

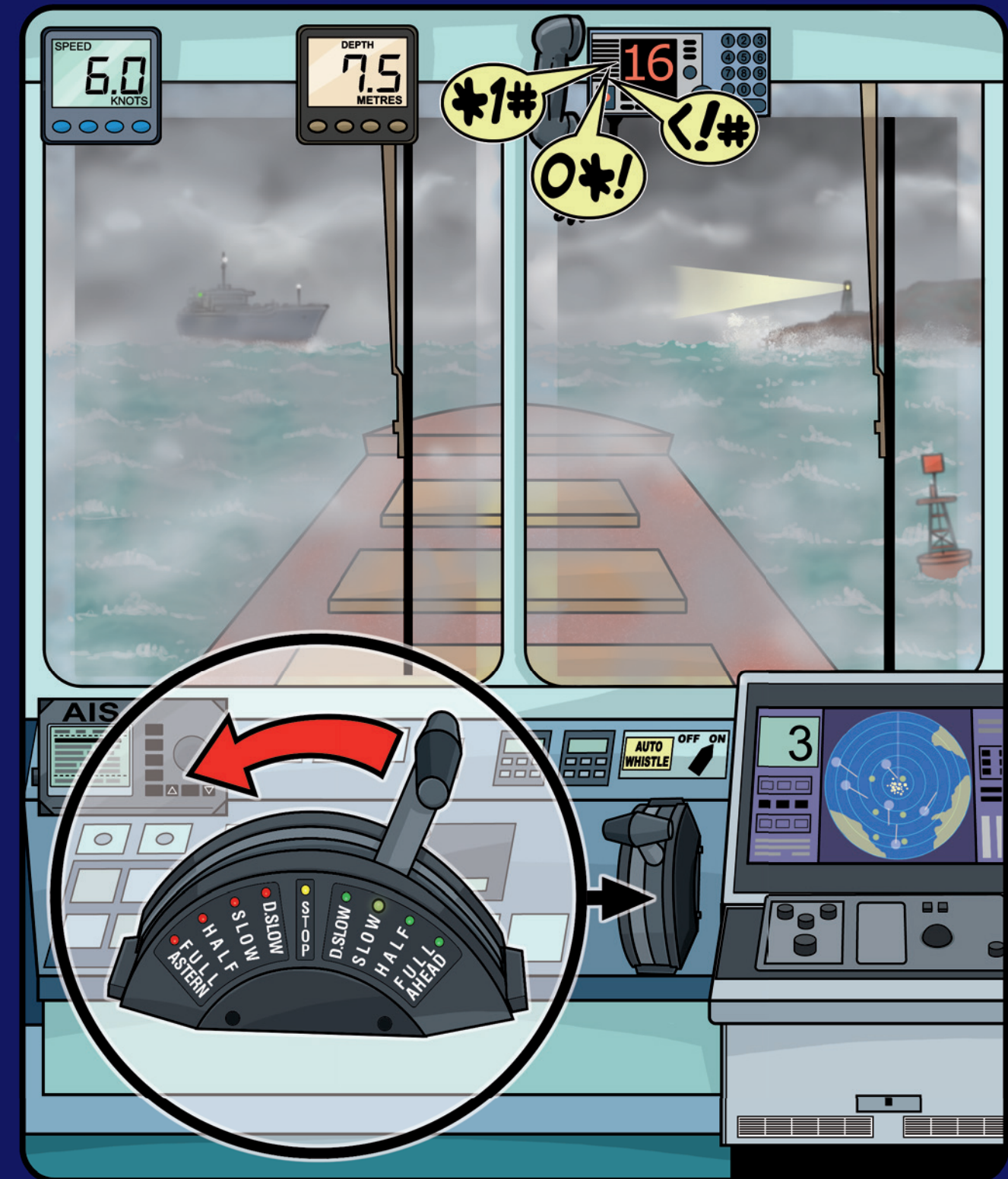
### Rule 6 - Safe Speed

Every vessel shall at all times proceed at a safe speed so that she can take proper and effective action to avoid collision and be stopped within a distance appropriate to the prevailing circumstances and conditions.

In determining a safe speed the following factors shall be among those taken into account:

- (a) By all vessels:
- The state of visibility;
  - The traffic density including concentrations of fishing vessels or any other vessels;
  - The manoeuvrability of the vessel with special reference to stopping distance and turning ability in the prevailing conditions;
  - At night the presence of background light such as from shore lights or from back scatter of her own lights;
  - The state of wind, sea and current, and the proximity of navigational hazards;
  - The draught in relation to the available depth of water.

- (b) Additionally, by vessels with operational radar:
- The characteristics, efficiency and limitations of the radar equipment;
  - Any constraints imposed by the radar range scale in use;
  - The effect on radar detection of the sea state, weather and other sources of interference;
  - The possibility that small vessels, ice and other floating objects may not be detected by radar at an adequate range;
  - The number, location and movement of vessels detected by radar;
  - The more exact assessment of the visibility that may be possible when radar is used to determine the range of vessels or other objects in the vicinity.



Always proceed at a safe speed appropriate to the prevailing circumstances and conditions