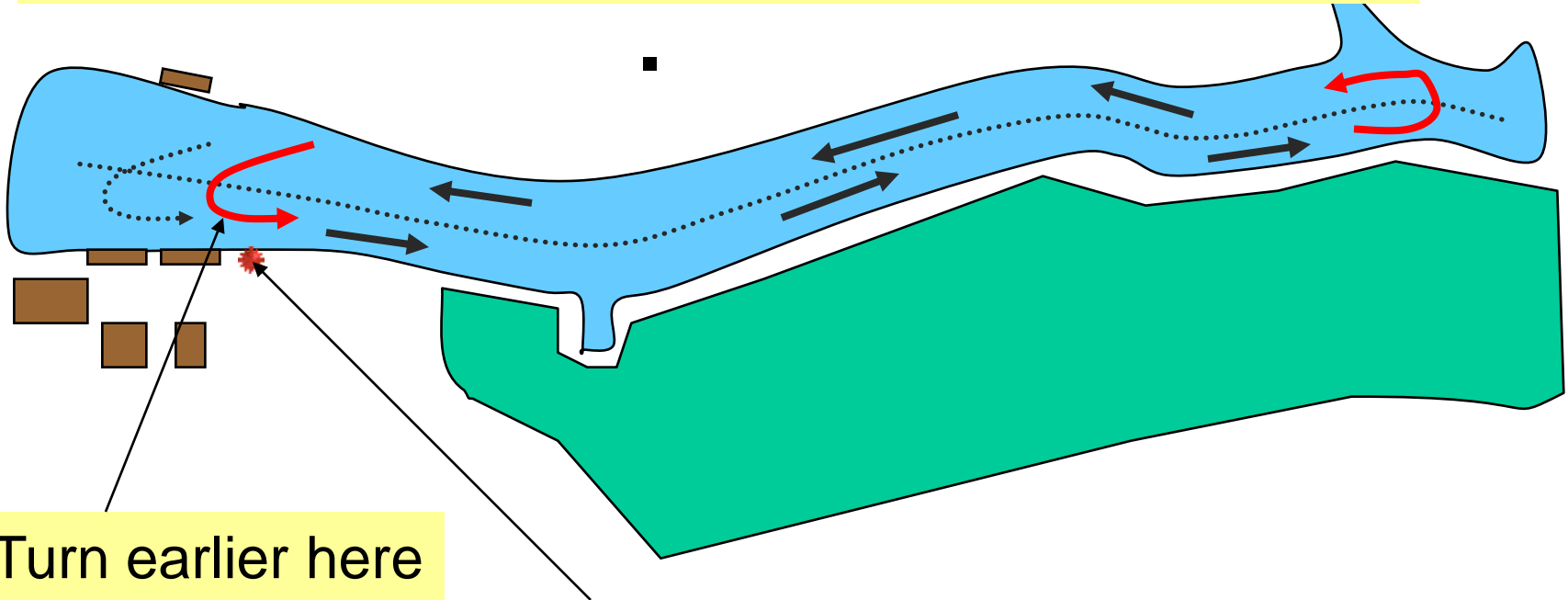
Look both ways before turning

(look at the club diagrams or powerpoints to see exactly how to turn)



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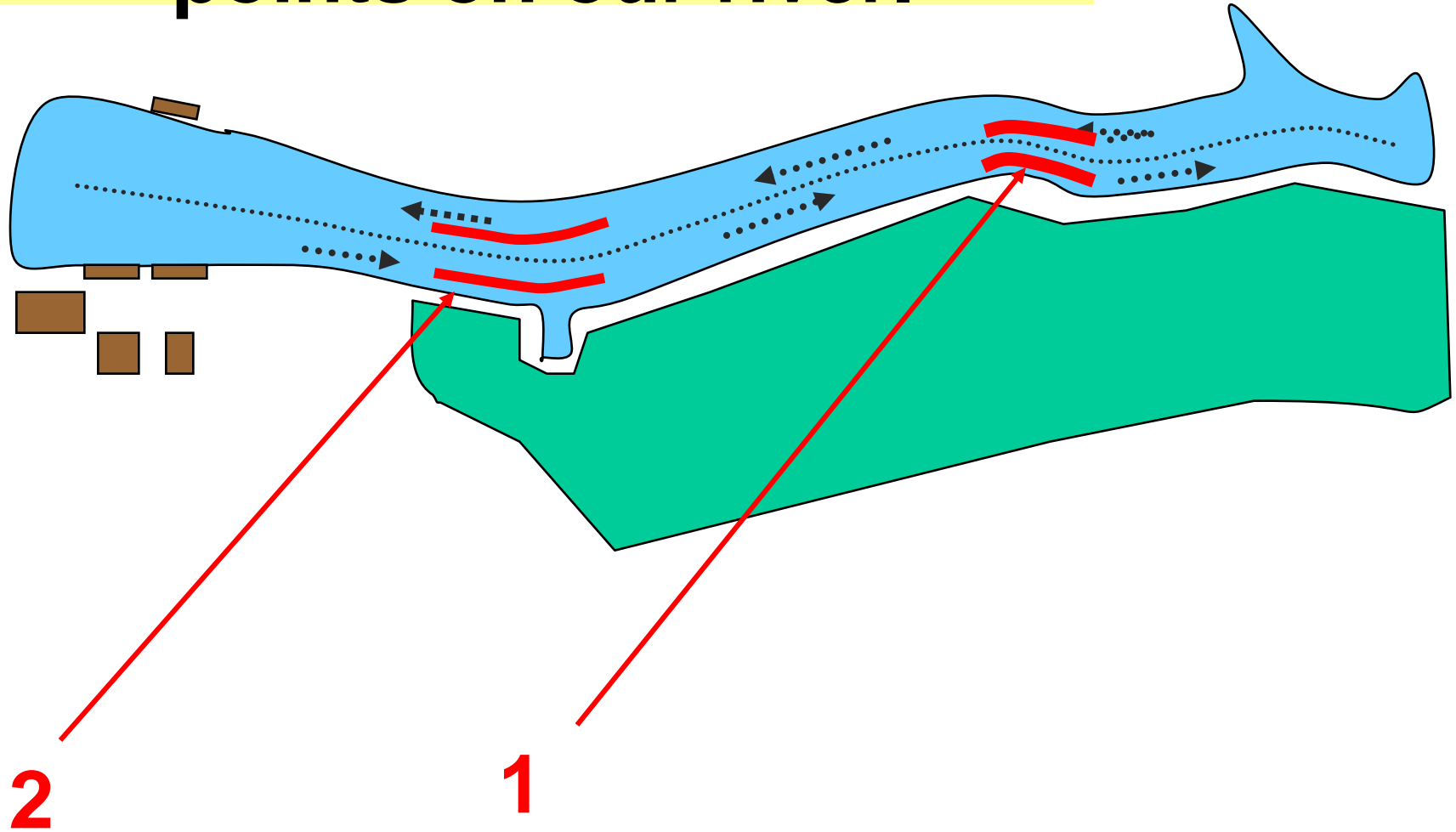
When windy or river running faster:



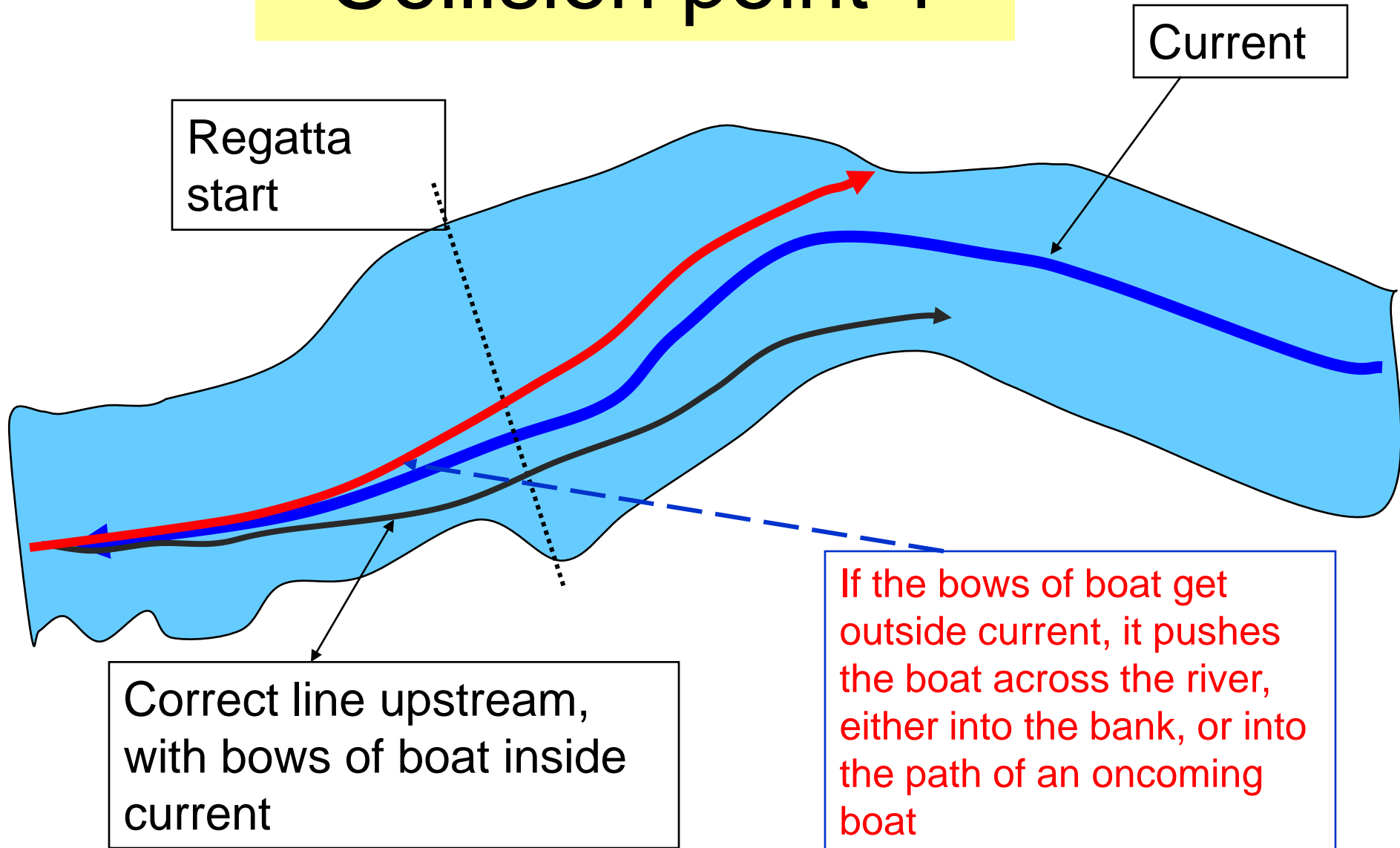
Turn earlier here

Start turning before the bows pass the tree at the upstream end of the top (grammar school [BGS]) landing stage

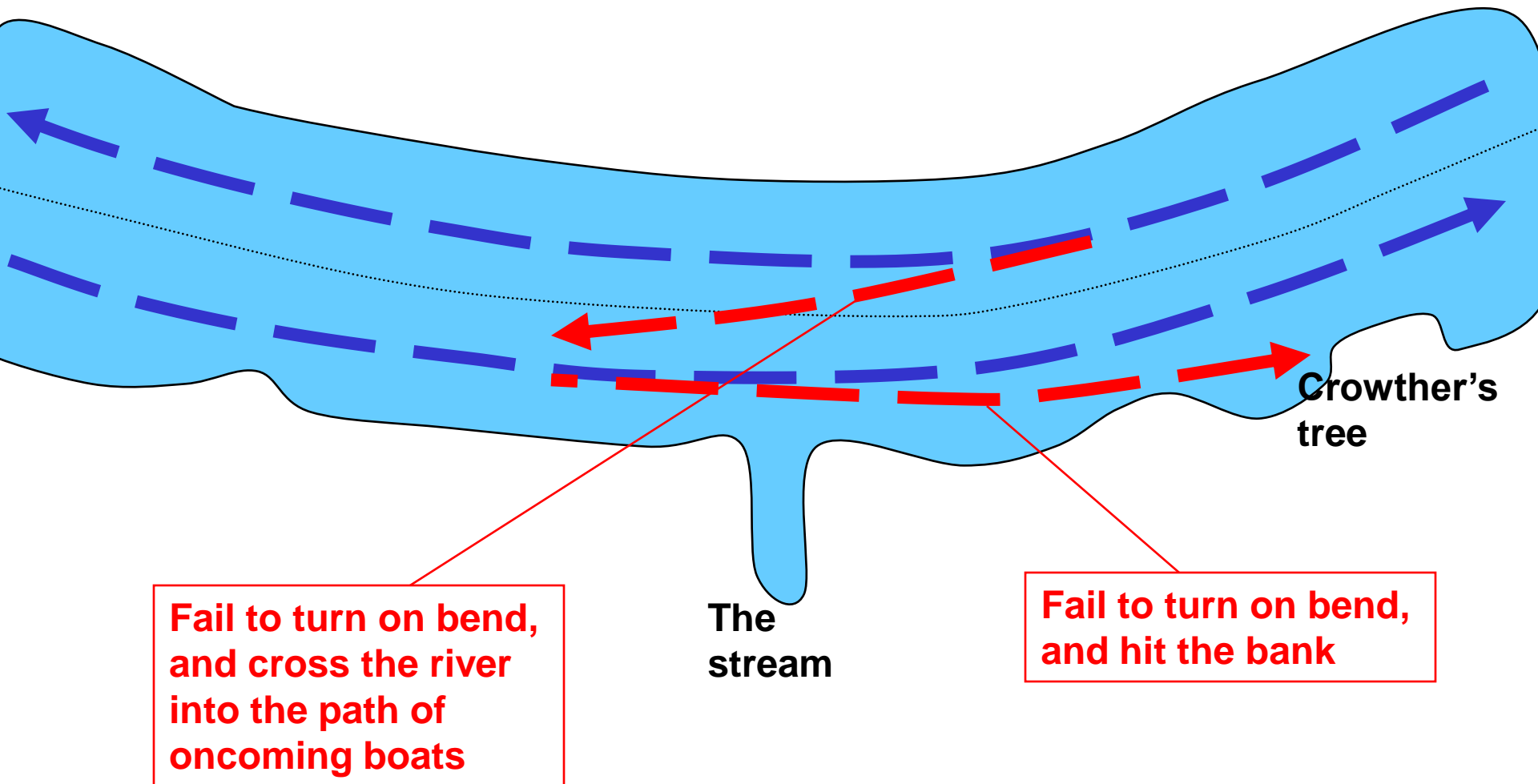
# BARC common collision points on our river.



# Collision point 1



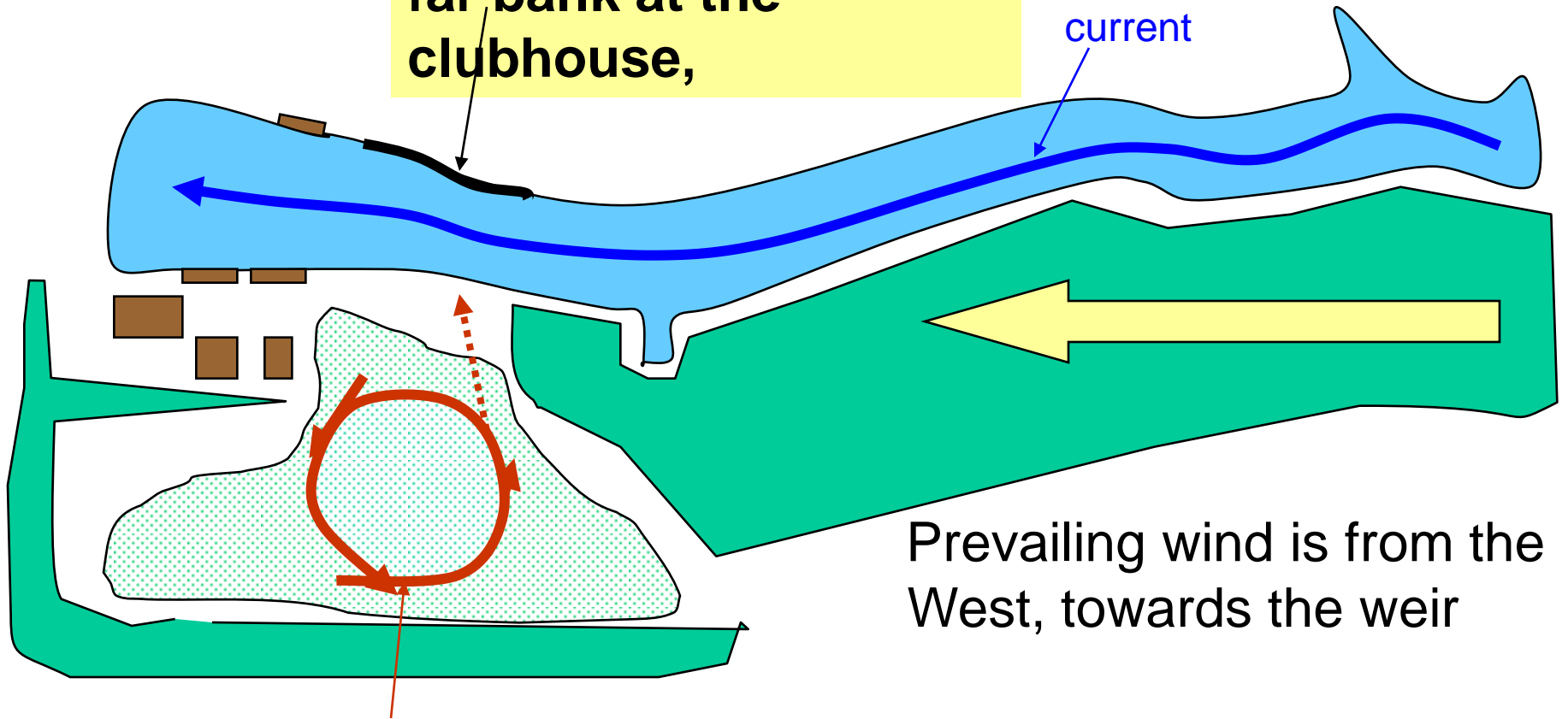
# Collision point 2



# BARC wind condition on our river.

and push crews to the far bank at the clubhouse,

current

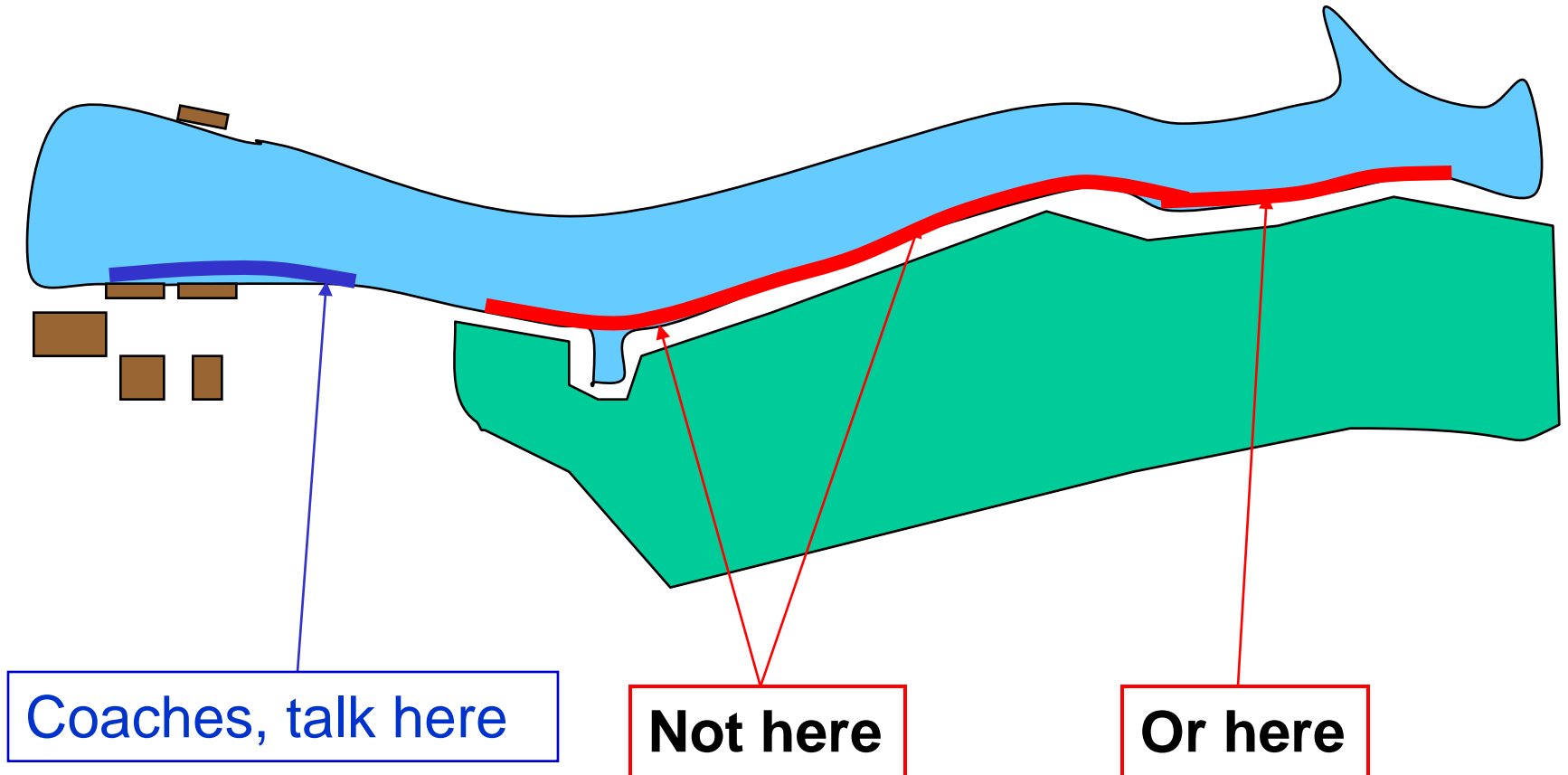


Prevailing wind is from the West, towards the weir

But all winds spiral inside the open field behind the clubhouse

# BARC: Safety on our river.

Where to stop crews and coach



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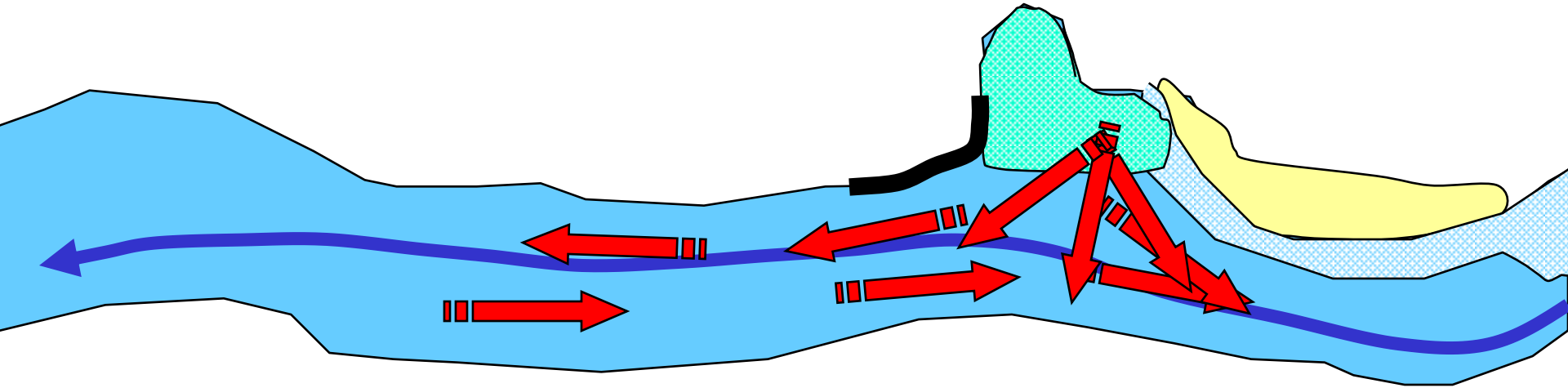
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- Never assume an oncoming crew knows you are there and are turning.
- Call out to them to let them know you are there

# BARC turning at top



1. Reverse the stern of the boat into the dead water,
2. allow the stream to take the bows round.
3. Set off pointing slightly towards the far bank.

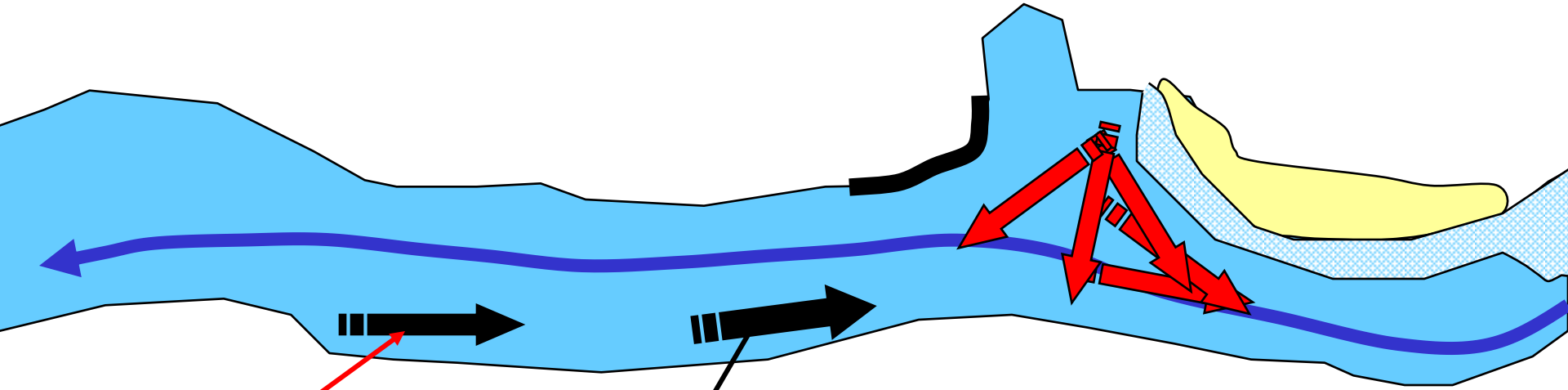
4. Avoid shallows



5. Avoid wall



# BARC turning at top



Wait here

Not here

**If a boat is turning, do not crowd them**

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This is a demonstration of the club safety rule for turning at the clubhouse end of the River.

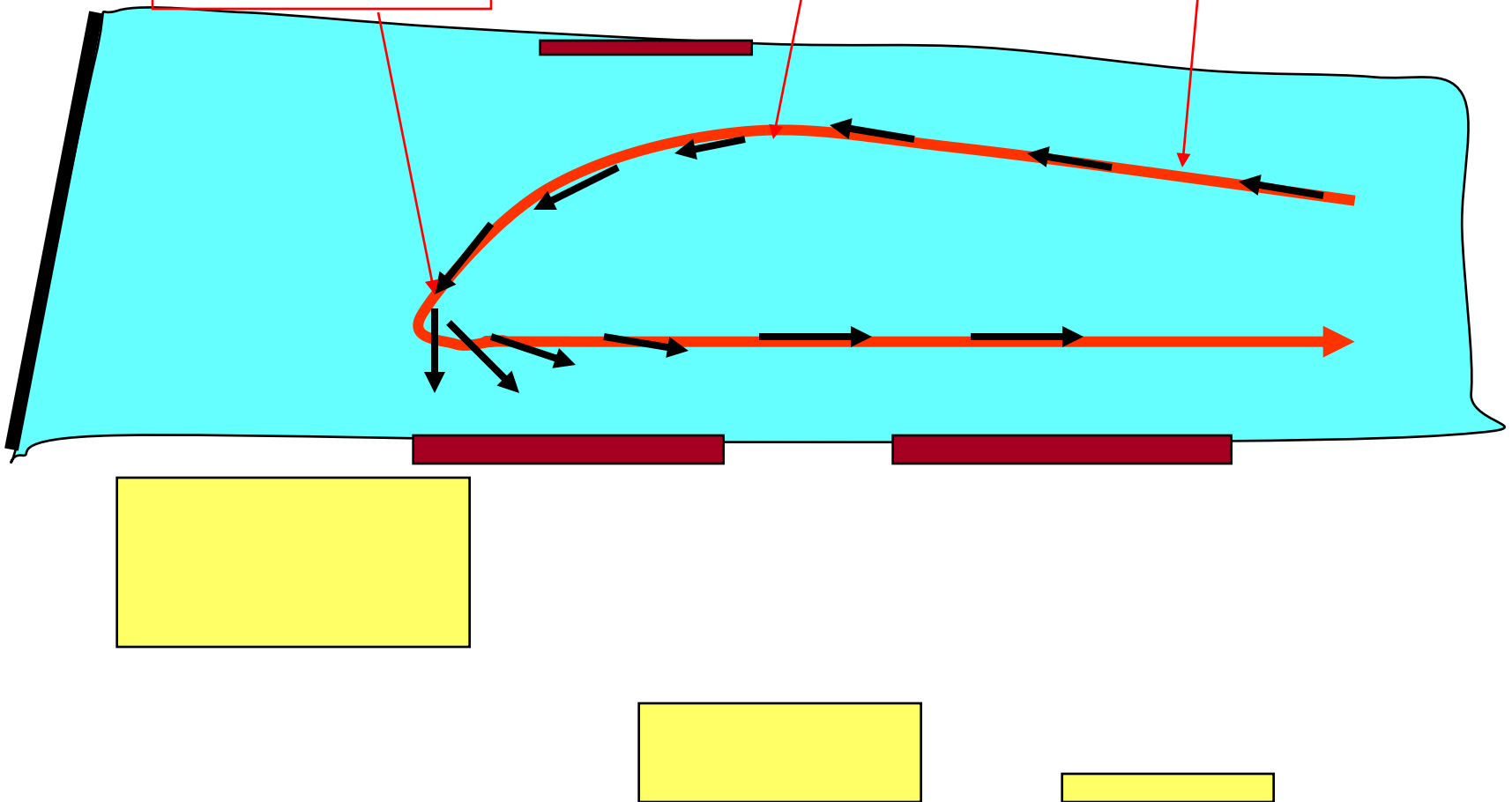
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# Turning at the clubhouse

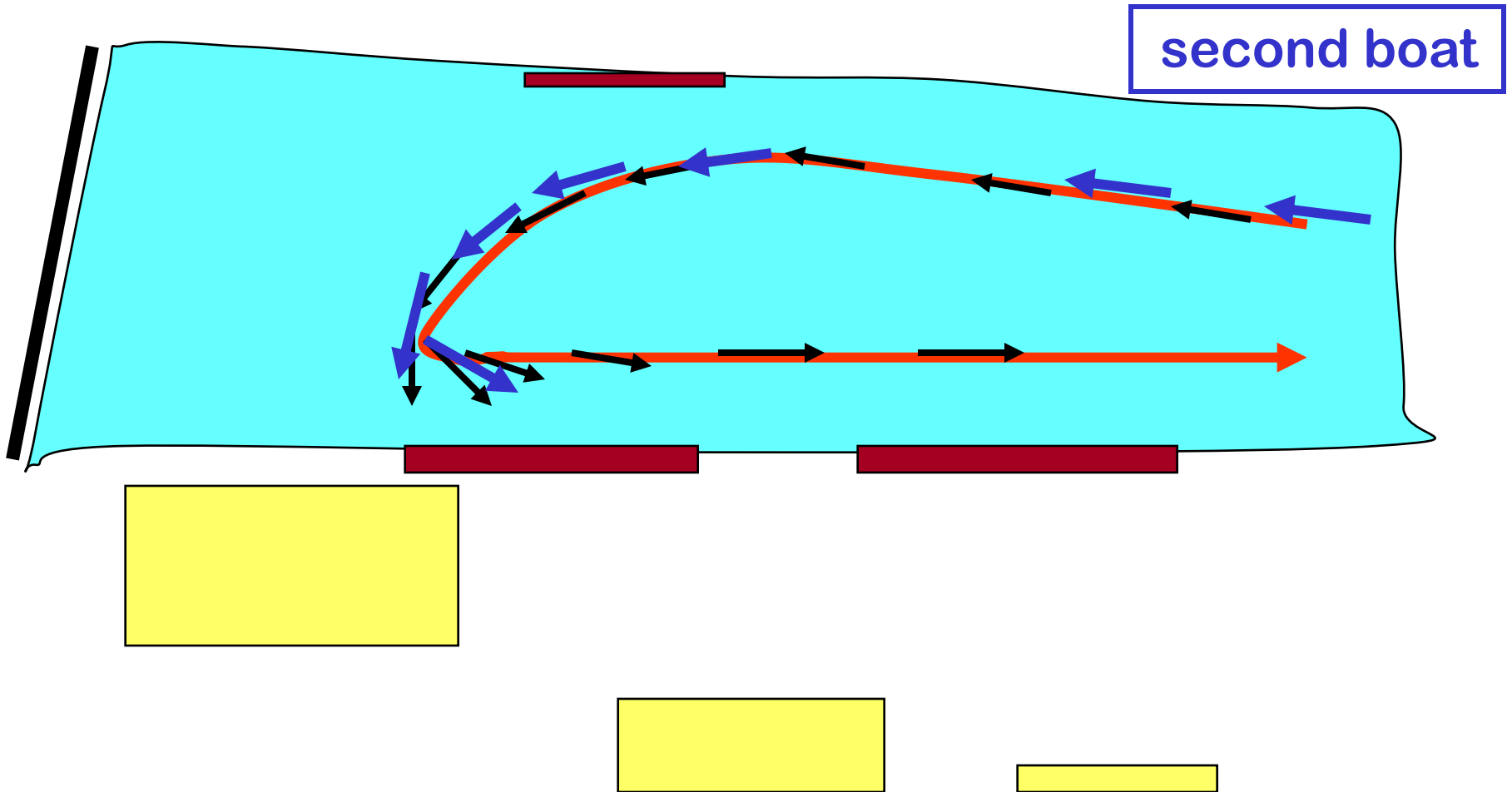
**And  
Spinning  
here**

**Follow this line,**

**by holding on stokeside (port side)**

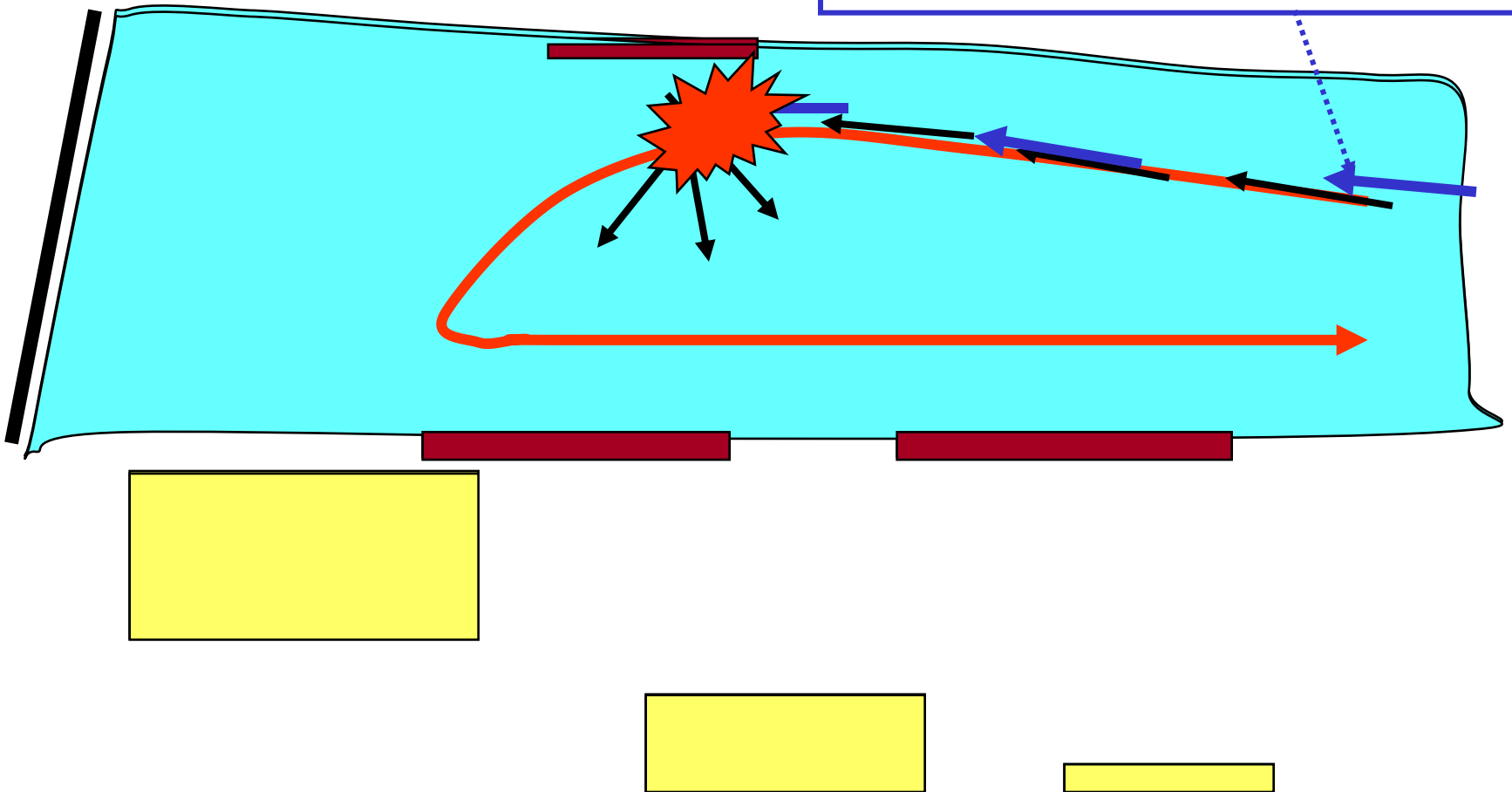


By turning in this way a second boat can turn safely behind you



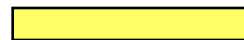
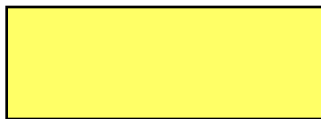
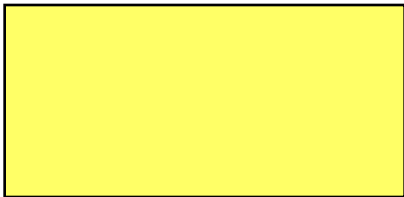
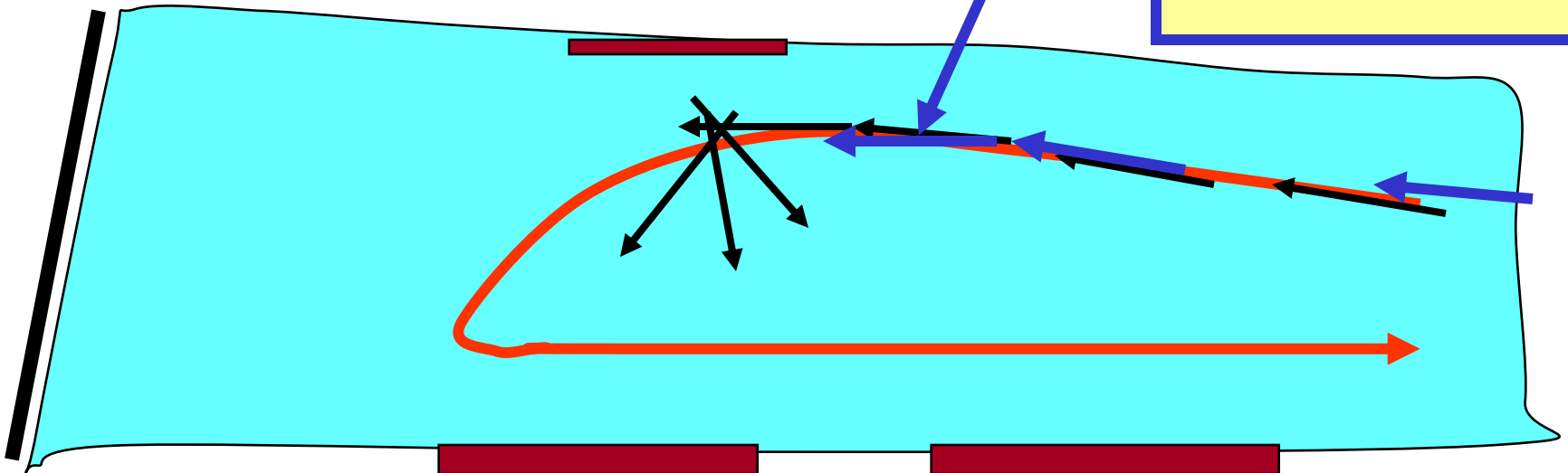
# Spinning without crossing the river is not a safe way to turn

This boat doesn't realise you are there



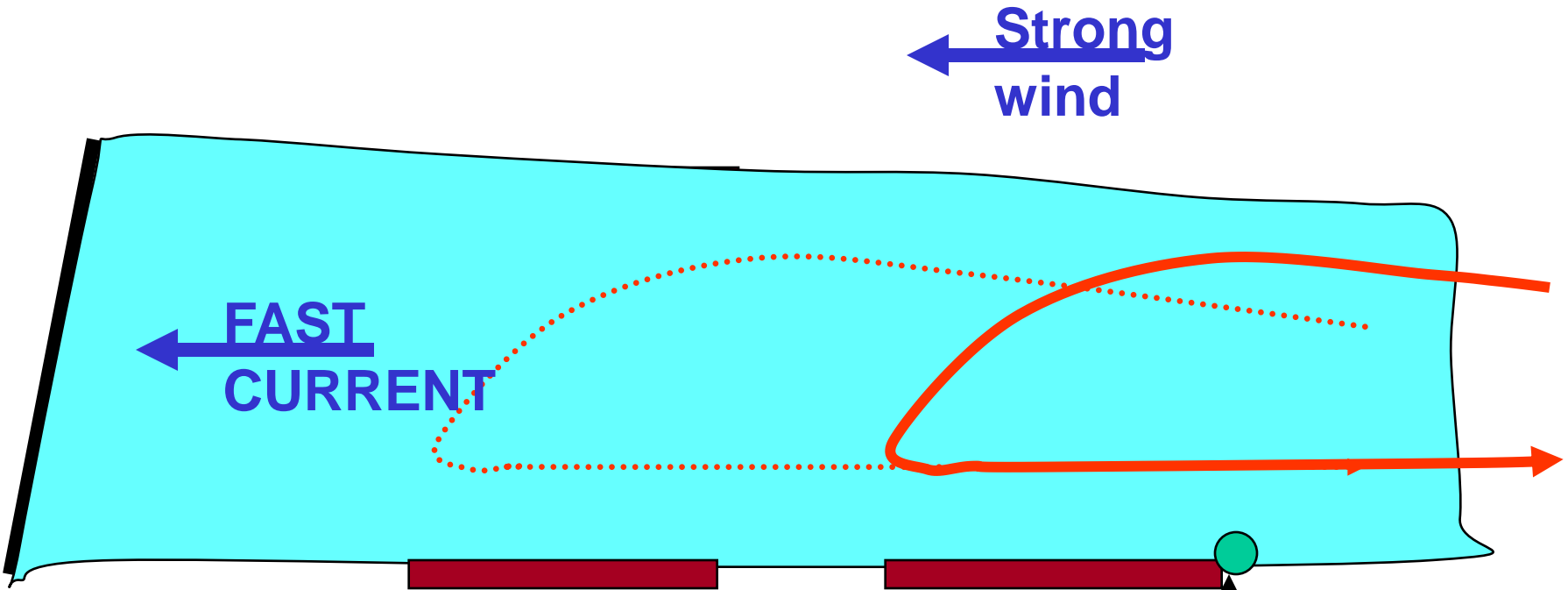
# Turning at the clubhouse

If this boat doesn't stop how is it going to get past the boat in front of it?





**WHEN RIVER RUNNING FAST OR  
WIND BLOWING TOWARDS WEIR  
TURN FURTHER UPSTREAM**

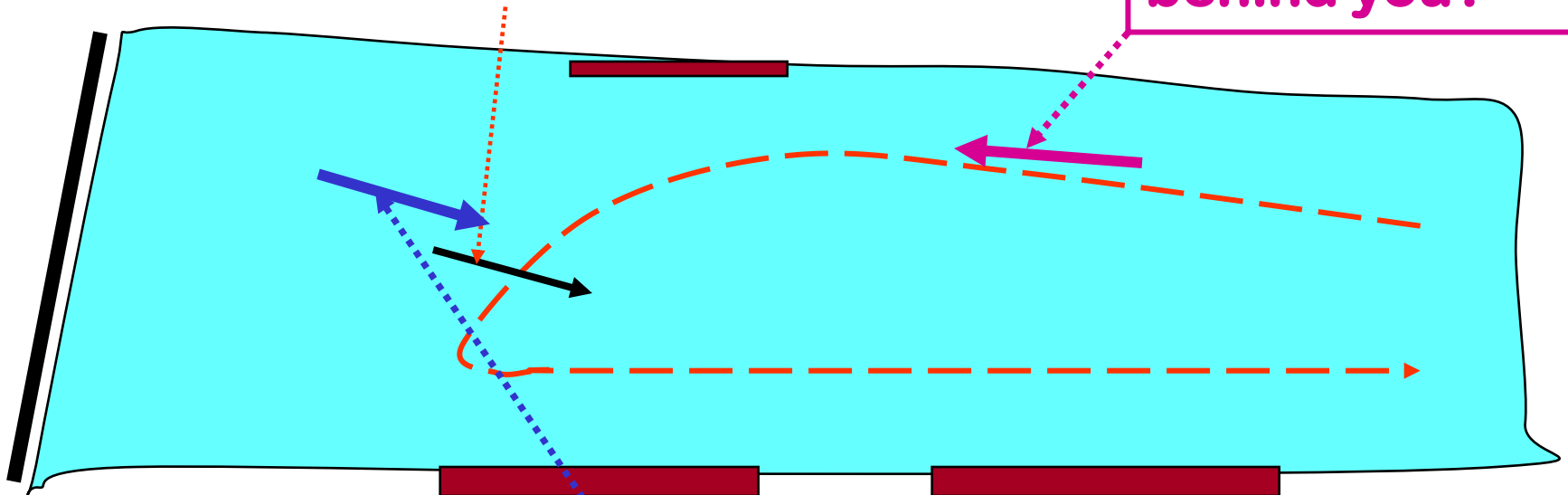


Start turning before bows pass  
the tree at the upstream end of  
BGS landing stage

# Turning at the clubhouse

Don't talk here, when you have turned

How can this boat turn safely behind you?

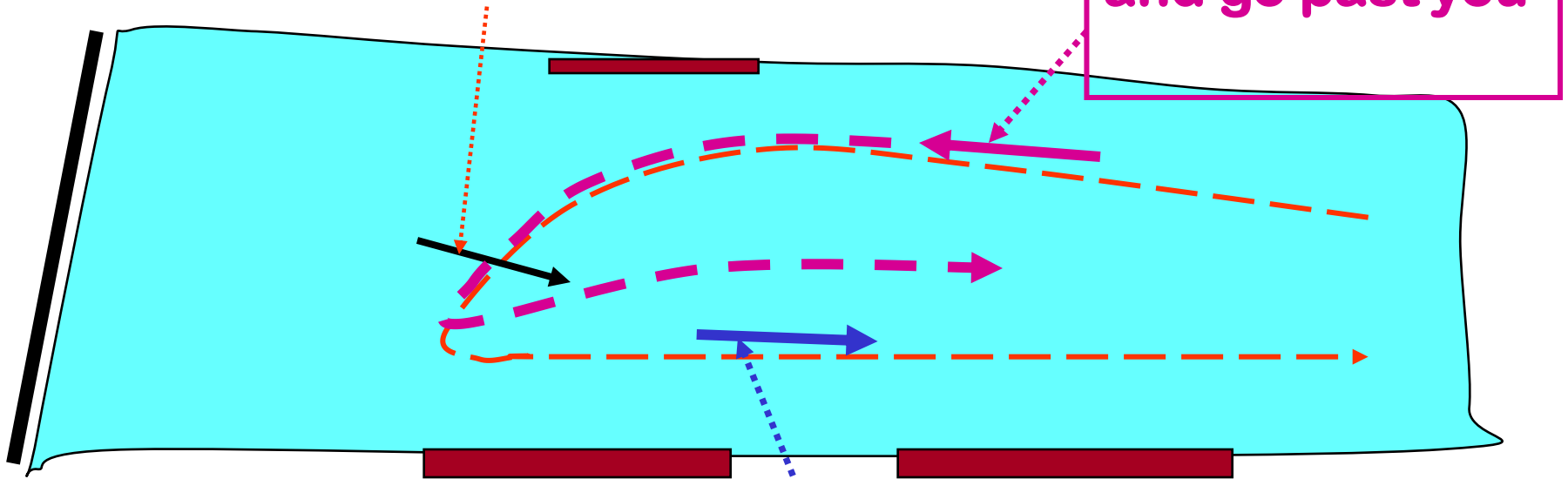


Wind and current will carry you to here

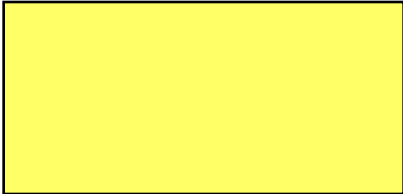
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You can now tell this boat to turn and go past you



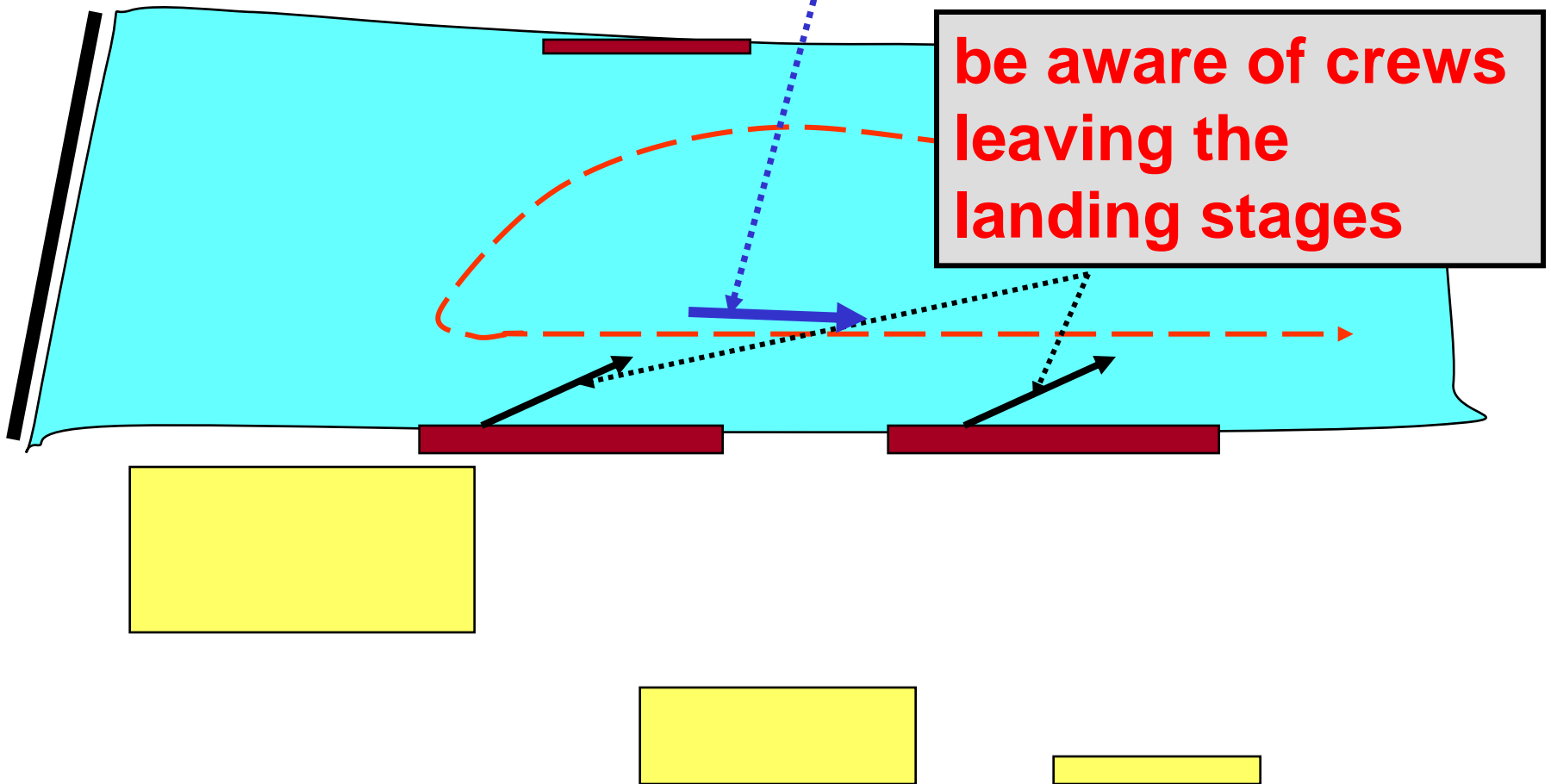
Move up to here to talk



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If you have stopped here to talk

**be aware of crews leaving the landing stages**



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