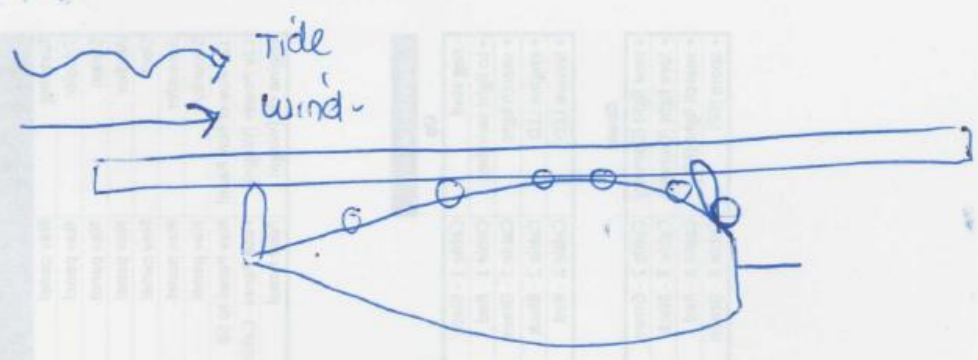


Boat Handling In Tight Spaces

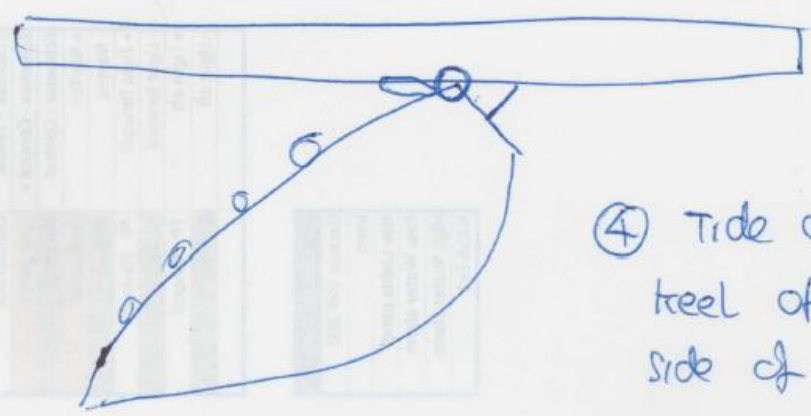
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- 1) STEER b4 GEAR
- 2) To change course quickly but without gaining speed – Tiller hard over and quick burst
- 3) Turning on the spot
 - a. Plan to enhance tight turn by using the boat prop walk (Gemini bow kicks to port)
 - b. Leave tiller hard over to ONE side, no need to change when burst reverse
 - c. Forward burst – NEUTRAL – Reverse burst – Repeat
 - d. Enhance turn by turning in to wind or tide where possible
- 4) Use cushion, sit down and keep hand on morse , or stand up – NEVER crouch down!
- 5) DO NOT use reverse on approach until you want to stop
(Destroys all waterflow and directional stability)
- 6) ALWAYS - Use a burst to get control quickly
- 7) Springs & turns (see diagrams)

Tide or wind or both

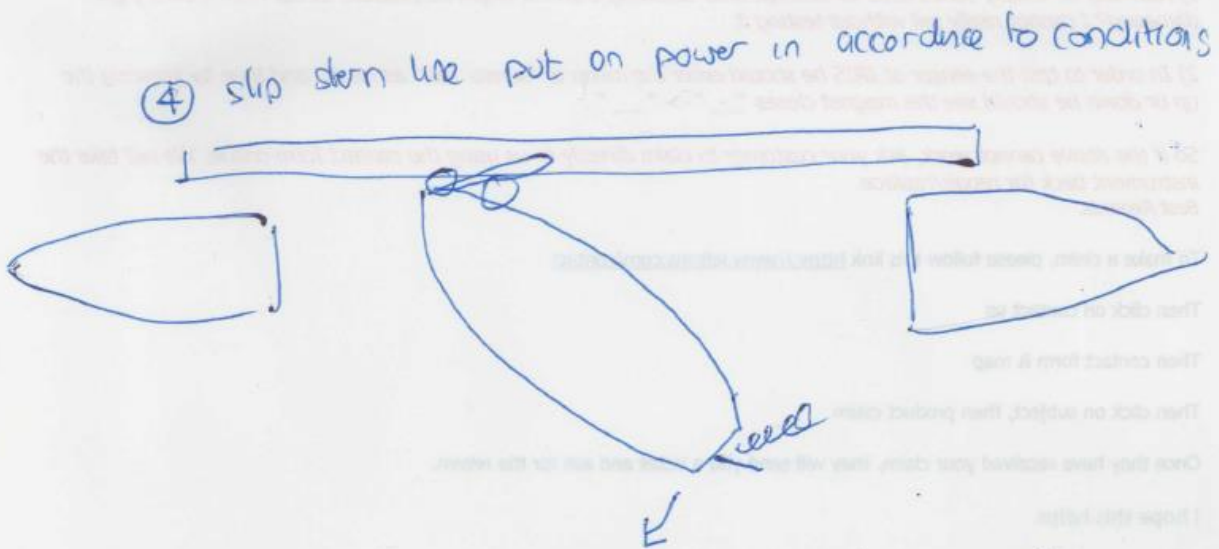
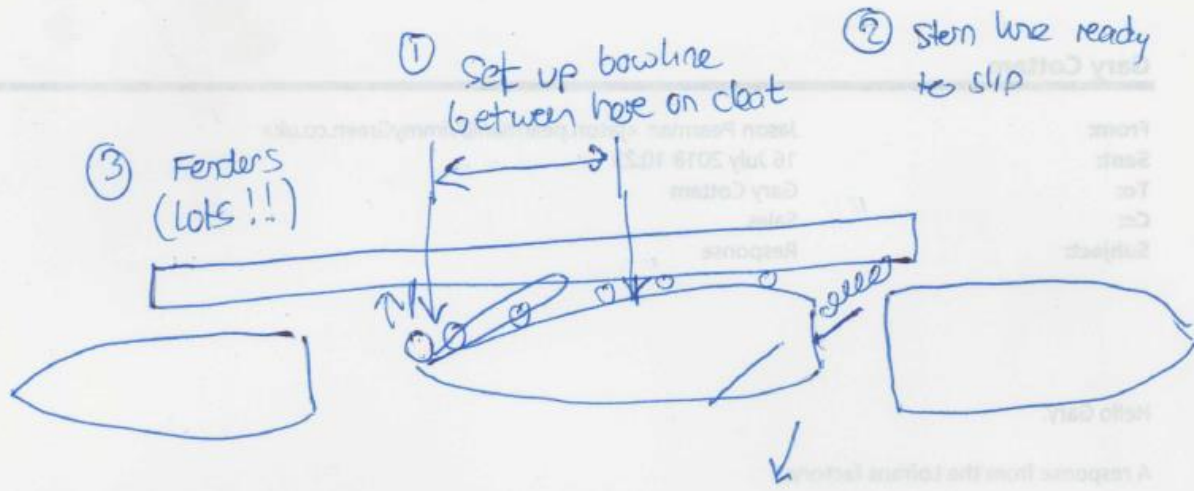


- ① Rudder straight
- ② slip bow line
- ③ maybe assist bow out with a bit of reverse
(if tide or wind strong this will do it for you)



④ Tide catches keel of wind catches side of boat.

- ⑤ slip stern line
- ⑥ smartly away after checking its clear.



⑤ Boat moves out & clears other vessels

⑥ Neutral gear
straight rudder
move off quickly astern.

This works with

- above scenario
- tide washing onto pontoon
- wind pushing onto pontoon

Turn using power & steering (boat kicks to port)

① Tiller/
rudder
across to starboard
(leave it there).



Apply power (not speed)
1 blast of power

③



in neutral then
blast in reverse

④

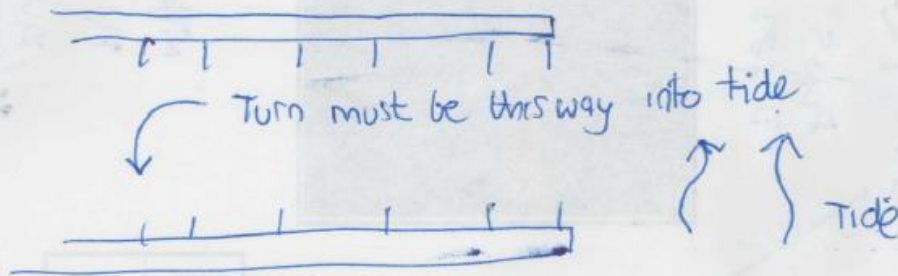


Neutral then
Forward blast.

Repeat.

⑤ Enhance turn by heading into wind.

⑥ Enhance turn by heading into tide
(essential in tidal mooring)



Remember all close in work.

steer before gear