

# UNIQUE CHALLENGES of BOOMING FAST FLOWING RIVERS



## BOOM DEPLOYMENT TECHNIQUES and STRATEGIES

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**WHEN ATTEMPTING TO BOOM A FAST  
FLOWING RIVER  
THERE ARE THREE (3) GIVEN:**

- YOUR RADIOS GO DOWN,**
- YOUR BOATS WON'T START &**
- YOUR ANCHOR WON'T HOLD.**

**ADDITIONALLY**  
**MOST SPILL RESPONSE TEAMS**  
**INITIALLY CONSIST OF**

• **ME,**

• **YOU,**

• **BUBBA**

**A PICKUP TRUCK with LITTLE or NO**  
**EQUIPMENT**  
**and/or the INCORRET TYPE of**  
**EQUIPMENT (BOOM)**  
**for RIVER APPLICATIONS.**

RIVER BOOMING:

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OFTEN the RP and its OSRO STATE:

**“ YOU CAN’T BOOM a FAST  
FLOWING RIVER ”**

**WELL !!!**

**OUR GOAL is to SHOW YOU THAT:**

**‘ YOU CAN BOOM A FAST FLOWING RIVERS ’**

RIVER BOOMING:

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OUR **OBJECTIVE** IS TO PROVIDE A  
**DECISION PROCESS** to AID, the FIRST RESPONDER in

**PROPER SELECTION of APPROPRIATE  
SPILL RESPONSE STRATEGIES**

for

**BOOMING FAST FLOWING RIVERS**

# SPILL RESPONSE STRATEGIES

- **MONITOR, WAIT & DO NOTHING**
- **CONDUCT IN-SITU BURNING**
- **USE of CHEMICAL TREATMENTS**
- **PHYSICAL CONTAINMENT of OIL**
  - **PHYSICAL REMOVAL OF OIL**
  - **SHORELINE/BANK CLEANUP**
  - **WASTE DISPOSAL Disposal**
- **REMEDICATION & RESTORATION**

# AN EFFECTIVE BOOM CONTAINMENT SYSTEM

- DIVERTS &/or DEFLECTS ~~the OIL Away from~~ Economic & Environmentally Sensitive Areas to Predesignated Containment & Recovery Sites.
- COLLECTS *Spilled OIL to Aid* **RECOVERY OPERATIONS.**
- CONCENTRATES *Spilled OIL to Aid in* **RECOVERY OPERATIONS.**
- PREVENTS *the Spreading of the OIL Over* **WIDER AREAS.**
- PROTECTS *Specific Areas, i.e.,  
Lakes, Rivers, Streams/Creeks, Wetlands,  
Water Intake Systems and Environmentally  
& Economically Sensitive Areas.*

# BOOMING CONSIDERATIONS:

\* *What is Practical?*

\* *How Efficient?*

( Effort vs Effectiveness )

\* *What are Response Options?*

( “Environmental Damaging” )

\* *What are the Implications of Monitoring?*

( Self Cleaning Response )

\* *Are their Political or Social Sensitivities?*

\* *How much Waste will be  
Generated or Collected?*

( i.e. Disposal )



# SELECTION FACTORS



- \* *Type of Water Body*
- \* *Current Speed*
- \* *Shoreline Configuration*
- \* *Natural Collection Points*
- \* *Water Depth*
- \* *Available Equipment*
- \* *Available Manpower*
- \* *Amount of Oil*
- \* *Weather*
- \* *Time of Year*



# 3 CONTAINMENT BOOM DEPLOYMENT STRATEGIES

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## \* EXCLUSION BOOMING

Deflection

## \* CONTAINMENT BOOMING

Lakes/Bays/Ocean

Rivers

## \* DIVERSION BOOMING

Single

Cascade

Chevron



## \* EXCLUSIONARY BOOMING:

*Boom Deployment Across or Around Sensitive Areas & Anchored in Place to “EXCLUDE” a Pollutant from Contaminating the Area.*

*Used Across;*

*Small Bays,*

*Harbor Entrances,*

*Inlets,*

*Rivers,*

*Creek/Stream Mouths*

*Water Intake Systems, etc.*

*to Protect an Area and/or Prevent being Oiled.*

RIVER BOOMING:

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*Exclusionary Booming of Confluence of Rivers  
Nonconnah Creek, Tennessee*

**RIVER BOOMING:**

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*Exclusionary Boom Deployment - Water Intake with “Kim-Spacers”  
Red River of the North*

## \* DEFLECTION BOOMING:

*Boom is Deployed from the shoreline away from the Approaching Pollutant and anchored in place.*

*The Pollutant is Deflected away from the River Bank &/or Shoreline*

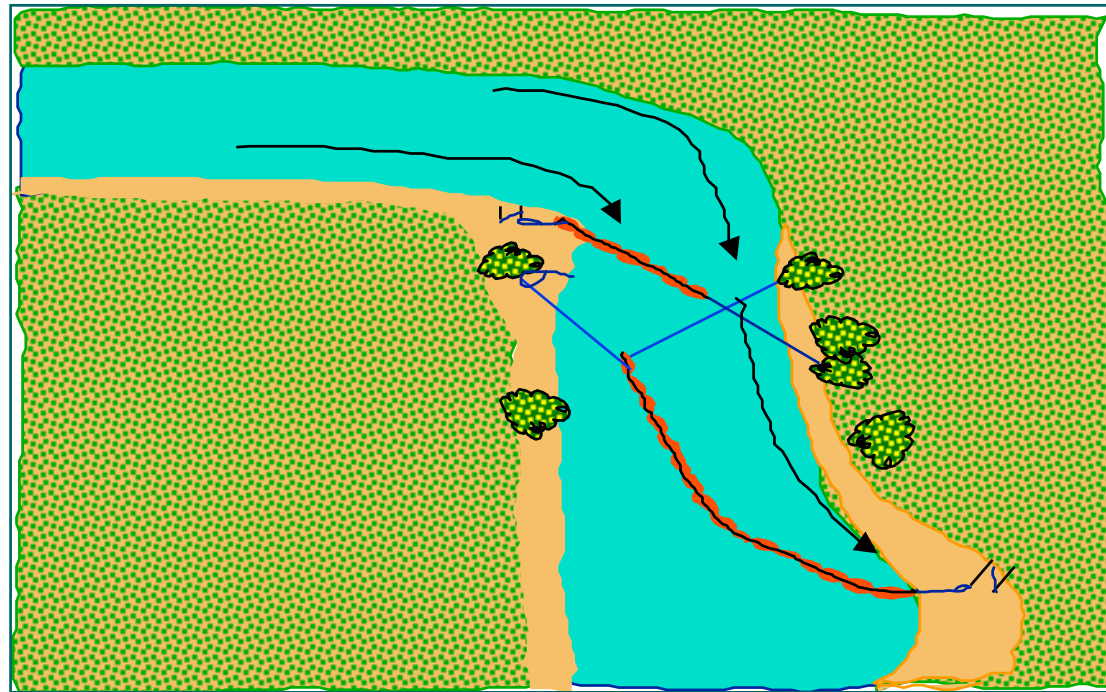
*The Pollutant is “Deflected and/or Pushed Away“ from a Sensitive Area and/or Prevented from Impacting the Area in question.*

*The Approaching Slick is Force into a Taking a New Direction.*

*Used on*      Rivers,  
Streams & Creeks,  
Harbor Entrances,  
Inlets,  
Bays.

RIVER BOOMING:

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*Deflection Boom Deployment*

**RIVER BOOMING:**

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*Deflection Booming - River Deployment  
Yellowstone River*



**RIVER BOOMING:**

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*Deflection Booming - River Deployment  
Weber River - Utah*

**RIVER BOOMING:**



*Deflection Booming - River Deployment  
Popo Agie River - Wyoming*



\* **CONTAINMENT BOOMING:**

*In Lake, Bay, Ocean Response, Boom is Deployed in a “U” or “V” Shape in Front of the Approaching Oil Slick.*

*Boom Towing Bridles are Anchored &/or Secured to the Work Boat with 100 Ft. of Tow Lines or Directly to the Shoreline/Bank.*

*On Rivers, the Oil is diverted to the Shoreline/River Bank for Containment and Recovery.*

**RIVER BOOMING:**

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*Lake Catenary Towing Operations*

**RIVER BOOMING:**



*Containment Booming - River Bank  
Maris River - Montana*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Containment Booming – Cascade System  
Shoshone River - Wyoming*

**RIVER BOOMING:**

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*Single Diversionary/Containment Boom Deployment  
Channel Off of Colorado River - Arizona*

# TYPES of DIVERSION BOOMING

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\* **SINGLE  
DIVERSIONARY,**

\* **CASCADE  
DIVERSIONARY,**

*Bank to Bank System*

*Bridge Anchor System*

*Buoy Anchor System*

\* **CHEVRON  
DIVERSIONARY**

*Closed Chevron System*

*Open Chevron System*



## \* DIVERSION BOOMING:

Boom is Deployed at an Angle to the Approaching Pollutant.

The Faster the Current the Smaller the Boom Angle of Deployment into the Flowing Water.

The Pollutant is Either “Deflected” away from a from a Sensitive Area or “Diverted” to a Central Collection Point on the River Bank to Ease Recovery.

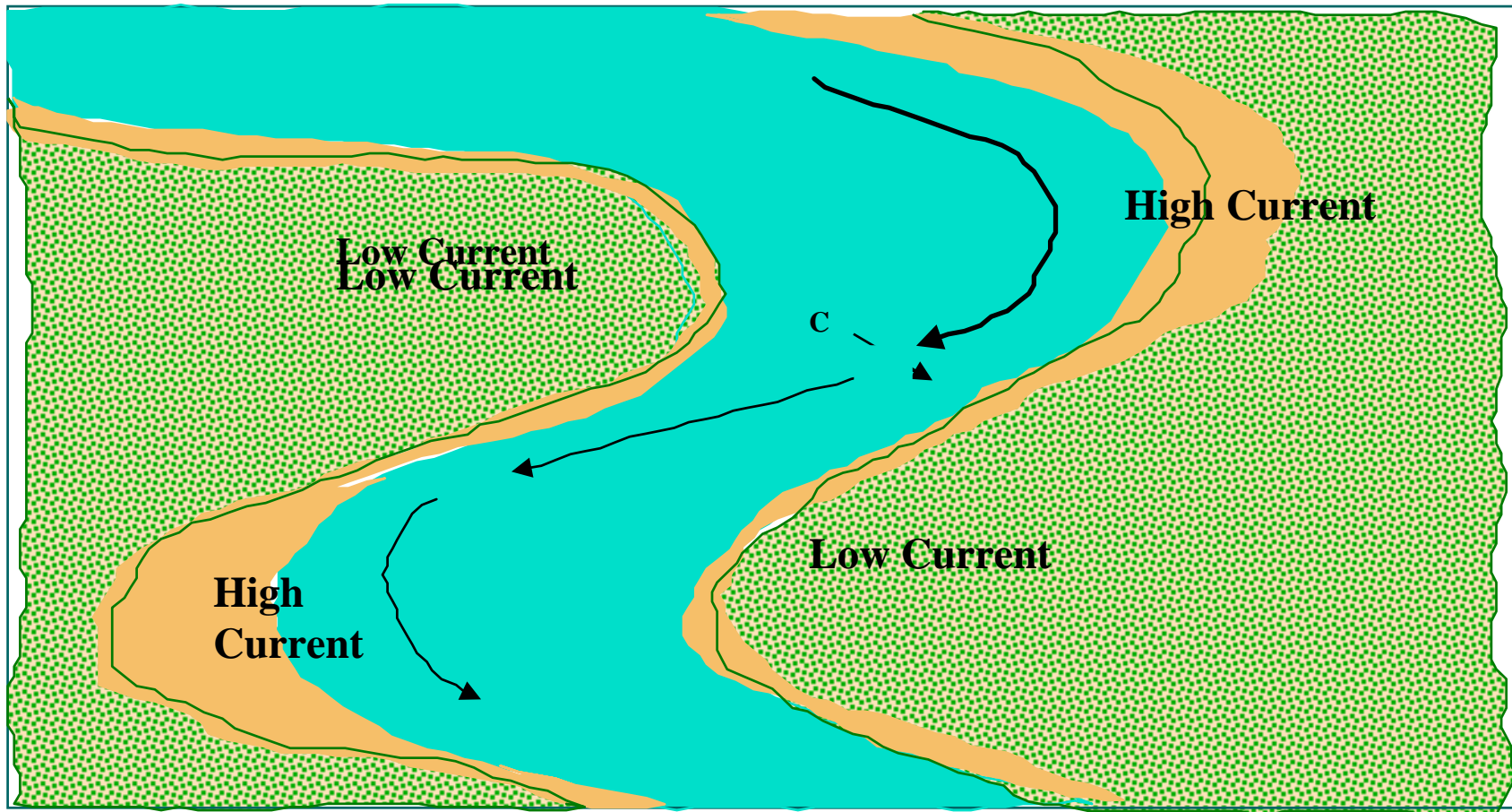
Used on Rivers,  
Streams & Creeks,  
Harbor Entrances,  
Inlets,  
Bays

where Currents Exceed 1knot &/or 1.15 mile per hr.

# DIVERSION BOOMING

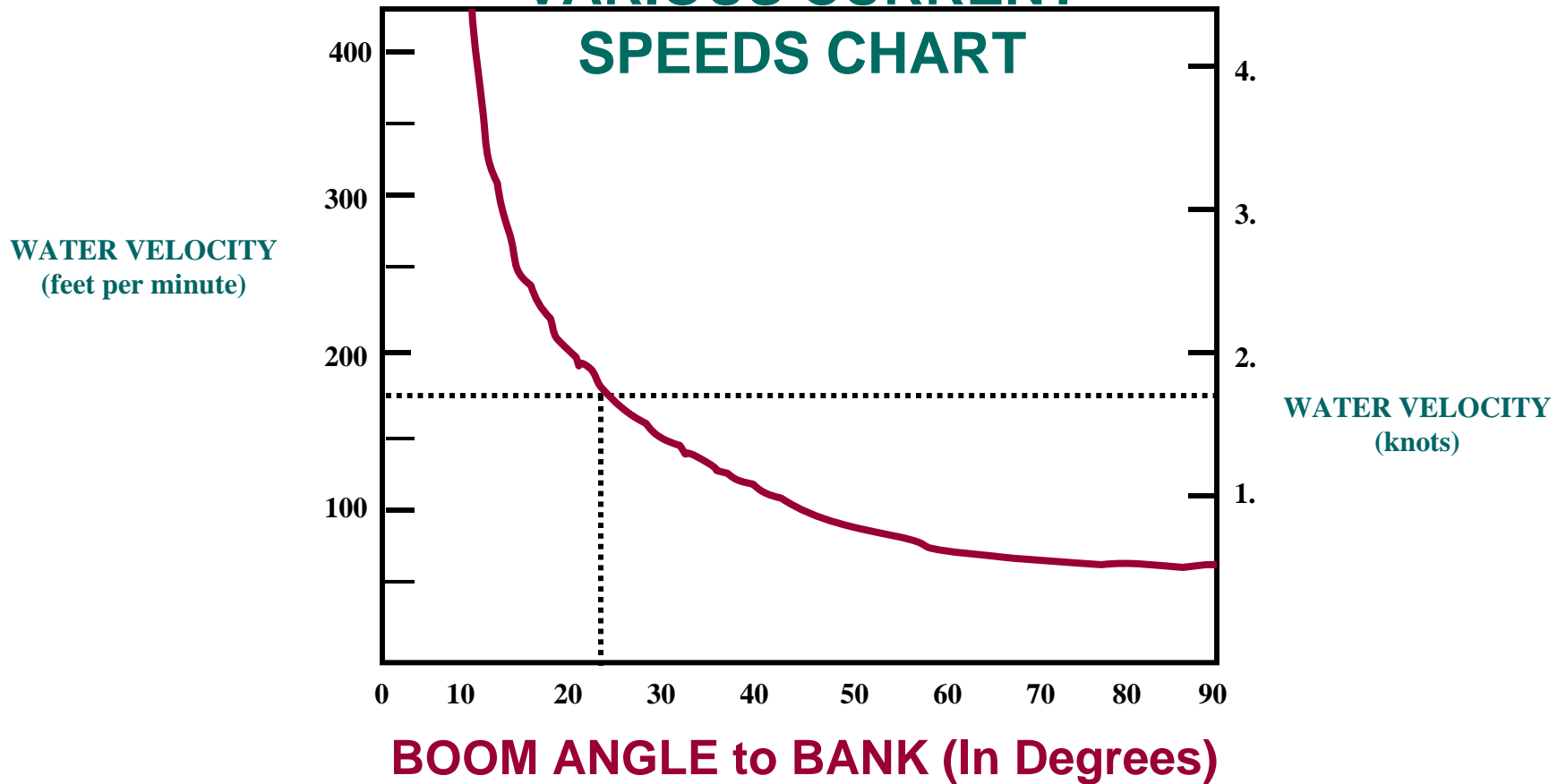
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## *High and Low Current Areas*



RIVER BOOMING:  
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## BOOM ANGLES for VARIOUS CURRENT SPEEDS CHART



*Plot of the Maximum Angle for Boom Deployment at  
Increasing Current Velocities.*

RIVER BOOMING:

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HOW to DETERMINE ANGLE to DEPLOY BOOM in FAST FLOWING RIVER

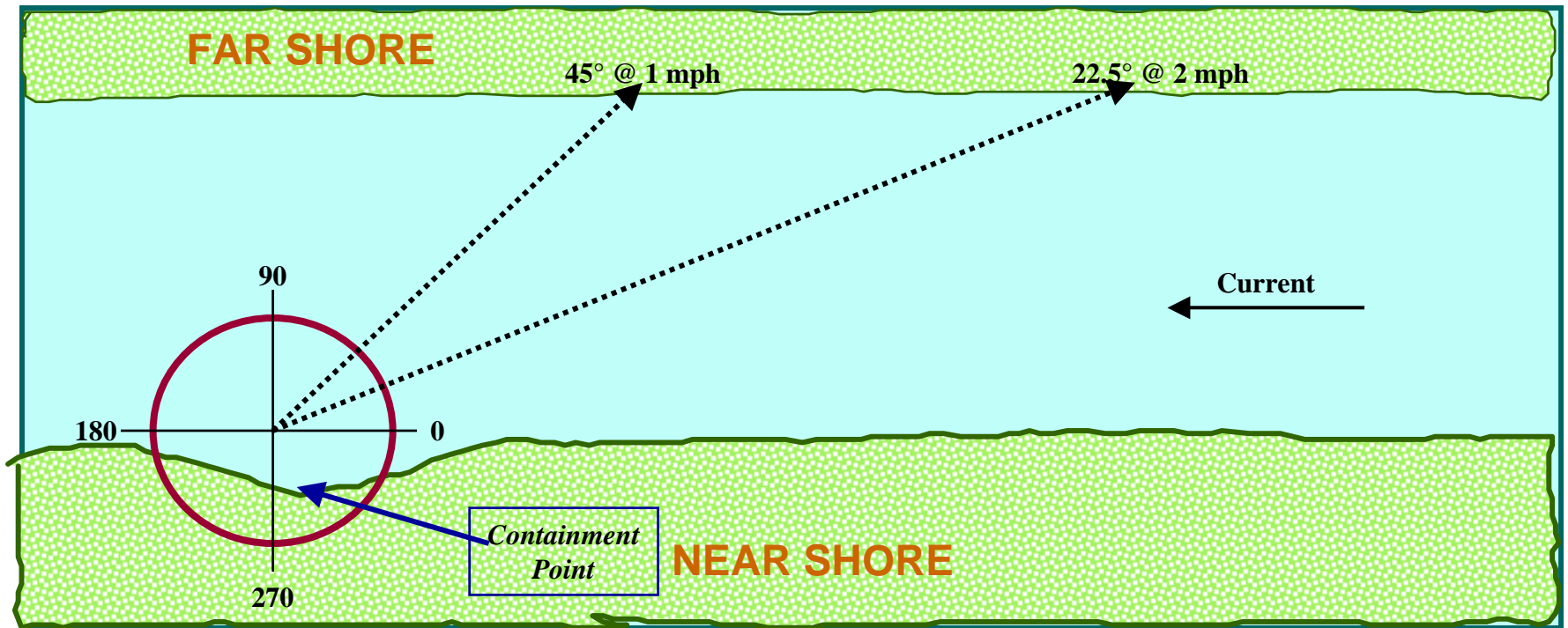


- ESTABLISH CONTAINMENT POINT on NEAR SHORE
- LOOK UP RIVER AND LOCATE RIVER CURRENT COMING to YOU
  - DETERMINE RIVER CURRENT SPEED  
(APPROXIMATE)
- ESTABLISH 360 DEGREE COUNTER CLOCKWISE CIRCUMFERENCE.
  - FIND 90 DEGREE POINT on FAR SHORE of RIVER.
  - FIND 45 DEGREE POINT on FAR SHORE of RIVER.
  - FIND 20-25 DEGREE POINT on FAR SHORE of RIVER.  
(USE BOOM ANGLE DEPLOYMENT CHART)
- LOCATED POINT from NEAR SHORE to FAR SHORE at 20-25 DEGREES  
is LOCATION of FIRST ANCHOR POINT.  
(REPEAT PROCESS of EACH BOOM DEPLOYED)

RIVER BOOMING:

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# DETERMINING ANGLE TO DEPLOY BOOM IN FAST FLOWING RIVER



RIVER BOOMING:



*Single Diversionary Boom Deployment with Secondary  
Teton River - Montana*

**RIVER BOOMING:**



*Single Diversionary Boom Deployment with Shoreline Protection  
Red River of the North*

RIVER BOOMING:

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*Single Diversionary Boom Deployment with Anchor System  
Missouri River - Montana*



RIVER BOOMING:

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# FAST RIVER BOOMING TECHNIQUES

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“ ROPE ” CASCADE DIVERSIONARY BOOM DEPLOYMENT SYSTEMS

- **BANK to BANK ROPE SYSTEM**
- **BRIDGE to BANK ROPE SYSTEM**
- **BUOY to BANK ROPE SYSTEM**

**RIVER BOOMING:**



***Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
South Platt River – Colorado***

**RIVER BOOMING:**



***Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Shoshone River - Wyoming***

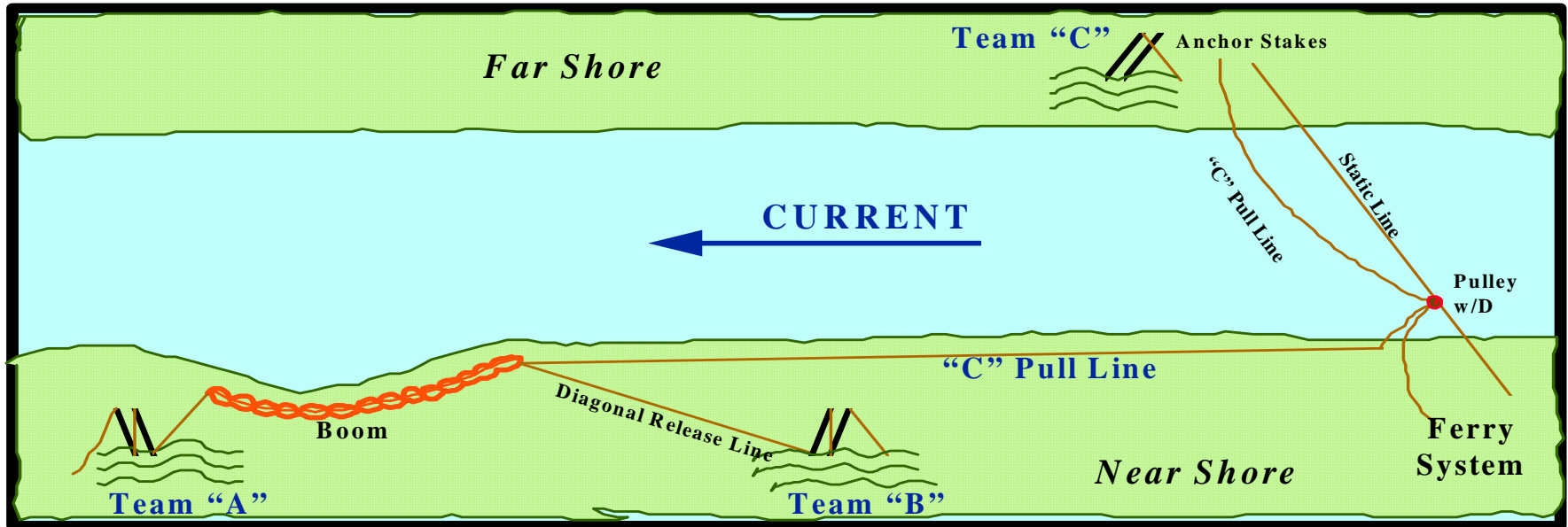
**RIVER BOOMING:**



***Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Spokane River - Washington***

# Fast River Boom Deployment

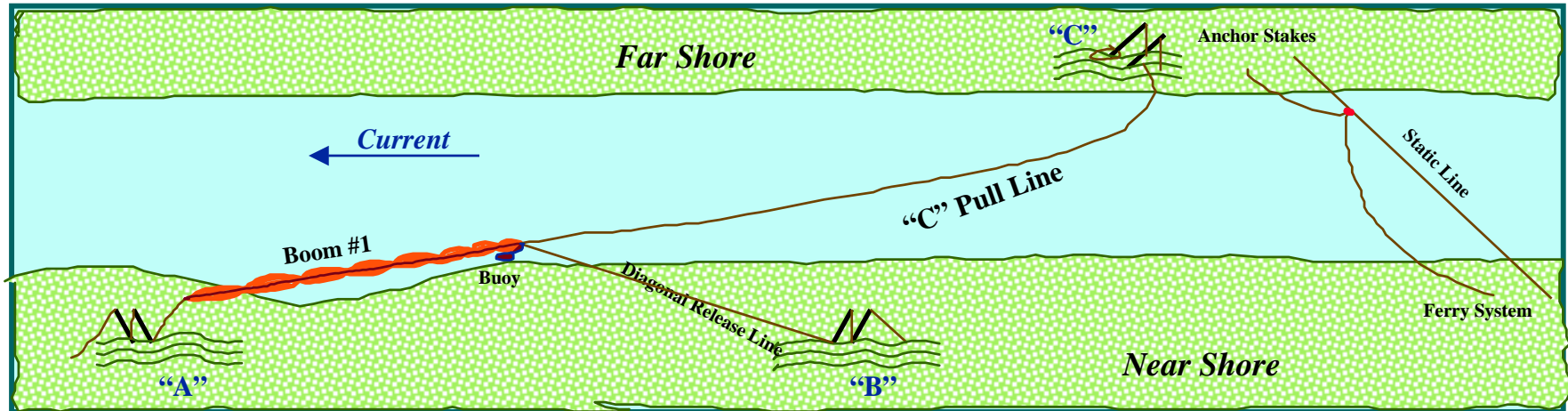
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*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System*

# Fast River Boom Deployment

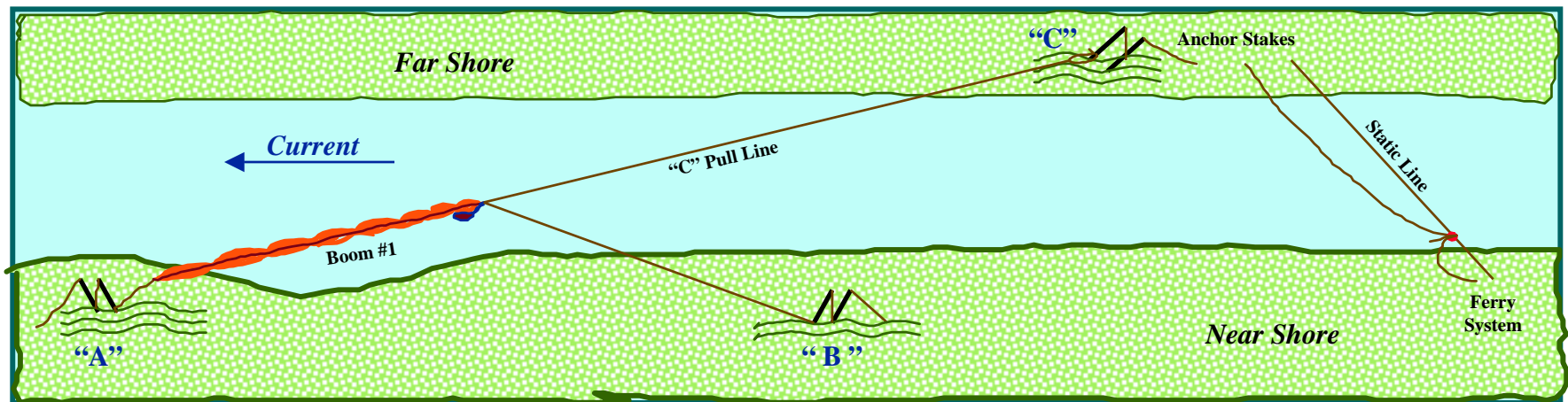
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*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System*

# Fast River Boom Deployment

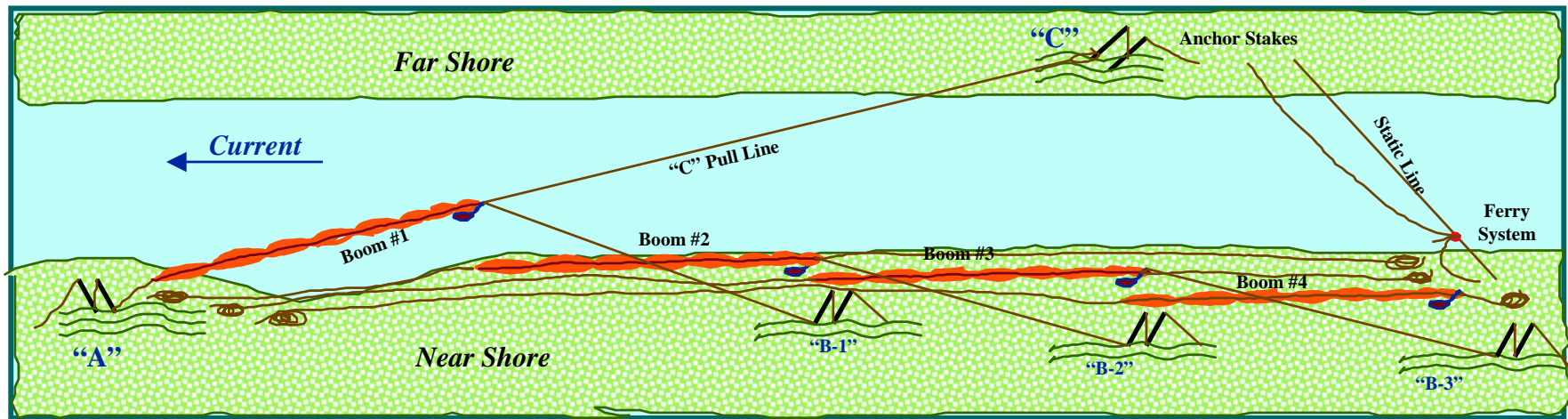
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*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System*

# Fast River Boom Deployment

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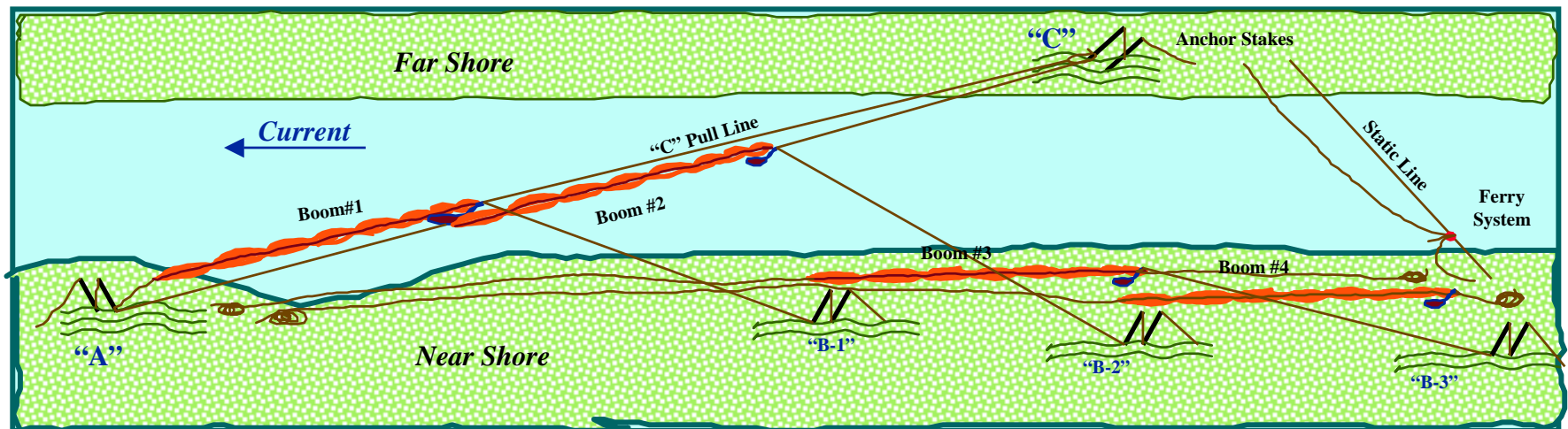


*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System*



# Fast River Boom Deployment

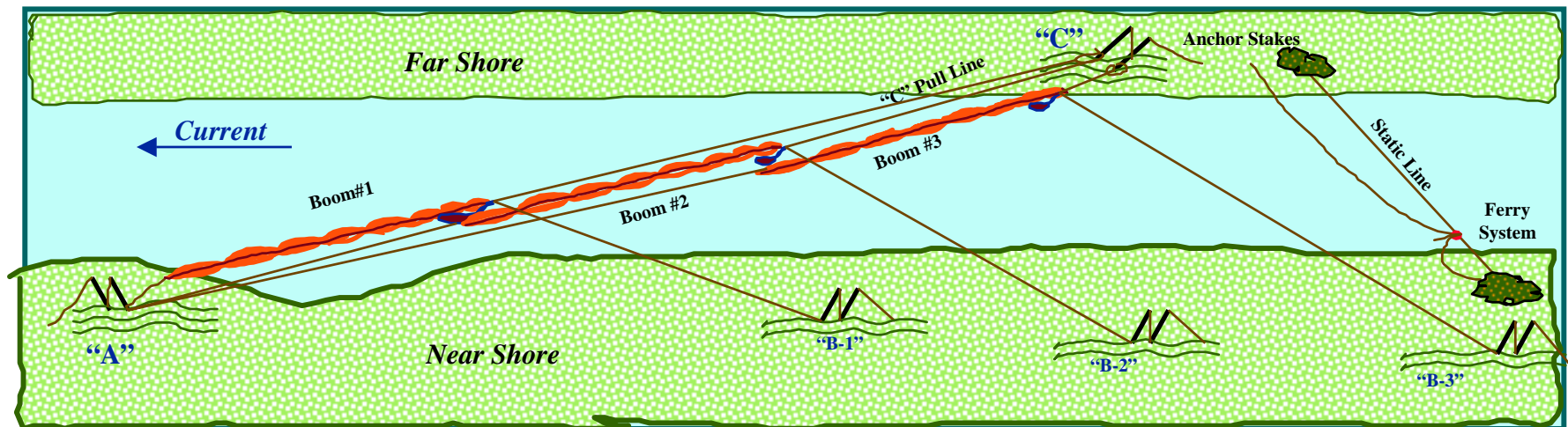
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*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System*

# Fast River Boom Deployment

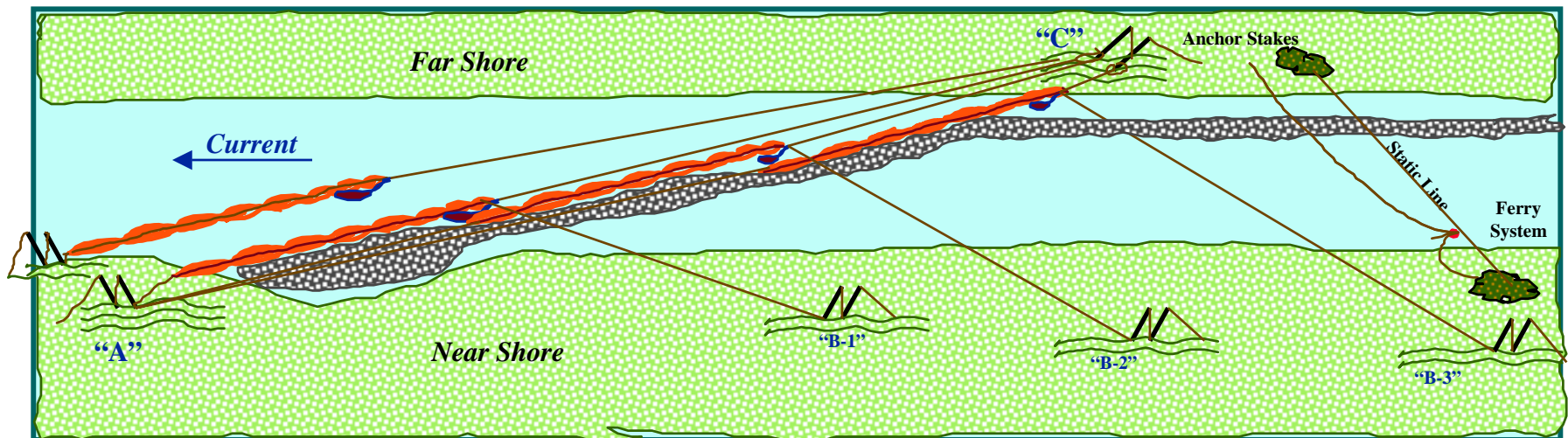
Step 6.



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System*

# Fast River Boom Deployment

Step 7.



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System*

RIVER BOOMING:

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*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System - Bank Layout  
American River - California*

RIVER BOOMING:

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*No. 1 - Boom Being Deployed - Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
American River - California*

RIVER BOOMING:

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*No. 2 - Boom Deployed - Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
American River - California*

RIVER BOOMING:

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*No. 3 - Boom Deployed - Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
American River - California*

RIVER BOOMING:

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*No. 4 - Boom Being Deployed - Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
American River - California*



**RIVER BOOMING:**

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*No. 4 - Boom Deployed - Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
American River - California*

RIVER BOOMING:

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*No. 4 - Boom Deployed - Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System*

RIVER BOOMING:

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*No. 6 - Boom Deployed - Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
American River - California*

**RIVER BOOMING:**

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***Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Arkansas River - Colorado***

**RIVER BOOMING:**



***Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
North Platt River - Wyoming***

**RIVER BOOMING:**



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Rio Grande River - New Mexico*

**RIVER BOOMING:**



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Missouri River - Montana*

**RIVER BOOMING:**



***Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System Deployed  
Colorado River - Nevada***



**RIVER BOOMING:**



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Lower Colorado River – Texas*

**RIVER BOOMING:**

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*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Maris River - Montana*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Delaware River - Pennsylvania*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Rio Grande River – New Mexico*

**RIVER BOOMING:**



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Arkansas River - Colorado*

**RIVER BOOMING:**



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Yellow Stone River - Montana*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Platt River - Wyoming*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Clark Fork - Montana*



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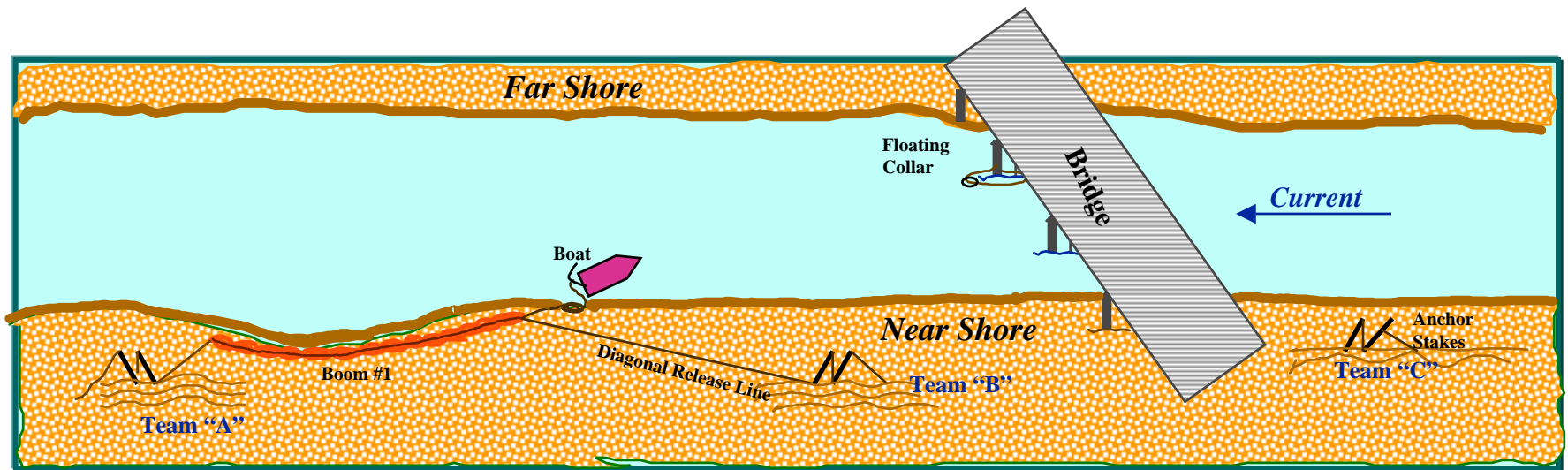


*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Truckee River - Nevada*



# Fast River Boom Deployment

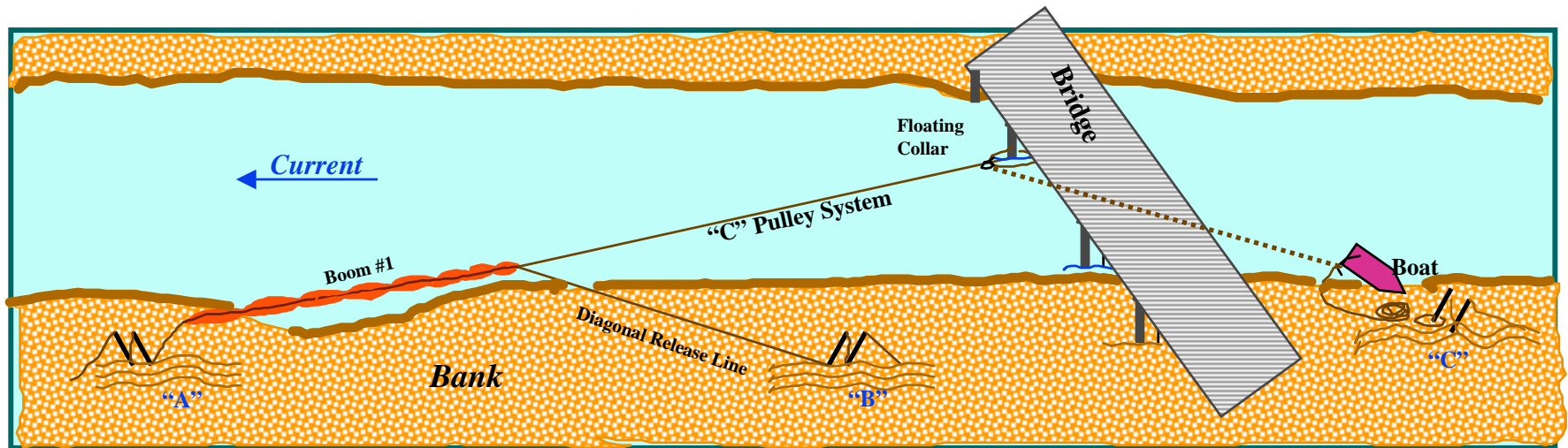
Step 1.



*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System*

# Fast River Boom Deployment

Step 2.

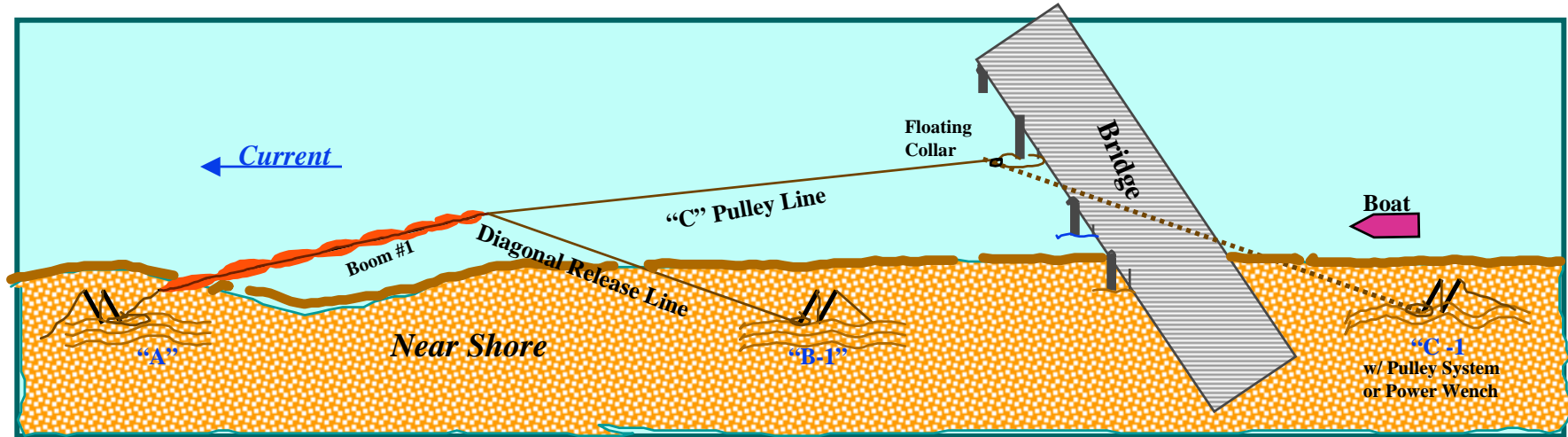


*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System*



# Fast Water Booming Technique

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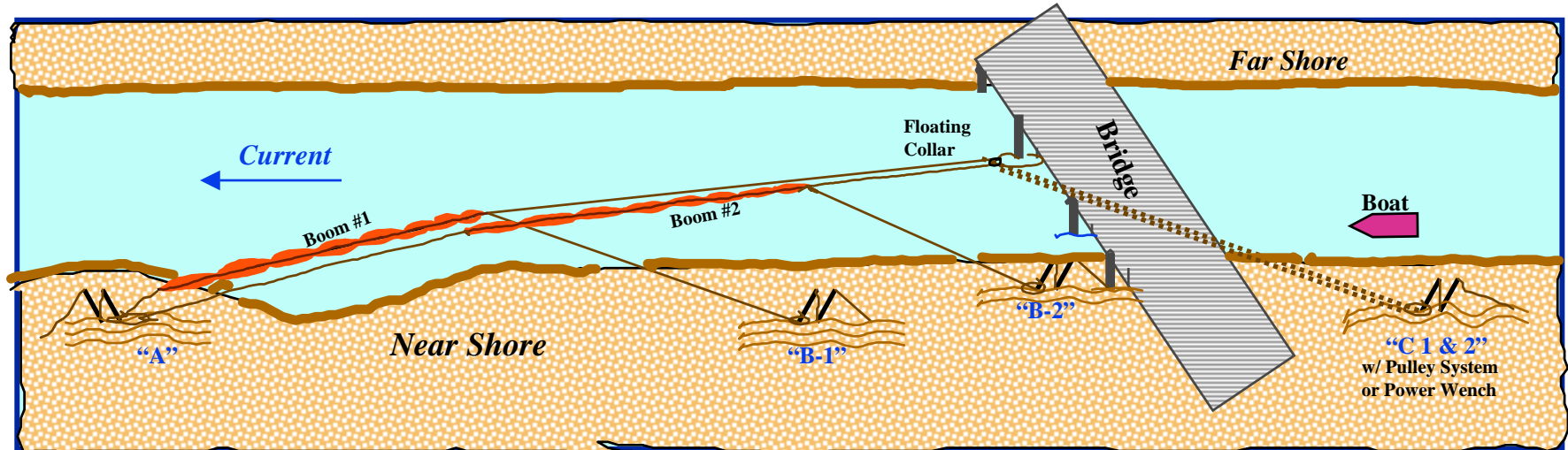


*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System*



# Fast River Boom Deployment

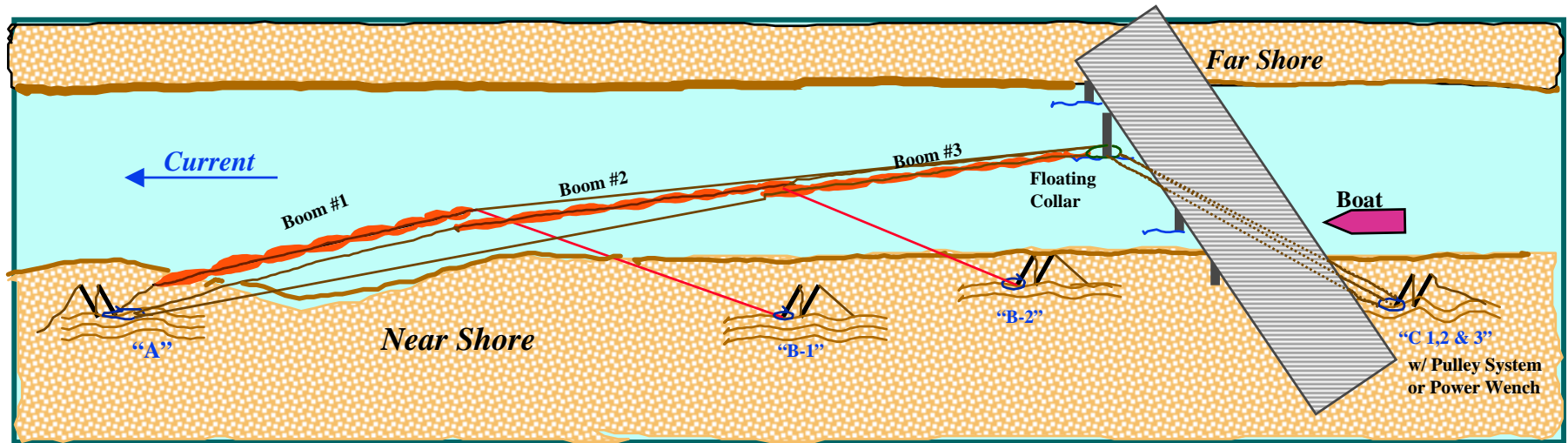
Step 4.



*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System*

# Fast River Boom Deployment

Step 5.

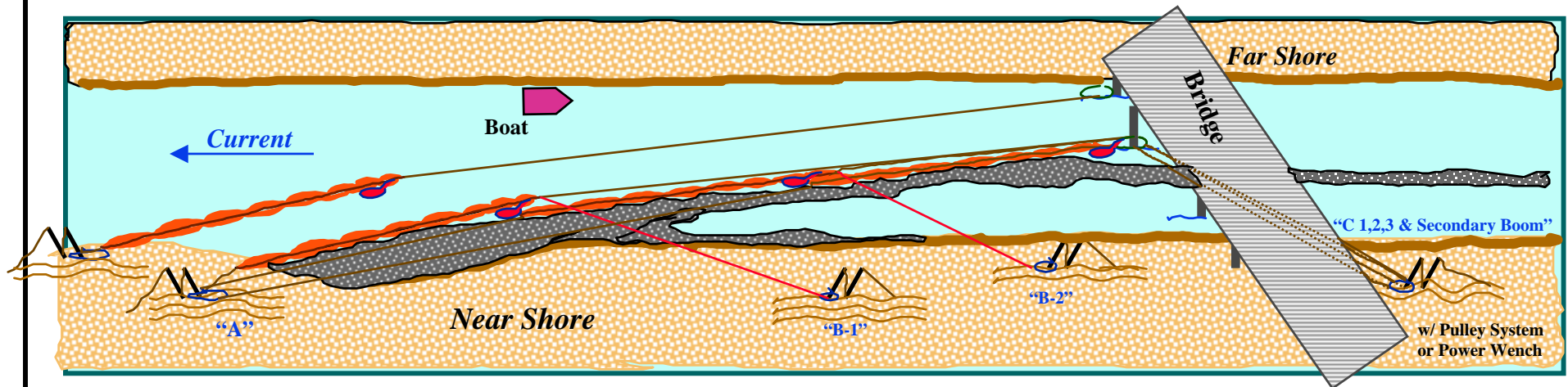


*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System*



# Fast River Boom Deployment

Step 6.



*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System*



**RIVER BOOMING:**

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***Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System - Boom Layout on River Bank  
Colorado River - Nevada***

**RIVER BOOMING:**

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*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Colorado River - Nevada*

**RIVER BOOMING:**

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***Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System***  
***Rope Lead Anchor Collar Around Bridge Column***  
***Colorado River - Nevada***

**RIVER BOOMING:**



*Rope Being Pulled by Power Winch with Side Capstan Mounted on Stand  
Colorado River - Nevada*

RIVER BOOMING:

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*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System - View of Containment & Recovery Site  
Colorado River - Nevada*

**RIVER BOOMING:**



***Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Colorado River - California***

**RIVER BOOMING:**

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***Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Boat deploying Rope Lead to Column "D" Ring & Shore  
Colorado River - California***

RIVER BOOMING:

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*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System - Boat & Rope Handling  
Colorado River - California*



**RIVER BOOMING:**

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***Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System***  
***Rope Handling with Use of Webbing & “D” Rings***  
***Colorado River - California***

**RIVER BOOMING:**



***Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System - Rope Leads to River Bank & Power Wench  
Colorado River - California***

RIVER BOOMING:

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*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Power Wench with Rope Lead thru "D" Ring located on Bridge Column  
Colorado River - California*

**RIVER BOOMING:**

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***Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System - Containment Area  
Colorado River - California***

**RIVER BOOMING:**

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***Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System  
View of Boom Containment & Recovery Site  
Colorado River - California***

**RIVER BOOMING:**



***Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Missouri River - Montana***

**RIVER BOOMING:**

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***Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Nonconnah Creek - Tennessee***

**RIVER BOOMING:**



***Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System - Rope Leads Anchored to Bridge I-Beam  
Weber River - Utah***



**RIVER BOOMING:**



***Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System - View of Bridge Rope Anchoring  
Weber River - Utah***

RIVER BOOMING:

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*Pulley System from I-Beam*

RIVER BOOMING:

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*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System*  
*Rope Leads with Pulleys Anchored to Bridge I-Beam*  
*Weber River - Utah*

**RIVER BOOMING:**

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***Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Open Chevron Cascade Boom Deployment with Deflection  
Weber River - Utah***

**RIVER BOOMING:**



***Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System  
St. Johns River - Florida***

**RIVER BOOMING:**

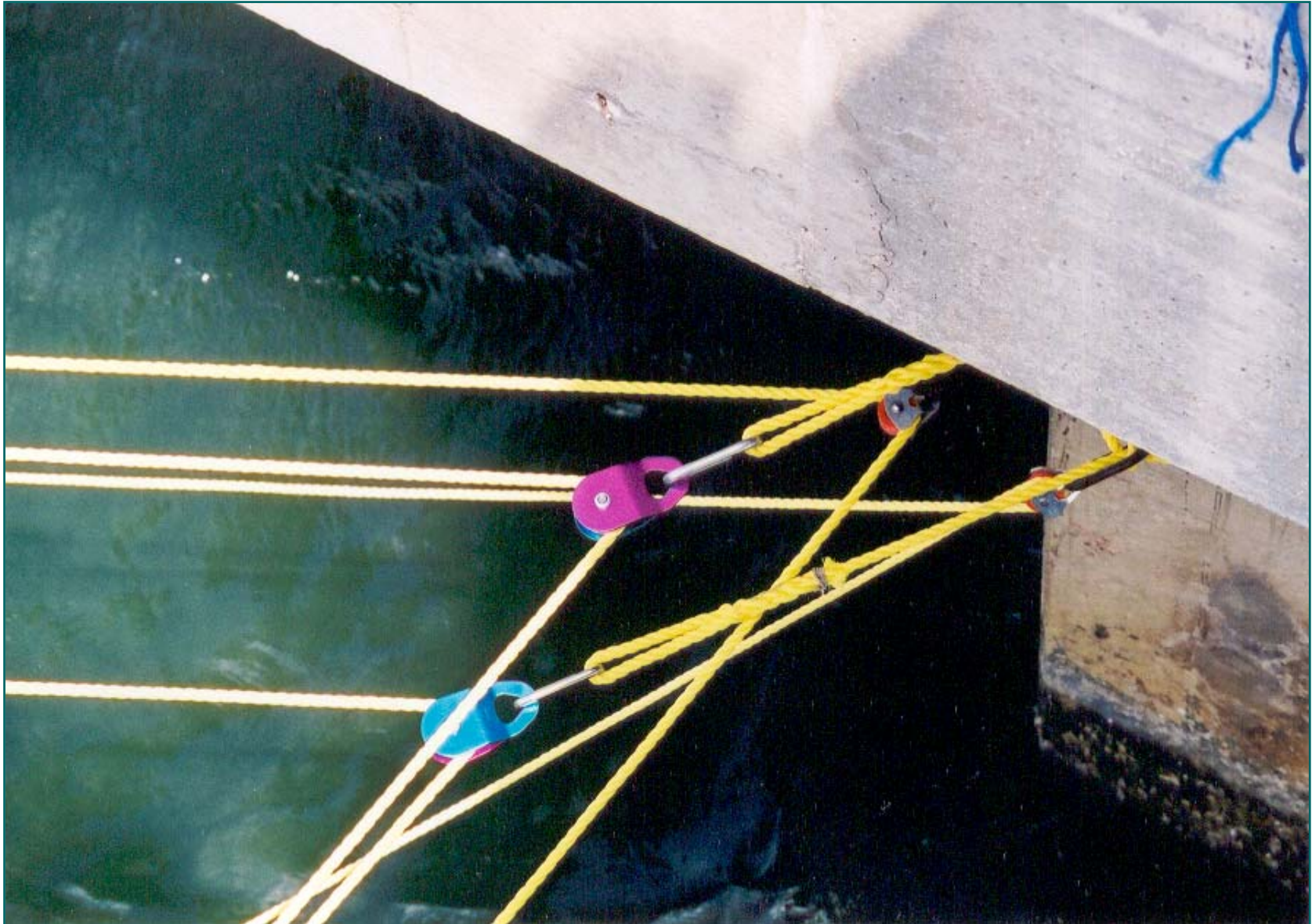
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*Cascade Diversionary Booming  
Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System*

RIVER BOOMING:

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*Cascade Diversionary Booming - Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System  
St. Johns River - Florida*

**RIVER BOOMING:**



***Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System  
St. Johns River - Florida***



RIVER BOOMING:



*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System  
St. Johns River – Florida*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Modified Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System (Trees)  
- Mississippi*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Cascade Diversionary Booming  
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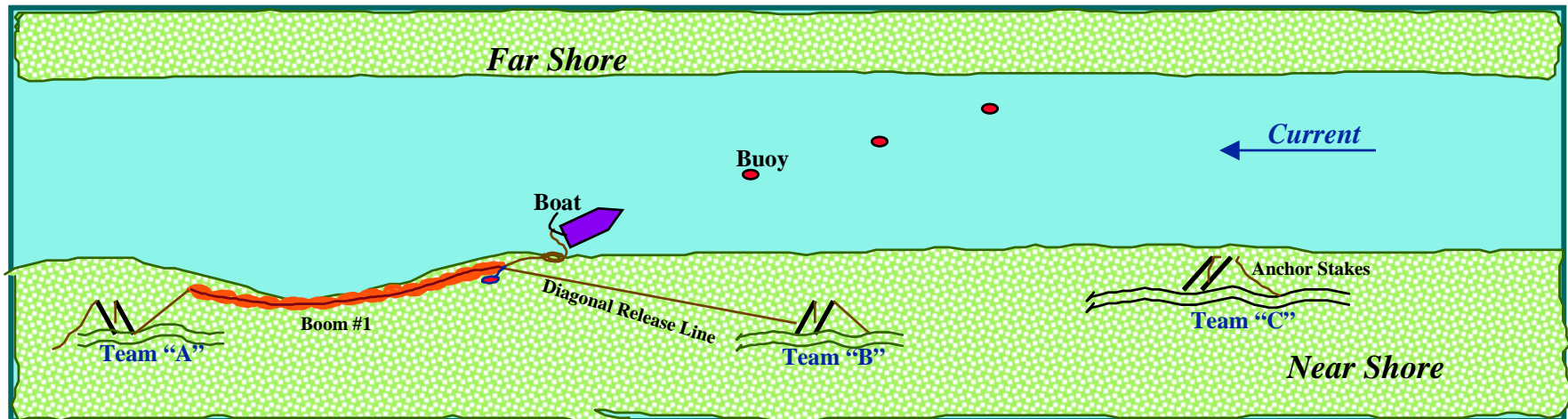
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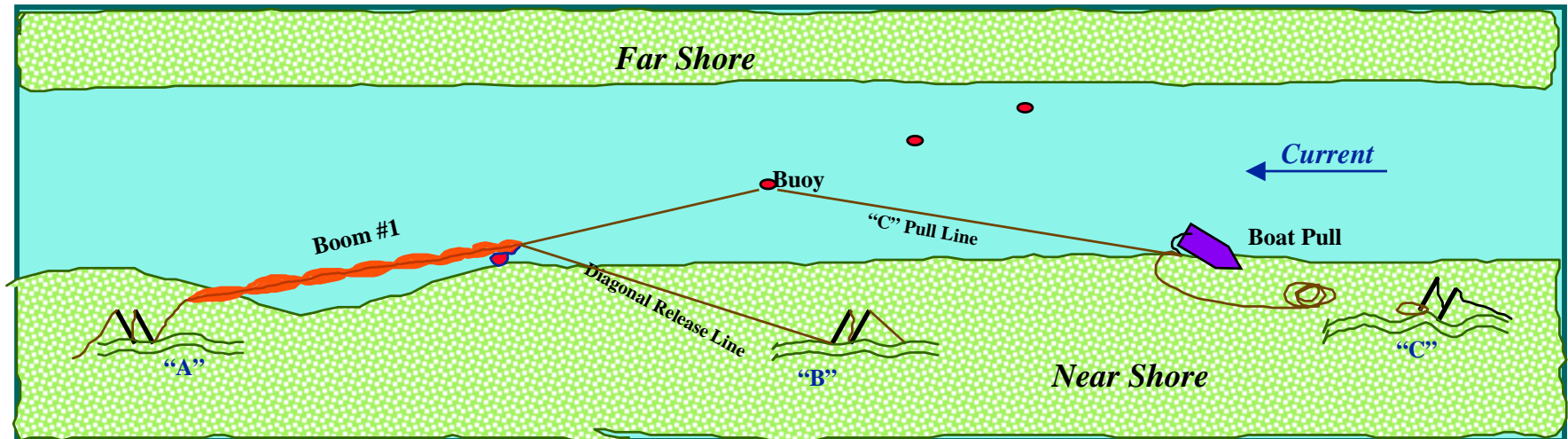
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*Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System*

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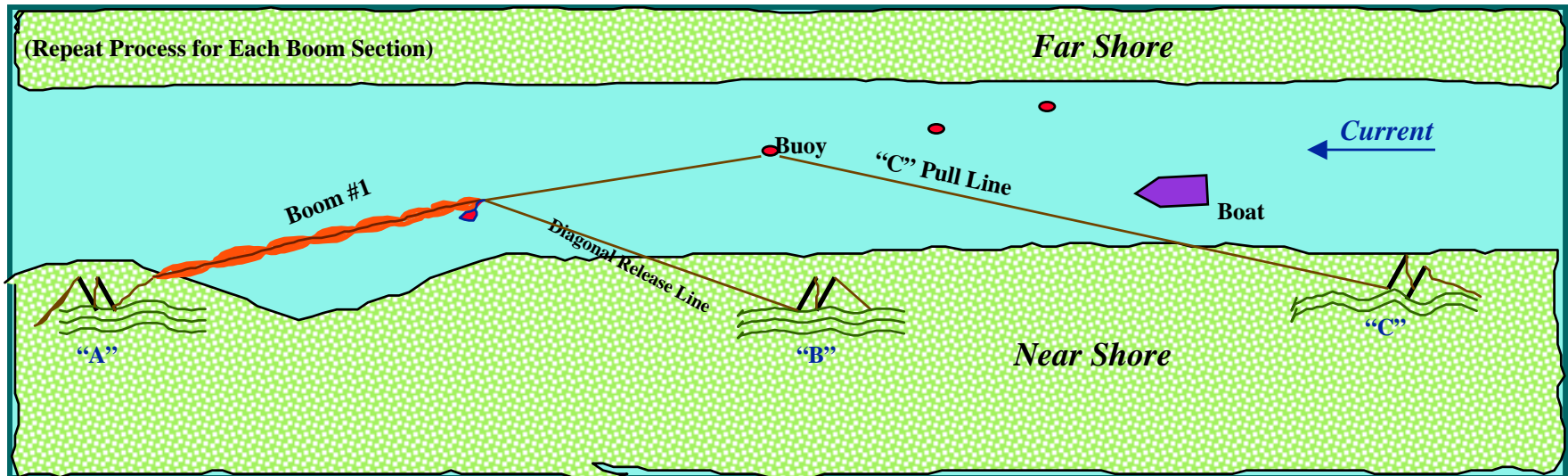
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*Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System*

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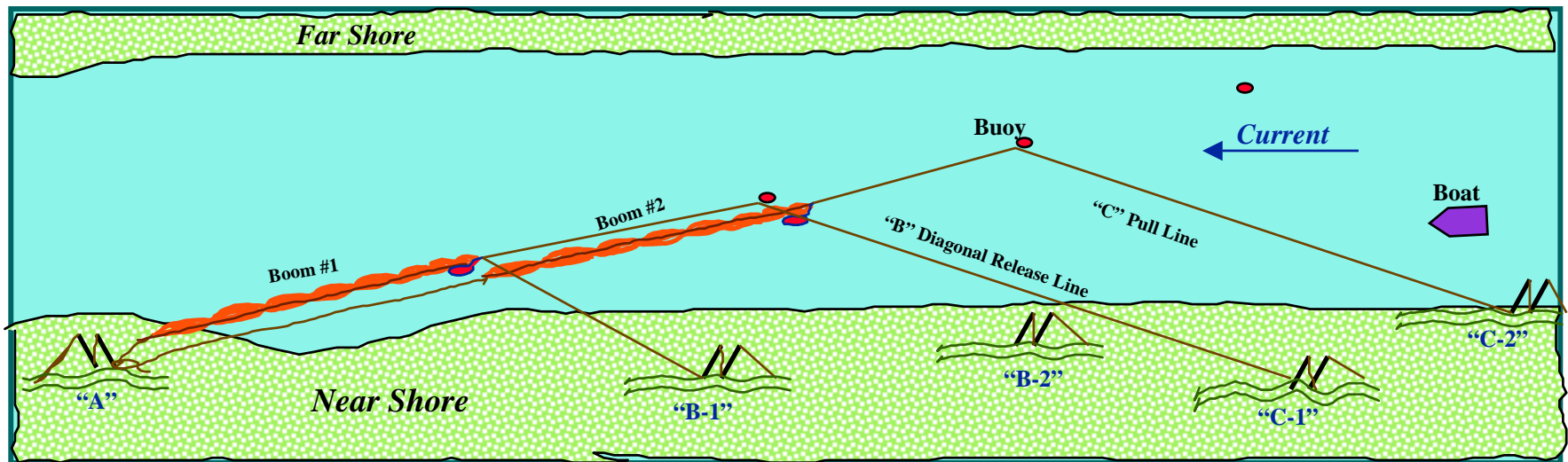
Step 3.



*Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System*

# Fast River Boom Deployment

Step 4.



## *Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System*

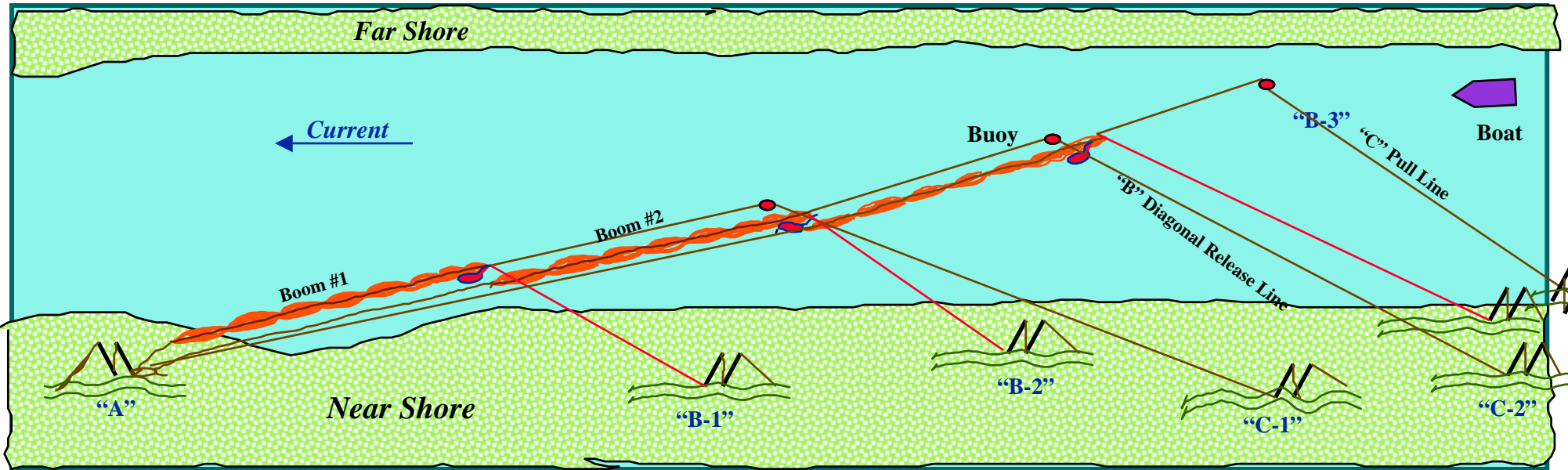
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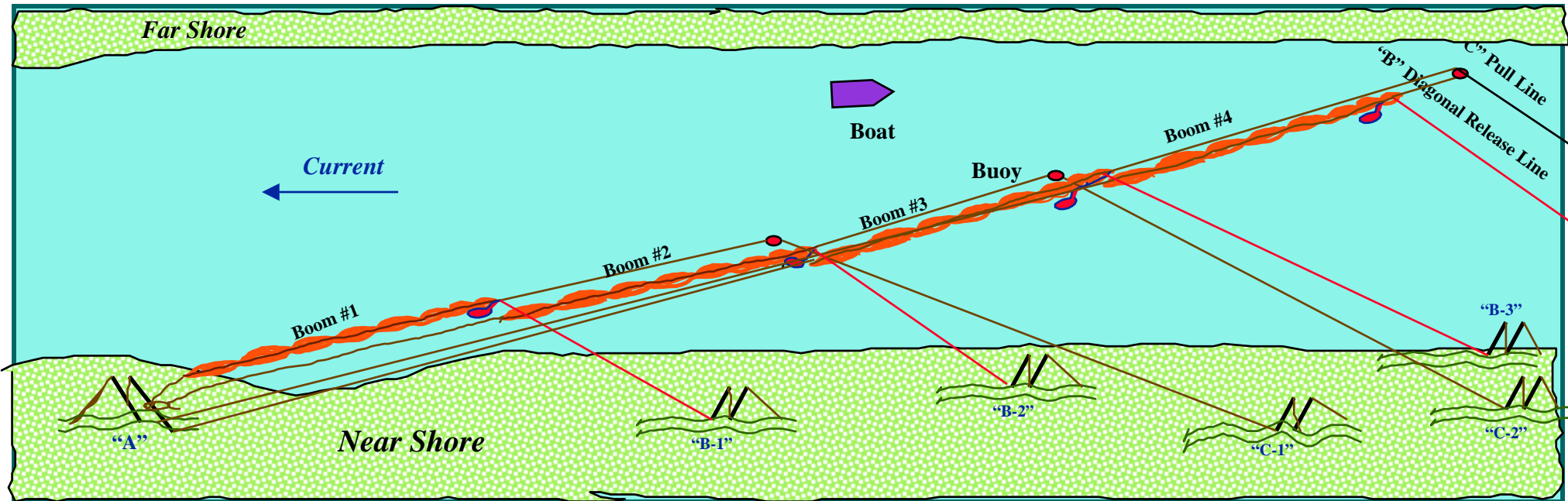
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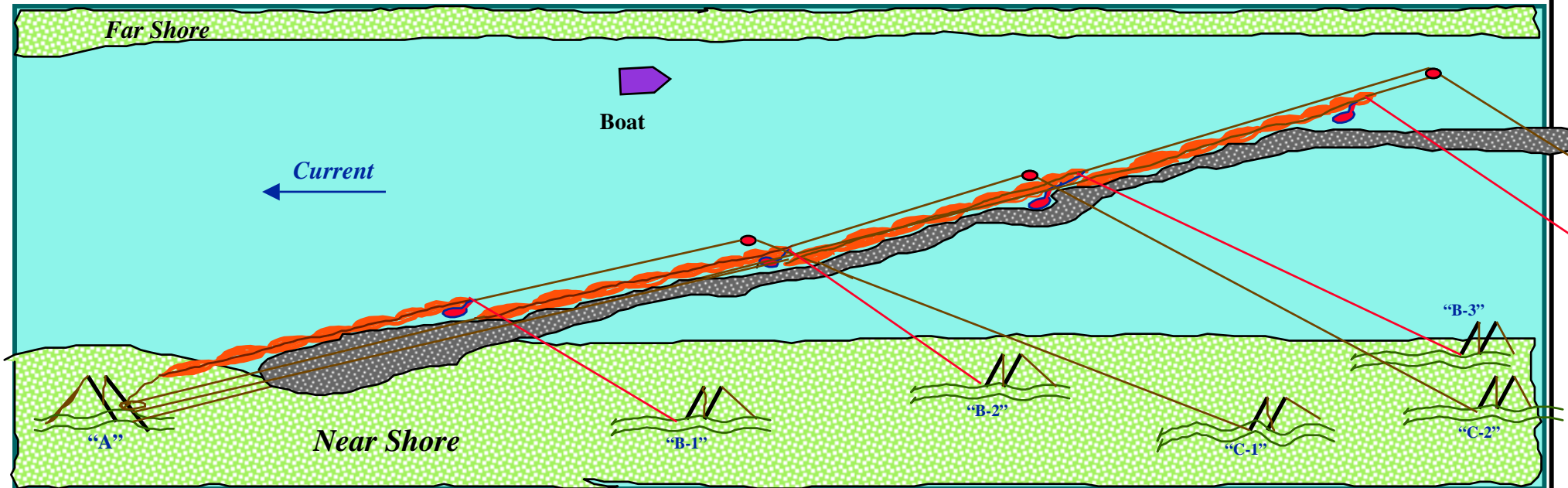
Step 6.



*Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System*

# Fast River Boom Deployment

Step 7.



*Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System*

**RIVER BOOMING:**

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*Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System - Boom Layout on Bank  
Colorado River - Arizona*

RIVER BOOMING:

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*Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System - Permanent Anchor Placement  
Colorado River - Arizona*

RIVER BOOMING:

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*Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Colorado River - Arizona*

RIVER BOOMING:

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*Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Cascade Diversionary Booming*

**RIVER BOOMING:**

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*Buoy to Bank Anchor System  
USCG Buoy Tender in Position to Drop 1600 lbs. Sinker with Buoy  
Missouri River - Missouri*



**RIVER BOOMING:**

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*Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System  
USCG Buoy Tender Dropping 1600 lbs. Sinker with Buoy  
Missouri River - Missouri*

**RIVER BOOMING:**

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*Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System*  
*USCG Buoy Tender Dropping 1600 lbs. Sinker with Buoy*  
*Mississippi River - Missouri*

**RIVER BOOMING:**

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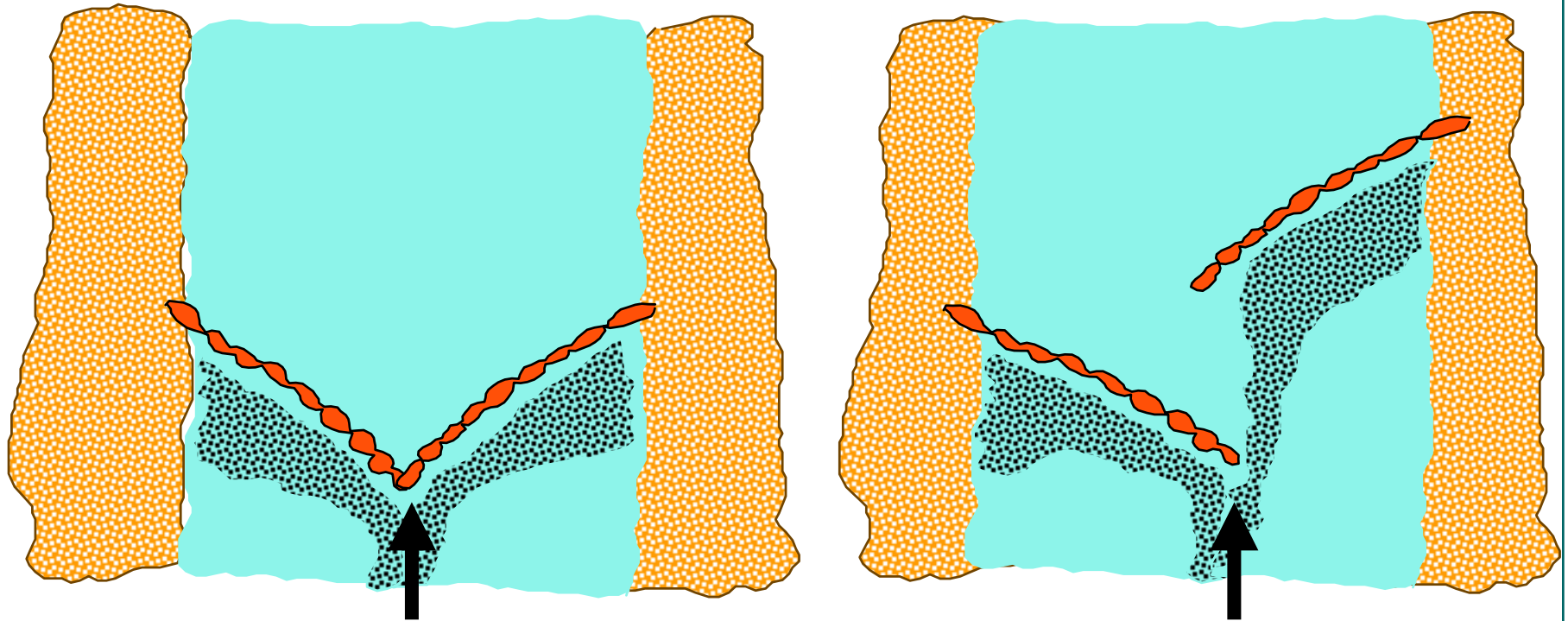


*Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Mississippi River - Missouri*

RIVER BOOMING:

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*Chevron Boom Deployment*



*Chevron*

*Open Chevron*

RIVER BOOMING:

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*Chevron Diversionary Booming*

RIVER BOOMING:

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*Open Cascade Chevron Diversion Booming  
- with Permanent Anchors*

RIVER BOOMING:

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*Open Cascade Chevron Diversionary Booming*

# RESPONSE STRATEGY THAT IS SELECTED WILL DEPEND ON THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

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- \* *Type of Water Body*
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- \* *Natural Collection Points*
- \* *Water Depth*
- \* *Available Equipment*
- \* *Available Manpower*
- \* *Amount of Oil*
- \* *Weather*
- \* *Time of Year*



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*\* How Efficient?*

( Effort vs Effectiveness )

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( “Environmental Damaging” )

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( Self Cleaning Response )

*\* Are their Political or Social Sensitivities?*

*\* How much Waste will be  
Generated or Collected?*

( i.e. Disposal )

**RIVER BOOMING:**

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**HOW to DETERMINE ANGLE to DEPLOY BOOM in FAST FLOWING RIVER**



- **ESTABLISH CONTAINMENT POINT on NEAR SHORE**
- **LOOK UP RIVER AND LOCATE RIVER CURRENT COMING to YOU**
  - **DETERMINE RIVER CURRENT SPEED**  
(APPROXIMATE)
- **ESTABLISH 360 DEGREE COUNTER CLOCKWISE CIRCUMFERENCE.**
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  - **FIND 45 DEGREE POINT on FAR SHORE of RIVER.**
  - **FIND 20-25 DEGREE POINT on FAR SHORE of RIVER.**  
(USE BOOM ANGLE DEPLOYMENT CHART)
- **LOCATED POINT from NEAR SHORE to FAR SHORE at 20-25 DEGREES**  
**is LOCATION of FIRST ANCHOR POINT.**  
(REPEAT PROCESS of EACH BOOM DEPLOYED)

**IN SUMMARY -  
HOW to DEPLOY BOOM in FAST FLOWING RIVERS**



**•IF THE RIVER LOOKS FAST – THEN CONSIDER IT FAST.**

**•USE BOOM ANGLE CHART -**

**IF IN DOUBT ESTABLISH A 20-25 DEGREE POINT INTO THE RIVER  
CURRENT TO ESTABLISH BOOM DEPLOYMENT & ANCHORING POINT**

**A GIVEN - THE FASTER THE RIVER CURRENT:**

**THE SMALLER THE ANGLE INTO THE RIVER CURRENT TO DETERMINE  
BOOM DEPLOYMENT ANGLE and ANCHOR POINT ON THE FAR SHORE**

**•THE SMALLER THE BOOM SIZE THAT SHOULD BE DEPLOYED  
( 10” AND/OR 12” IS THE MAXIMUM SIZE )**

**THE SHORTER THE BOOM LENGTH SECTION THAT SHOULD BE DEPLOYED  
( GENERALLY 50’ TO 100’ SECTIONS )**

# RIVERS BOOMED in the U.S.A.

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## ALASKA:

Colville Sagavitoek  
Putt River Kuparuk River  
Kaskovik River

## ARIZONA:

Colorado Agua Fria  
Gila Salt

## CALIFORNIA:

American  
Colorado

## COLORADO:

Arkansas Colorado  
Fountain South Platt

## FLORIDA:

Choctawhatchee

## GEORGIA:

Chattahoochee

## ILLINOIS:

Des Plaines Mississippi  
Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal

## INDIANA:

Wabash  
Wildcat

## KANSAS:

Kansas

## LOUISIANA:

Calcaseiu

## MAINE:

Androscoggin  
Little Androscoggin

## MINNESOTA:

Mississippi Diamond

## MISSISSIPPI:

Coldwater

## MISSOURI:

Mississippi Merrimack  
Missouri

## MONTANA:

Clark Fork Maris  
Missouri Shoshone  
Sun Teton  
Yellowstone Bitterroot

## NEW MEXICO:

Rio Grande

## NEVADA:

Colorado Truckee

## NORTH DAKOTA

Missouri  
Red River of the North

## OHIO:

Blanchard Ohio

## OKLAHOMA:

Cimarron

## PENNSYLVANIA

Delaware Schuylkill

## S. CAROLINA:

Ashley

## TEXAS:

Brazos Lower Colorado  
Sabine

## TENNESSEE:

Nonconnah Mississippi

## UTAH

Weber

## WASHINGTON:

Spokane

## WYOMING:

Wind Green  
North Platt Shoshone  
Popo Agie