

## **AQEC MEMORANDUM 2015-003**

### **STATION KEEPING**

#### **QUESTION:**

*“What is the best way to station keep in close quarters?”*

#### **AQEC/SNC RESPONSE:**

*When attempting to station keep in close quarters, use what is called . . . “Stern to the Wind!”*

*It may be wind or current that may be affecting you; however whatever the environment is giving you, put your stern to the environment (wind or current). Next, position the vessel beside an object and hold that position by using reverse and neutral throttle control to hold your position. If the bow is falling off to starboard, turn your wheel to starboard to make a correction. If the bow is falling off to port, turn your wheel to port to make a correction. This method is not a good idea if you have heavy seas and low freeboard at the transom.*

*The goal is to hold your position beside an object you have selected so you can take a still photo of the object. If your vessel is moving and instead of a still photo, it looks more like a video of the object, you are not completely stopped. Practice makes perfect for this exercise.*

*Hold vessel in a stationary position so you can photograph a still image.*

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*From Quotations with Character by W. David Edman*

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*“Teaching mariners about risk assessment is to explain their actions may affect their life expectancy.”*