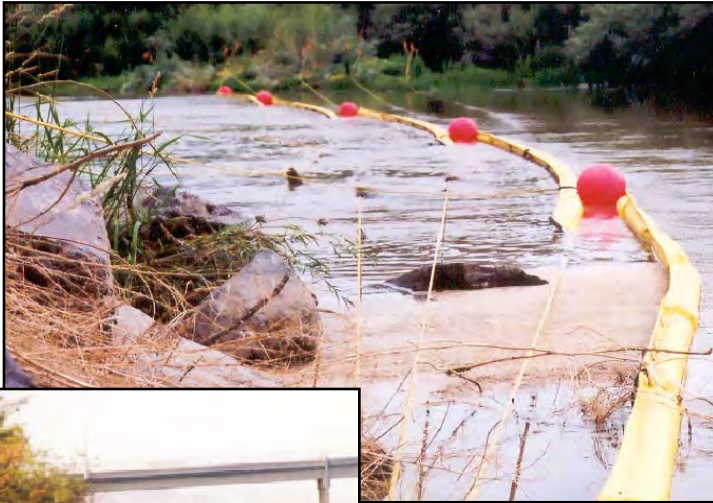


# ***UNIQUE CHALLENGES of BOOMING FAST FLOWING RIVERS***



## ***BOOM DEPLOYMENT TECHNIQUES & STRATEGIES***

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## ***WHEN ATTEMPTING to BOOM a FAST FLOWING RIVER***

***THERE are THREE (3) GIVENS:***

- ***YOUR RADIOS GO DOWN,***
- ***YOUR BOATS WON'T START &***
- ***YOUR ANCHORS 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 INCORRECT TYPE of EQUIPMENT (BOOM)  
for RIVER APPLICATIONS.***

*OUR **OBJECTIVE** is to PROVIDE a  
**DECISION PROCESS**  
to AID the FIRST RESPONDER in the  
**PROPER SELECTION of APPROPRIATE  
SPILL RESPONSE STRATEGIES**  
for  
**BOOMING FAST FLOWING RIVERS***

## ***SPILL RESPONSE STRATEGIES***

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

## **BOOM CONSIDERATIONS:**

- ***WHAT is PRACTICAL?***
- ***HOW EFFICIENT?***  
( *Effort vs Effectiveness* )
- ***WHAT are the RESPONSE OPTIONS?***  
( *“Environmental Damaging”* )
- ***WHAT are the IMPLICATIONS of MONITORING?***  
( *Self Cleaning Response* )
- ***ARE THERE POLITICAL or SOCIAL SENSITIVITY ISSUES?***
- ***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 SPILLED*
  - *WEATHER CONDITIONS*
  - *TIME of YEAR*



## “3” BOOM DEPLOYMENT STRATEGIES

- EXCLUSION BOOMING

*Deflection*

- CONTAINMENT BOOMING

*Lakes/Bays/Ocean/Rivers*

- DIVERSION BOOMING

*Single  
Cascade  
Chevron*



- **EXCLUSION BOOMING:**

*Boom Deployment ACROSS or AROUND Sensitive Areas and 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.*



*Exclusion Booming of Confluence of Rivers  
Nonconnah Creek - Memphis, Tennessee Area*

- **DEFLECTION BOOMING:**

Boom is Deployed from the shoreline away from the Approaching Pollutant and Anchored in Place.

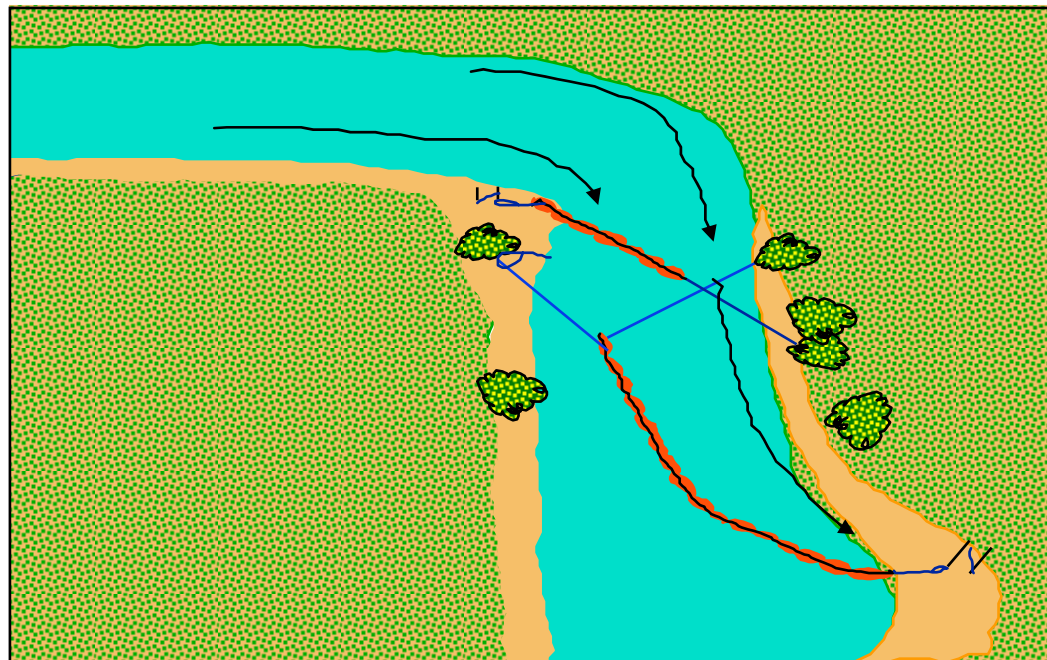
*The Pollutant is Deflected away from the River Bank &/or Shoreline*

*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 Forced into a Taking a New Direction.*

Used on: RIVERS,  
STREAMS & CREEKS,  
HARBOR ENTRANCES,  
INLETS,  
BAYS.

## *Deflection Boom Deployment*







***Deflection Booming - River Deployment  
Weber River - Coalville, Utah Area***

- **CONTAINMENT BOOMING:**

*In Lake, Bay, or 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. Tow Lines or Directly to the Shoreline/Bank.*

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





***Containment Booming - River Bank***  
***Marias River - Shelby, Montana Area***



## **TYPES of DIVERSION BOOMING**

- **SINGLE DIVERSION,**
- **CASCADE DIVERSION,**
  - BANK to BANK ROPE SYSTEM***
  - BRIDGE to BANK ROPE SYSTEM***
  - BUOY to BANK ROPE SYSTEM***
- **CHEVRON DIVERSION**
  - CLOSED CHEVRON SYSTEM***
  - OPEN CHEVRON SYSTEM***
  - CASCADE CHEVRON SYSTEM***

- **DIVERSION BOOMING:**

*Boom is **DEPLOYED at an ANGLE** to the Approaching Pollutant.*

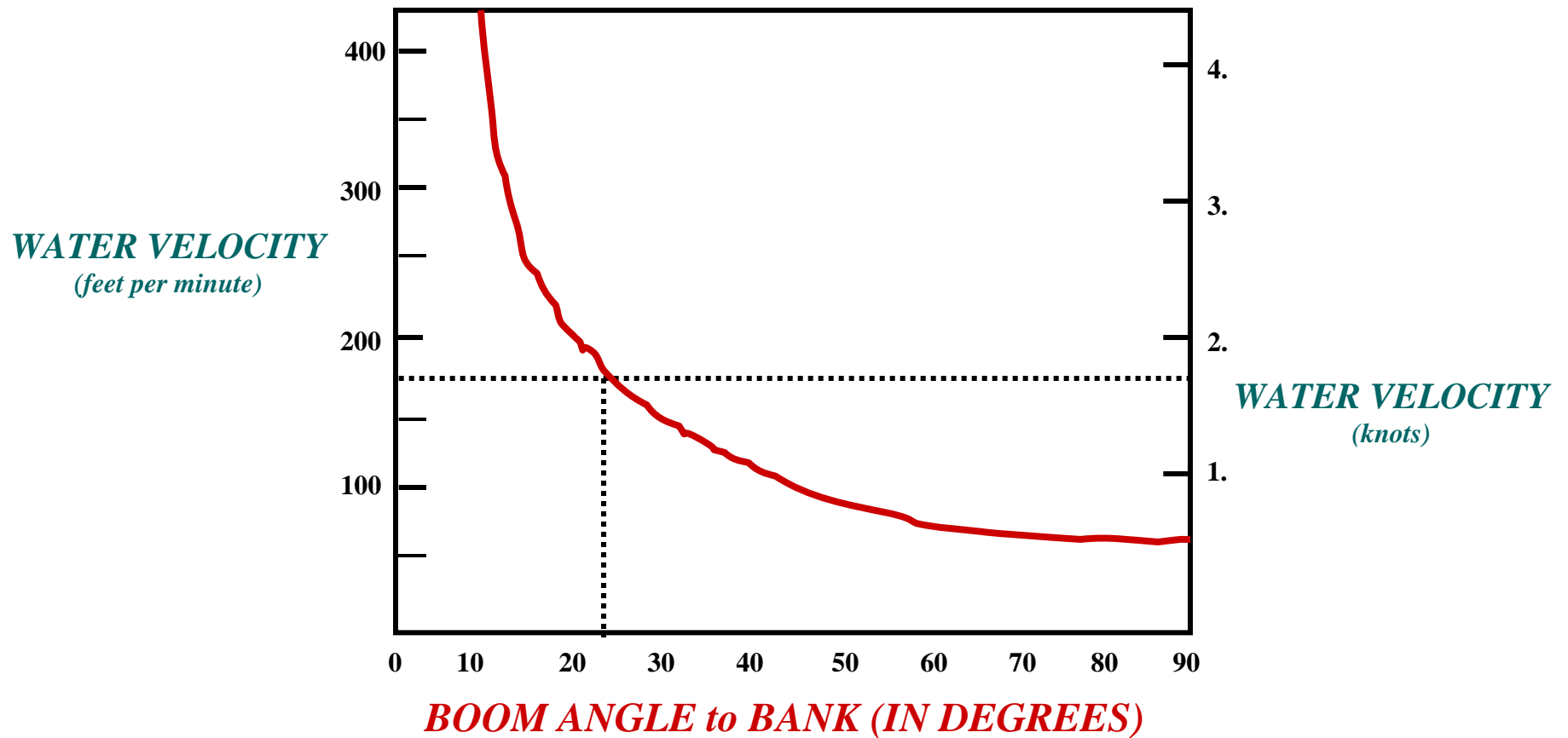
*The **FASTER** the Current, the **SMALLER the BOOM ANGLE** of **DEPLOYMENT** into the **FLOWING WATER**.*

*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 **1 KNOTS** &/or **1.15 MILES PER HOURS.***

## ***BOOM ANGLES for VARIOUS CURRENT SPEEDS***



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



***Single Diversion Boom Deployment with Shoreline Protection  
Red River of the North - Fargo, North Dakota***

# ***FAST RIVER BOOMING TECHNIQUES***

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***“ ROPE ” CASCADE DIVERSION BOOM DEPLOYMENT SYSTEMS***

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





***Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Blackstone River - Pawtucket, Rhode Island Area***





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



***FAST RIVER BOOMING TECHNIQUES***

***BANK to BANK ROPE SYSTEM***

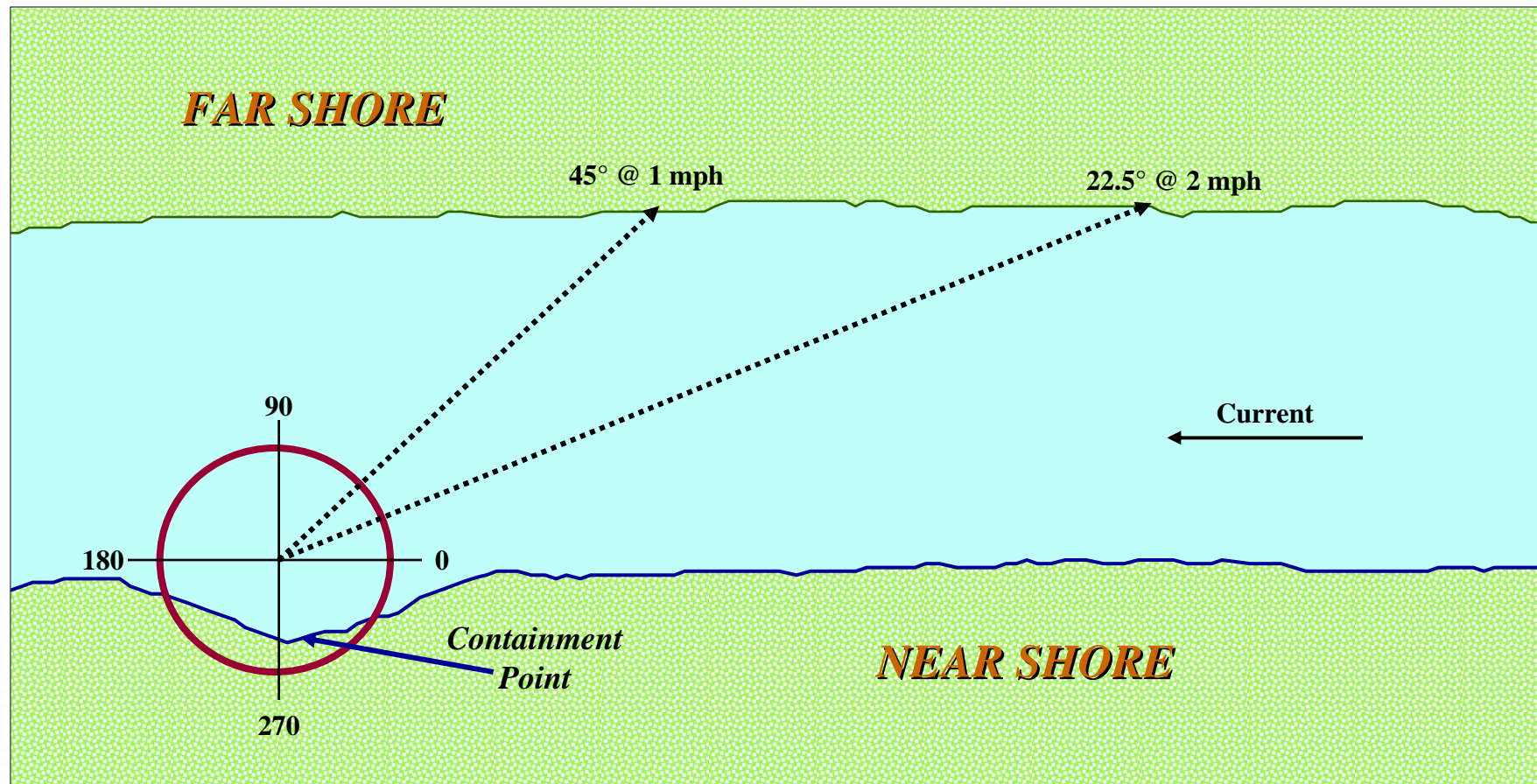
## *HOW DO WE BEGIN PROCESS of BOOMING the RIVER?*

### *ANSWER:*

*DIVIDE OIL SPILL RESPONSE GROUP into 3 SPILL  
RESPONSE TEAMS.*

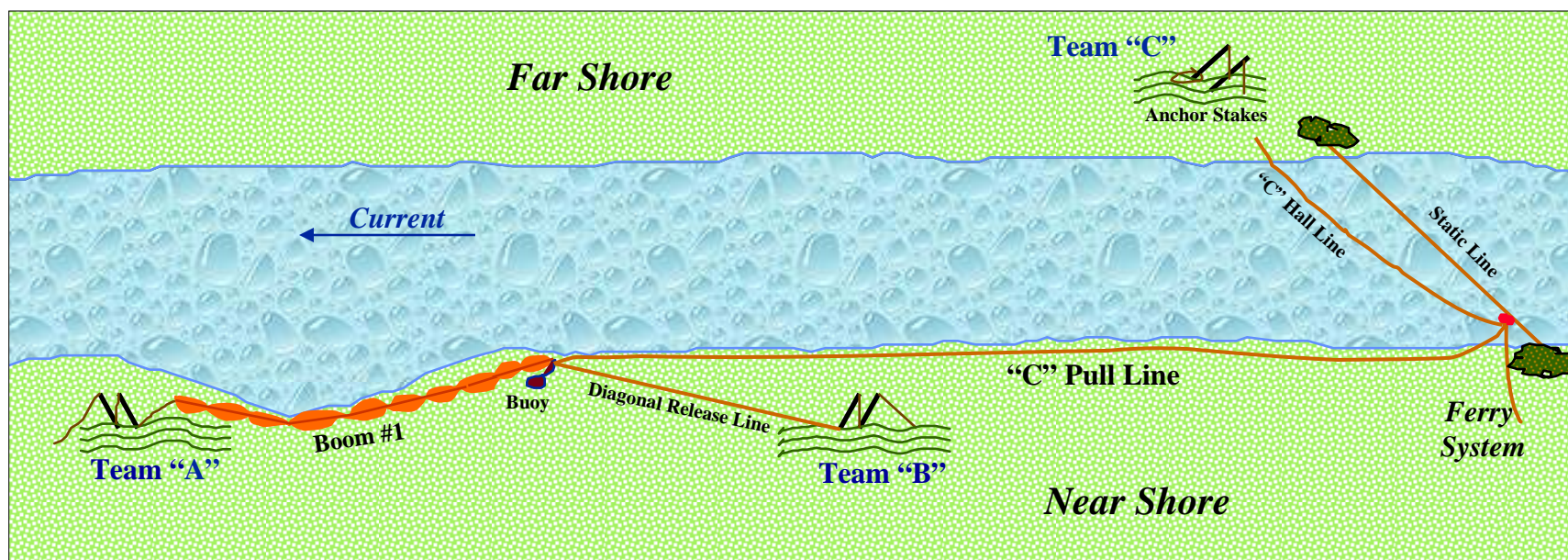
- *TEAM “A”*
- *TEAM “B”*
- *TEAM “C”*

## DETERMINING ANGLE to DEPLOY BOOM in FAST FLOWING RIVERS



## Fast River Boom Deployment

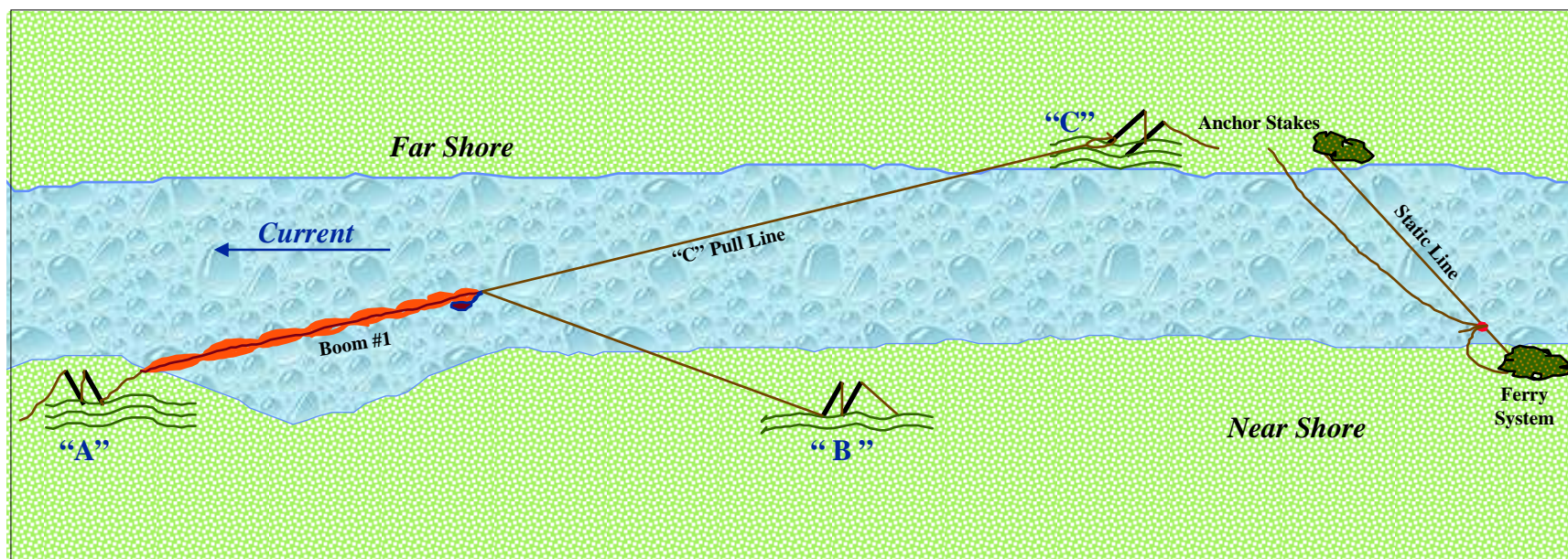
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*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System*

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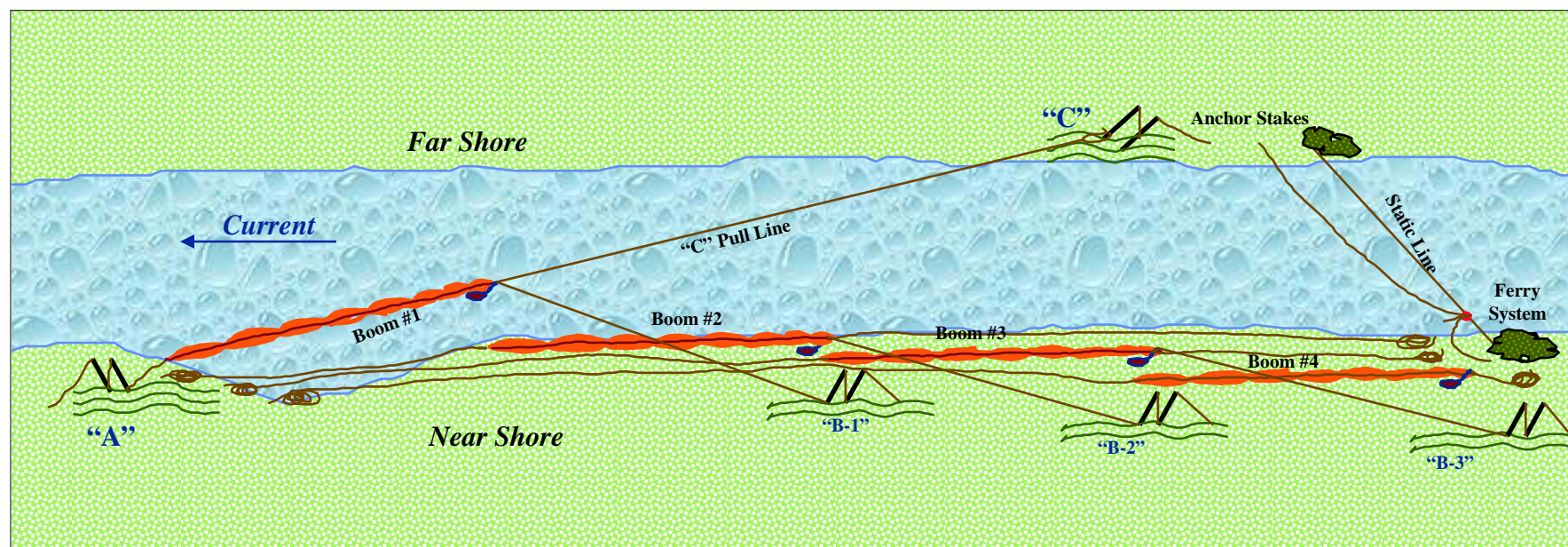
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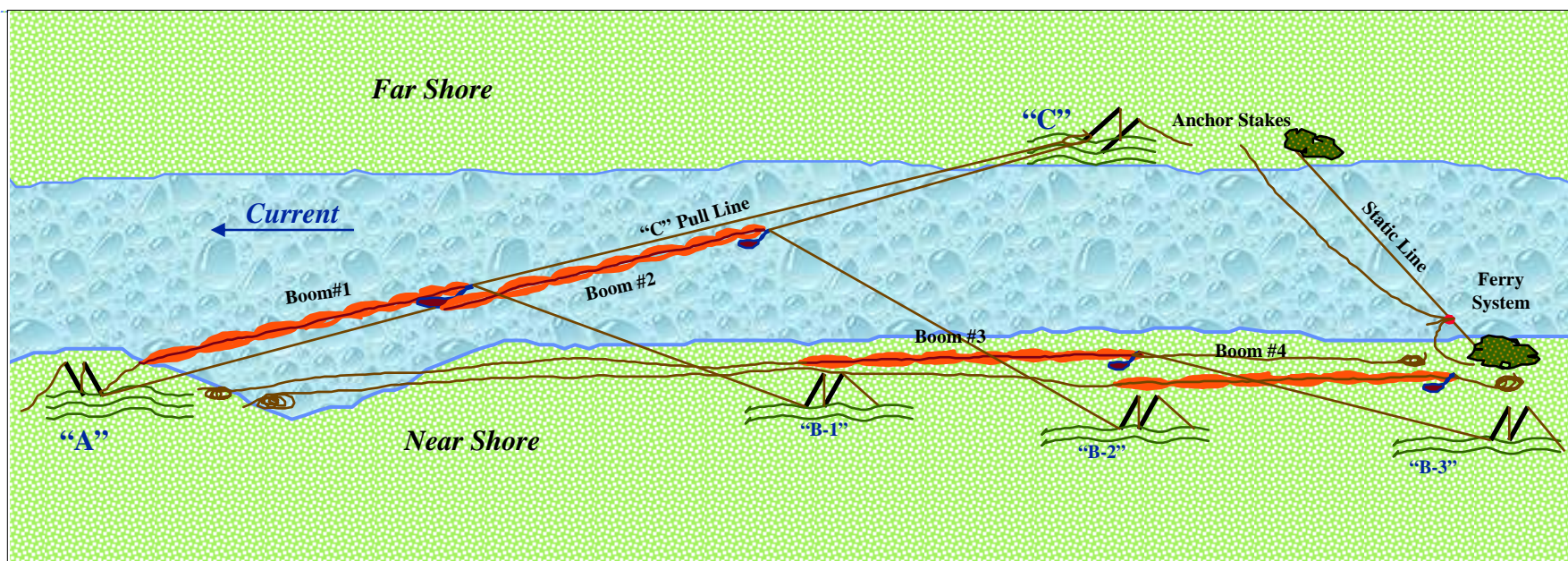
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## Fast River Boom Deployment

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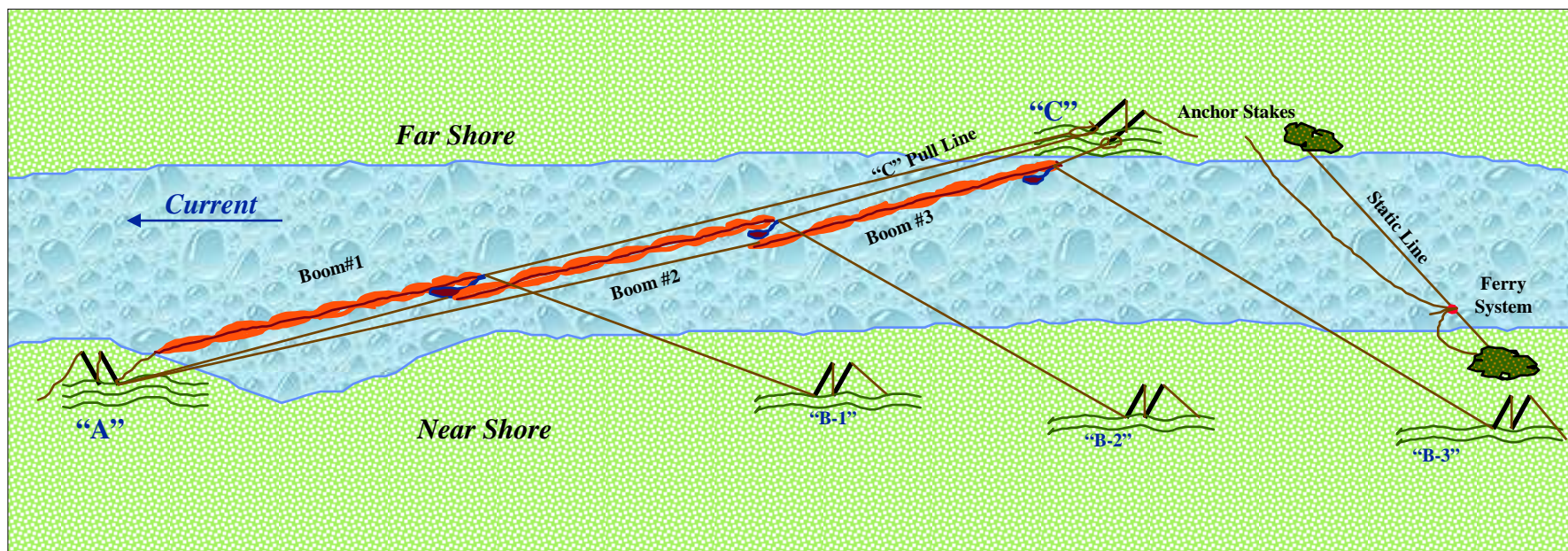


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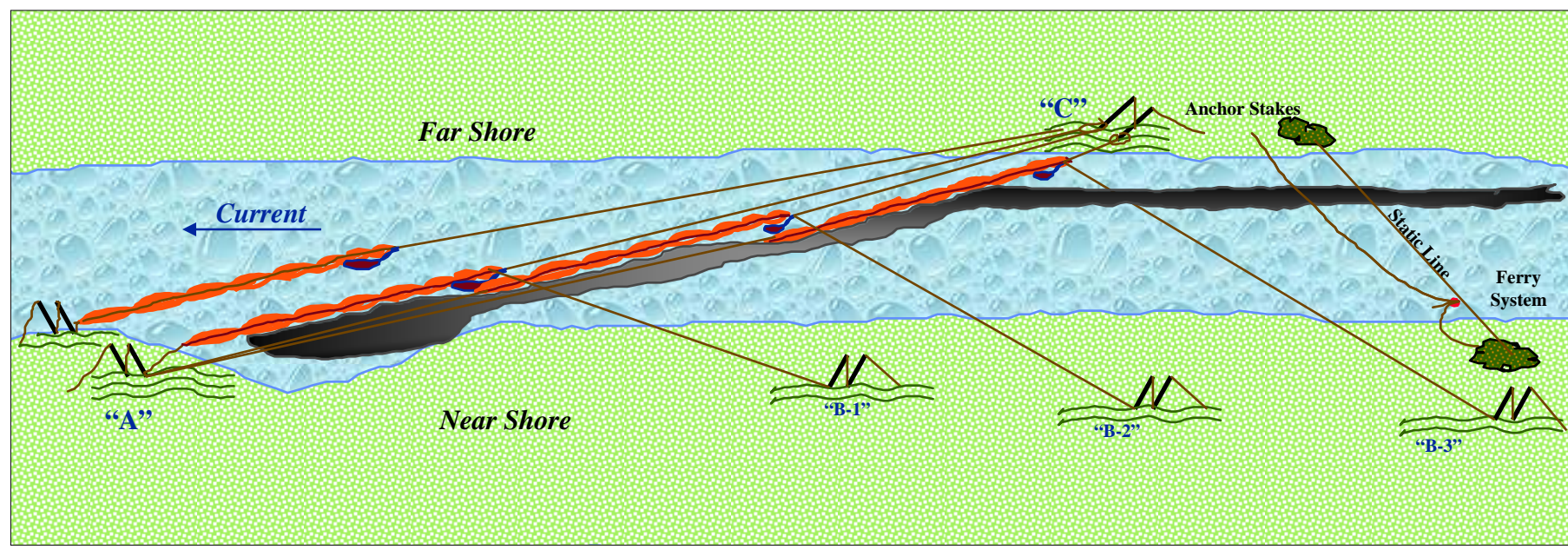
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**Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System**

## *Fast River Boom Deployment*

*Step 6.*



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System*



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





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





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





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



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





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



*No. 5 - Boom Deployed - Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System*





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



***Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
North Platte River - Guernsey, Wyoming***





***Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System***  
***Rio Grande - Taos, New Mexico***





***Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Boise River - Boise, Idaho Area***





***Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
San Juan River - Shiprock, New Mexico Area***





***Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Yellowstone River - Billings, Montana Area***





***Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Platte River - Casper, Wyoming Area***





***Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Stillwater River - Fitchburg, Massachusetts Area***





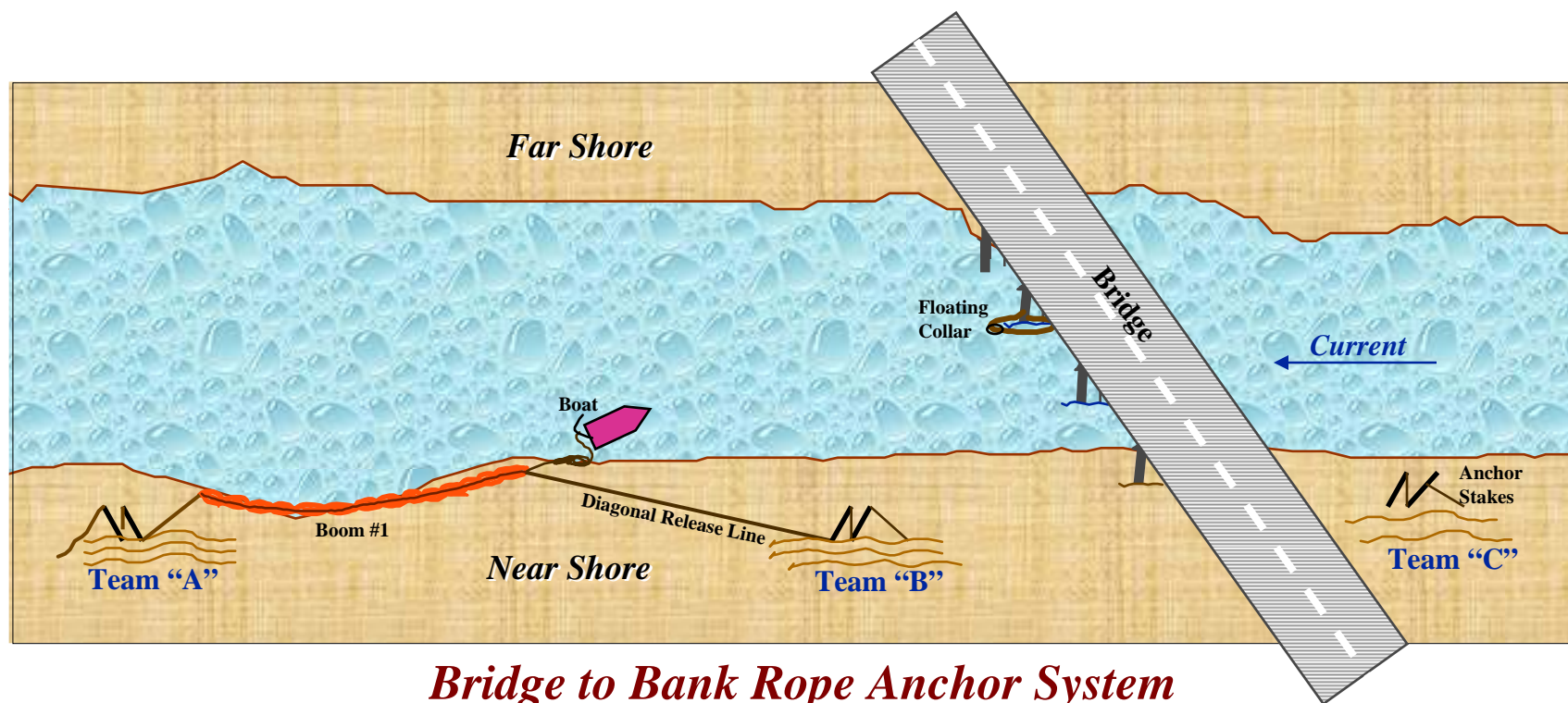
***Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Truckee River - Truckee, Nevada Area***

***FAST RIVER BOOMING TECHNIQUES***

***BRIDGE to BANK ROPE SYSTEM***

## *Fast River Boom Deployment*

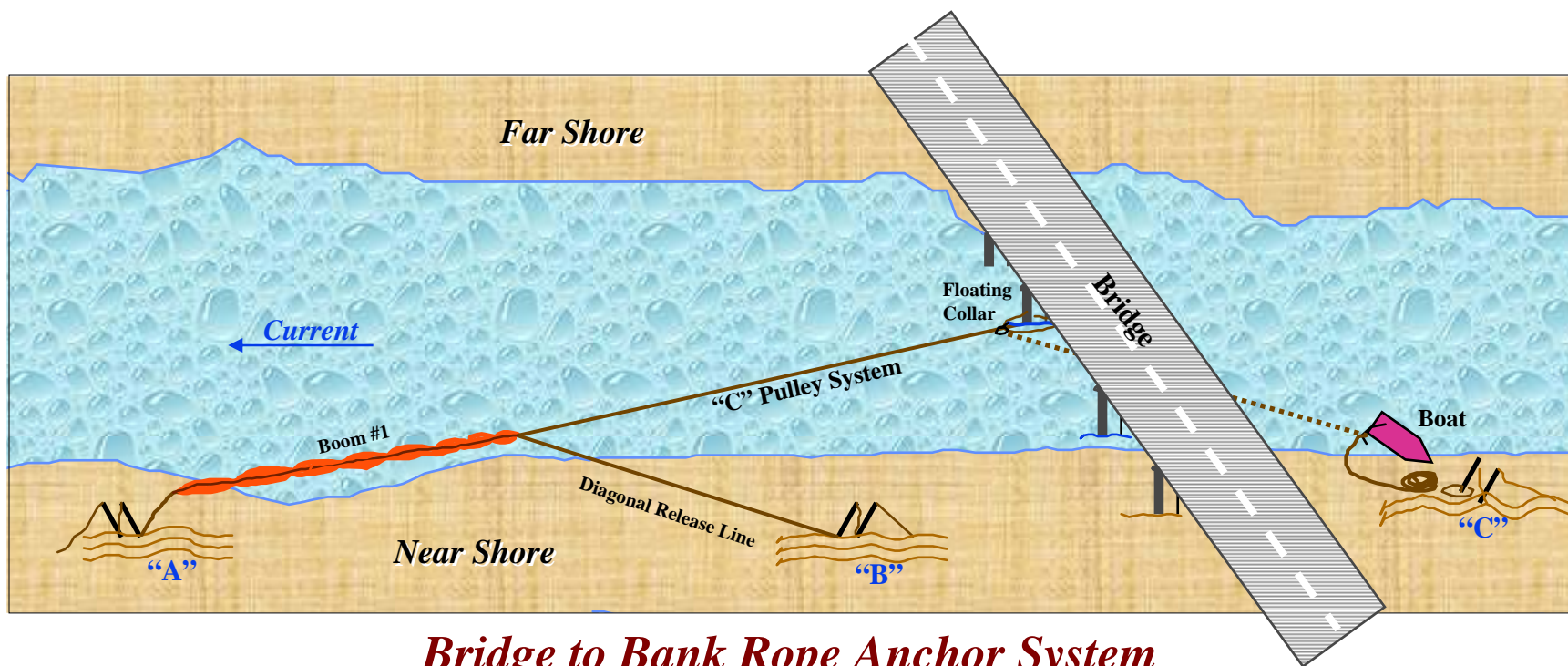
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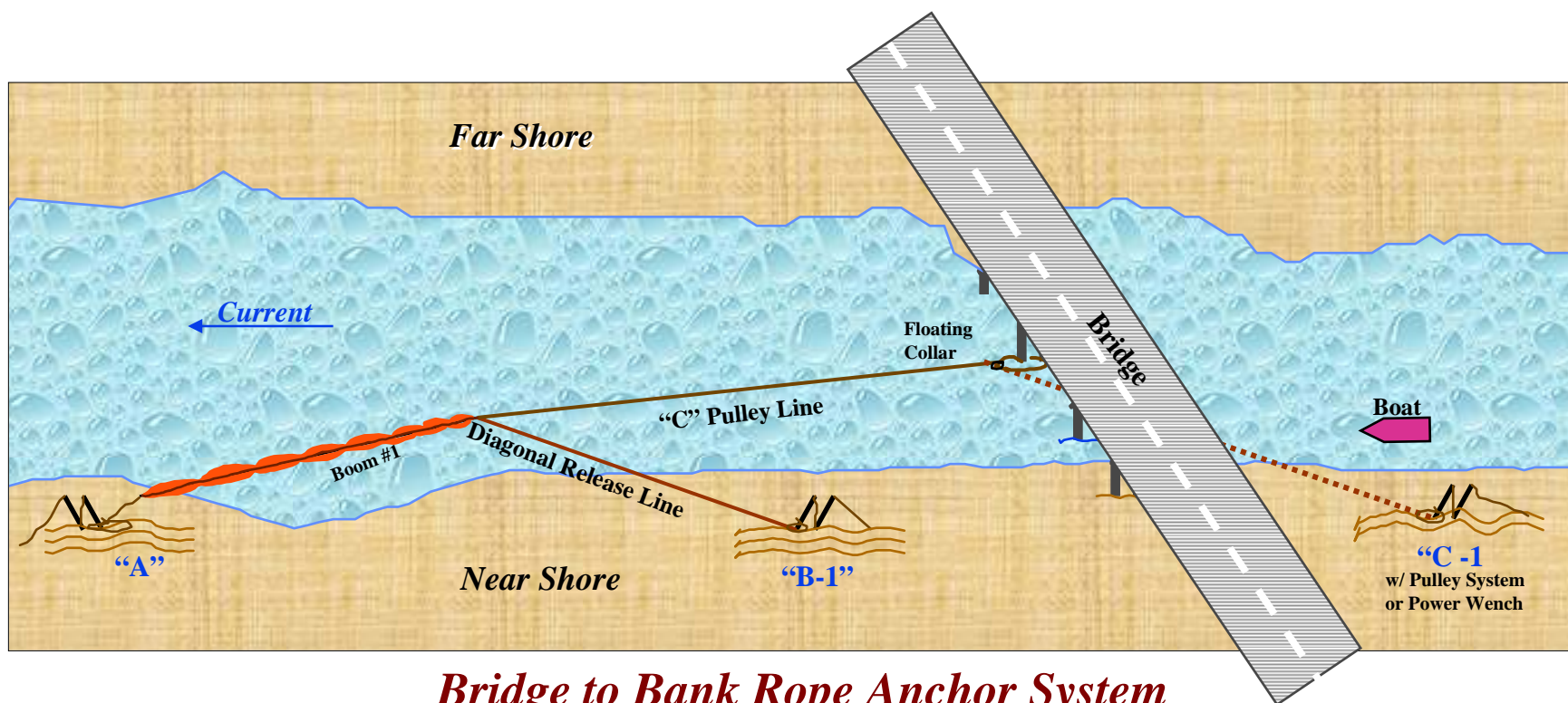
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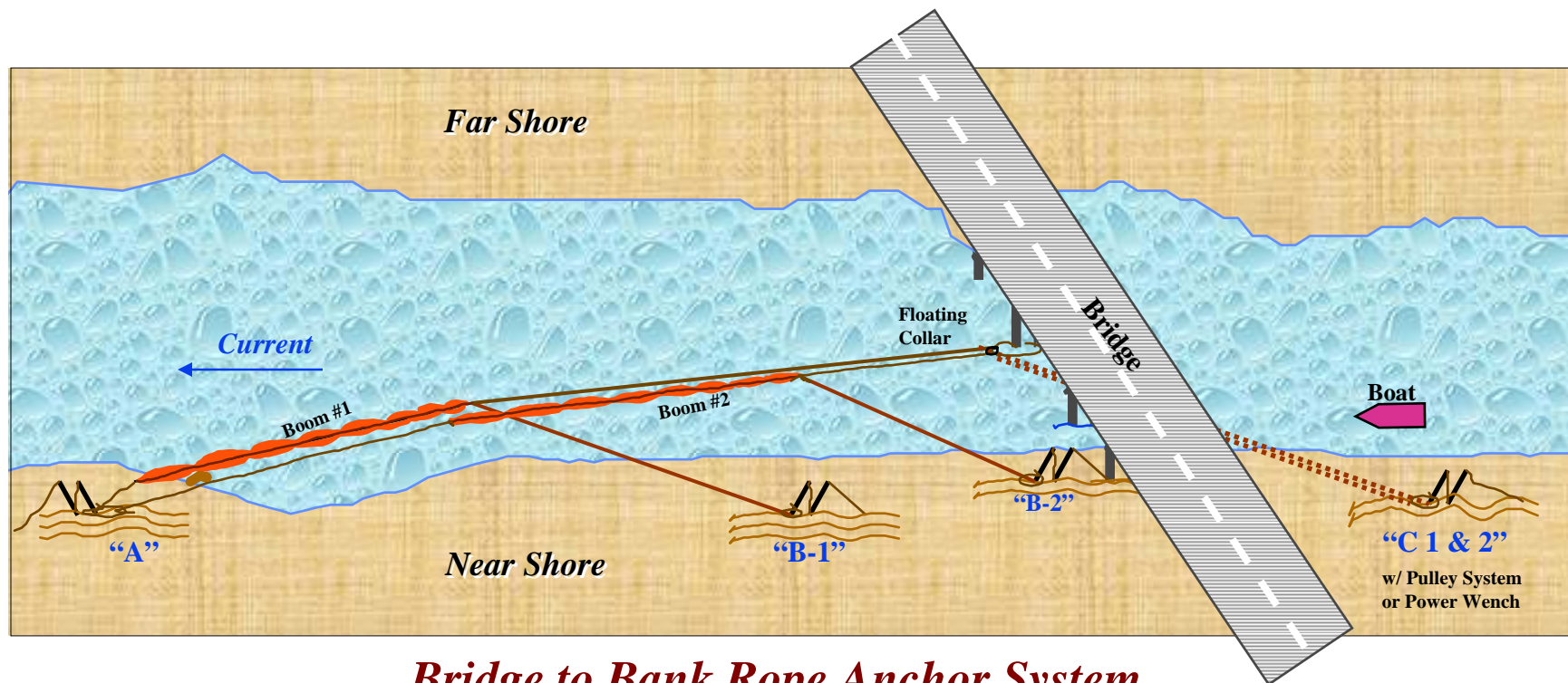
## *Fast Water Booming Technique*

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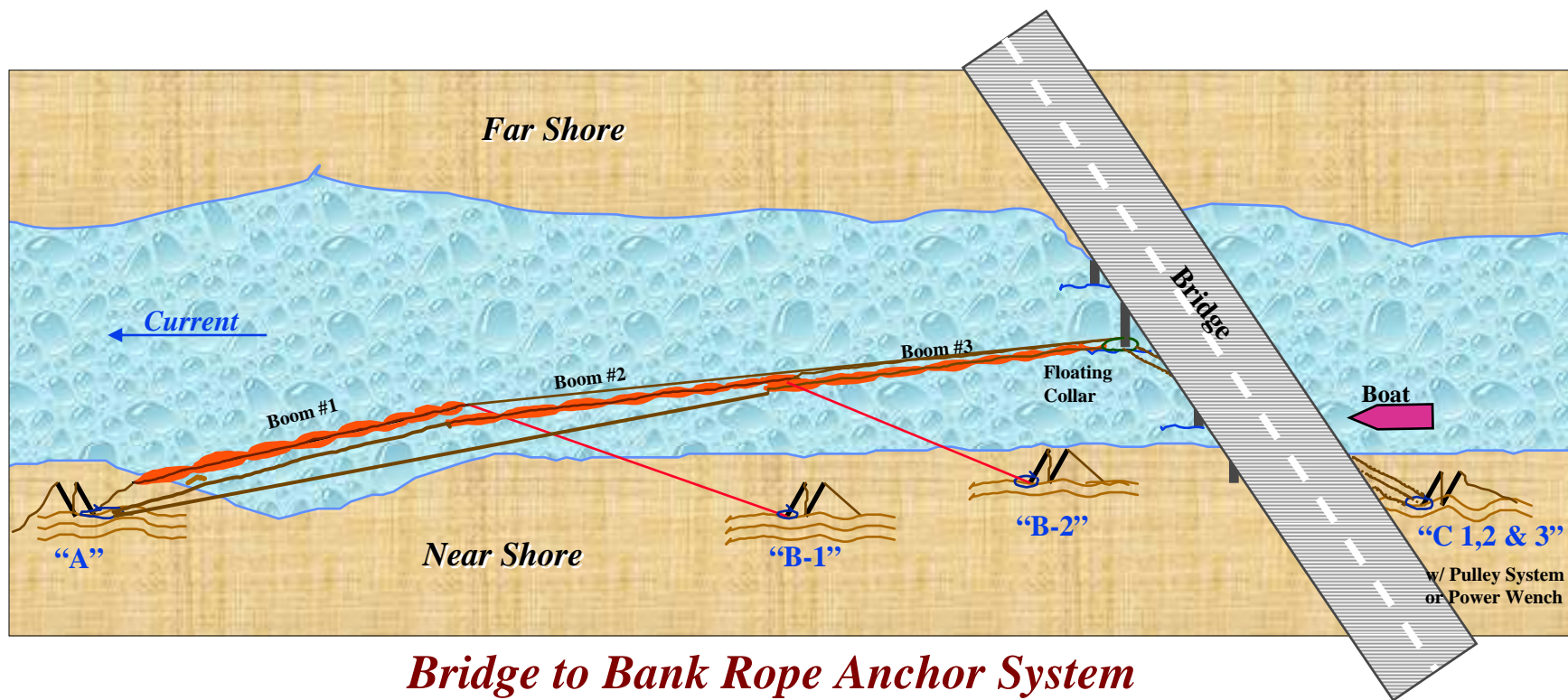
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*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System*

## *Fast River Boom Deployment*

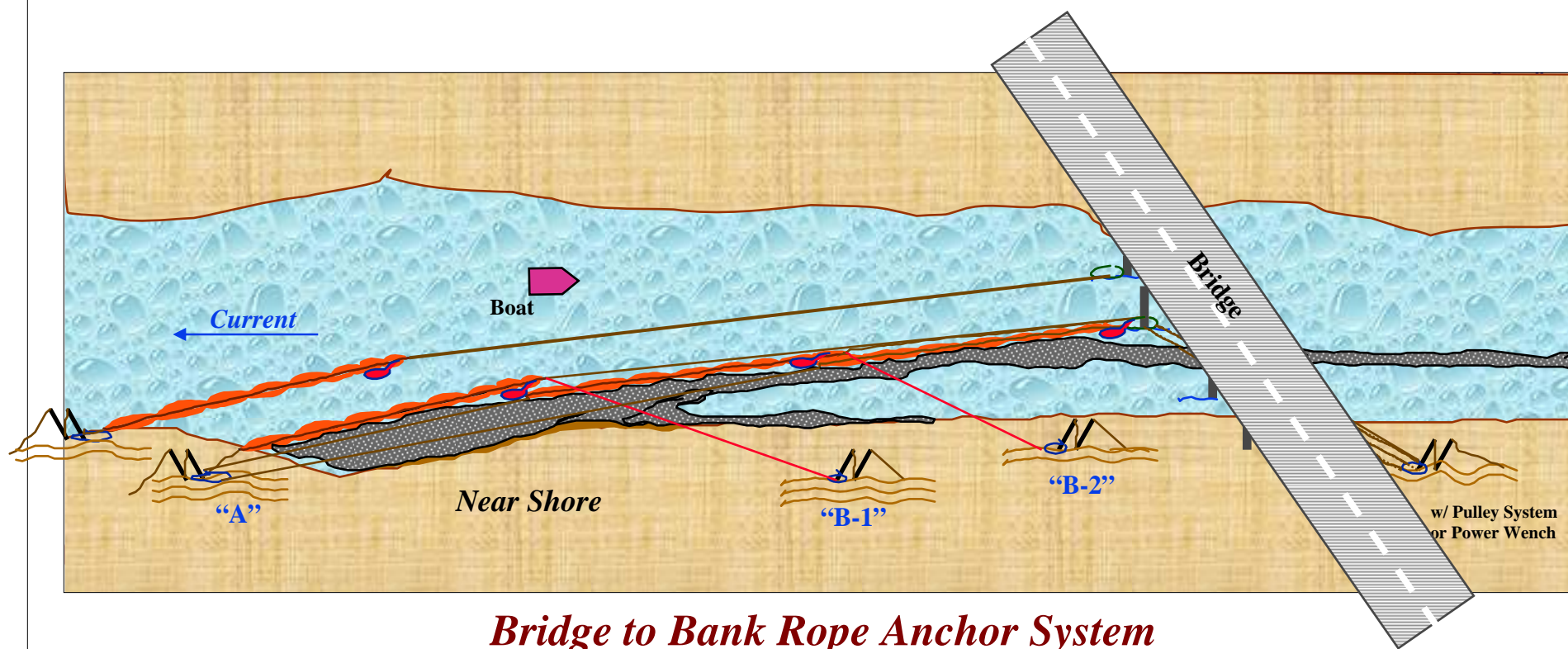
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*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System*

## *Fast River Boom Deployment*

*Step 6.*







*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Colorado River - Bullhead City, Arizona Area*



*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Rope Lead Anchor Collar Around Bridge Column  
Colorado River - Bullhead City, Arizona Area*





*Rope Being Pulled by Power Winch with Side Capstan Mounted on Stand  
Colorado River - Bullhead City, Arizona Area*



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RIVERS***



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





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





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



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





***Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Nonconnah Creek - Memphis, Tennessee Area***





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





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





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





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***Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System - Bridge Column  
Missouri River - Fort Benton, Montana***





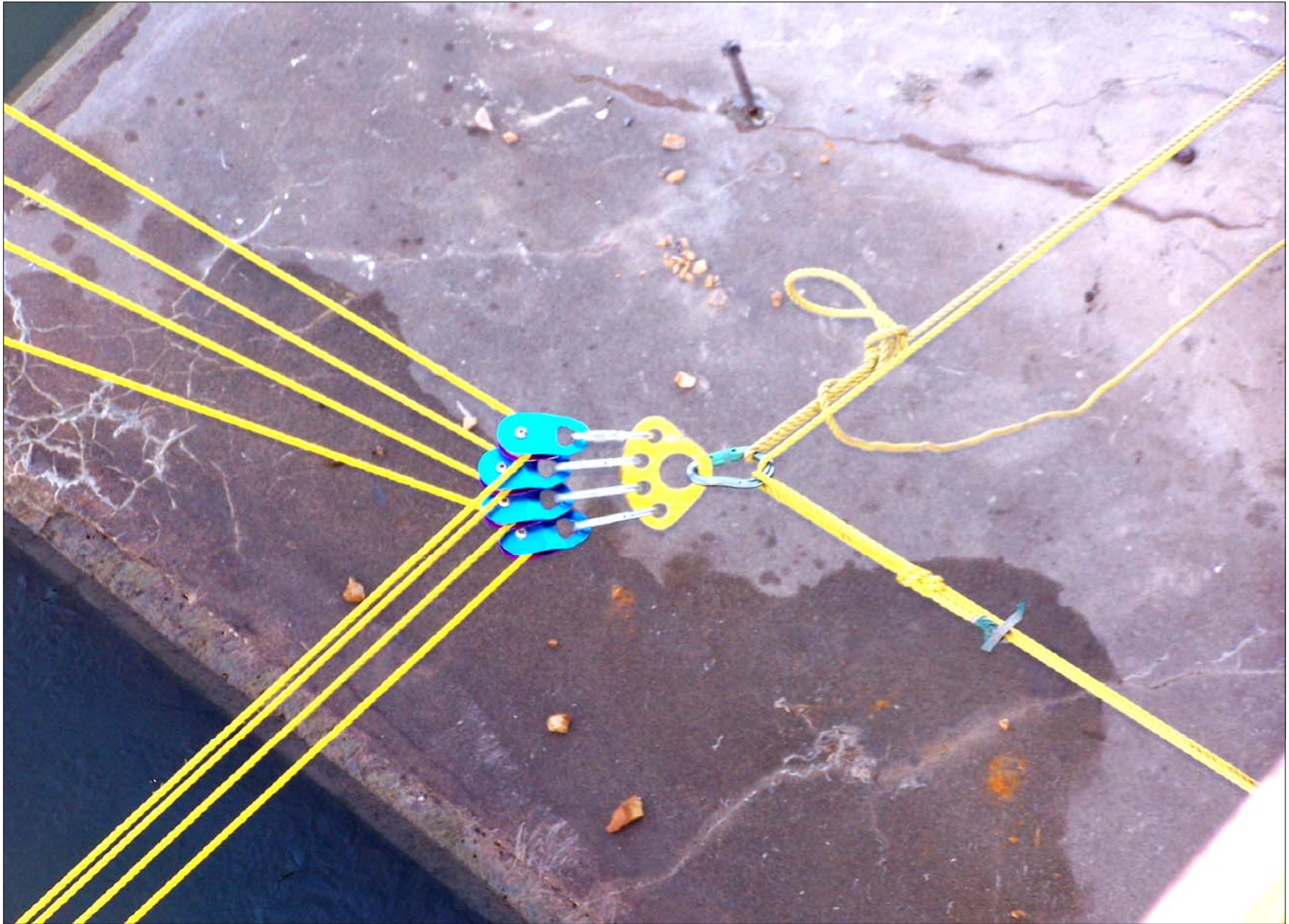
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Missouri River - Fort Benton, Montana***





***Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System - Bridge Column to Bank Anchor  
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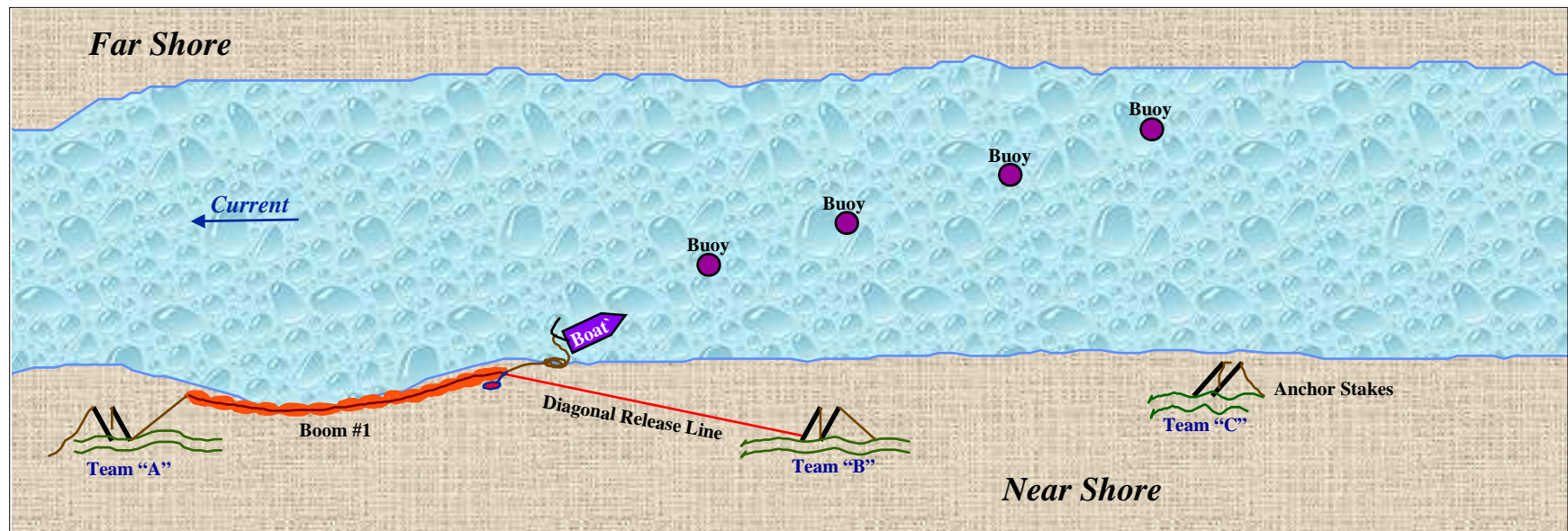


***FAST RIVER BOOMING TECHNIQUES***

***BUOY to BANK ROPE SYSTEM***

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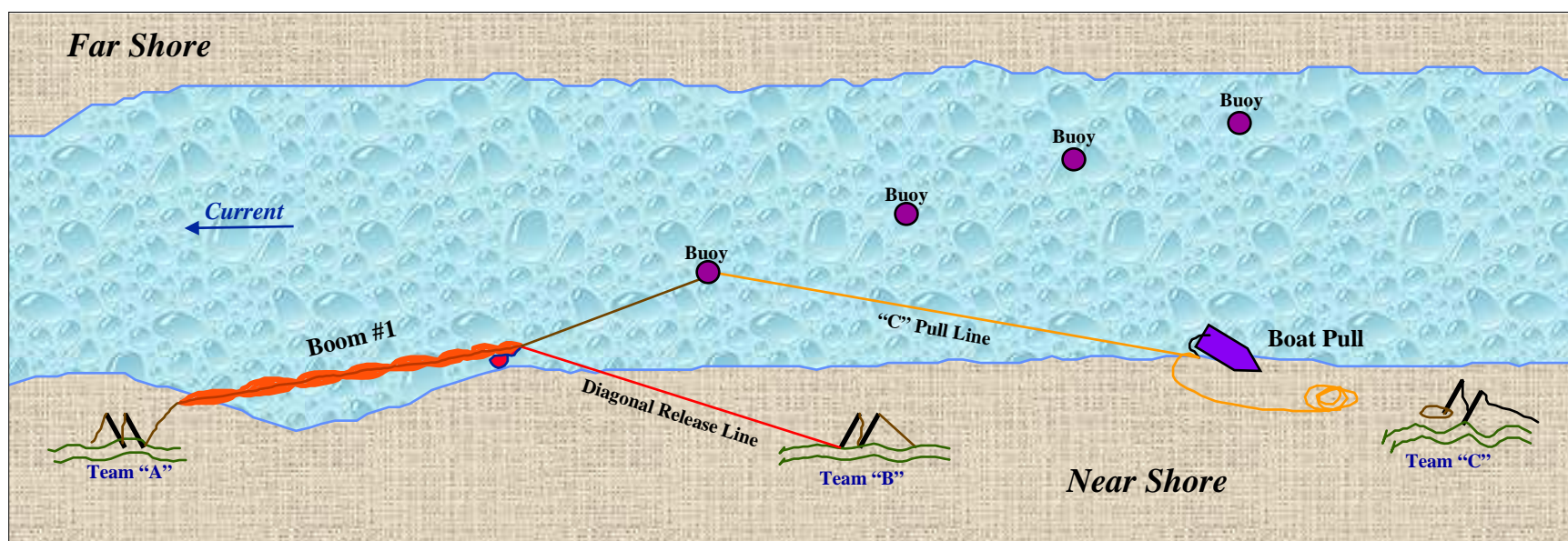


## *Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System*



## *Fast River Boom Deployment*

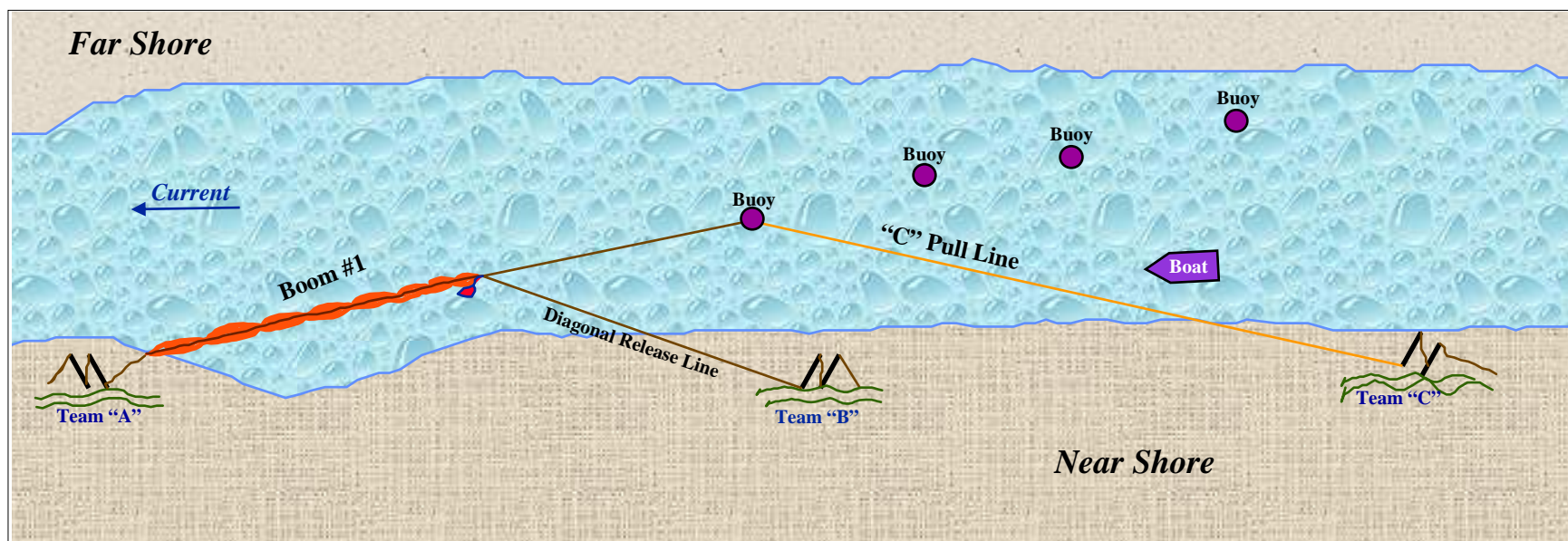
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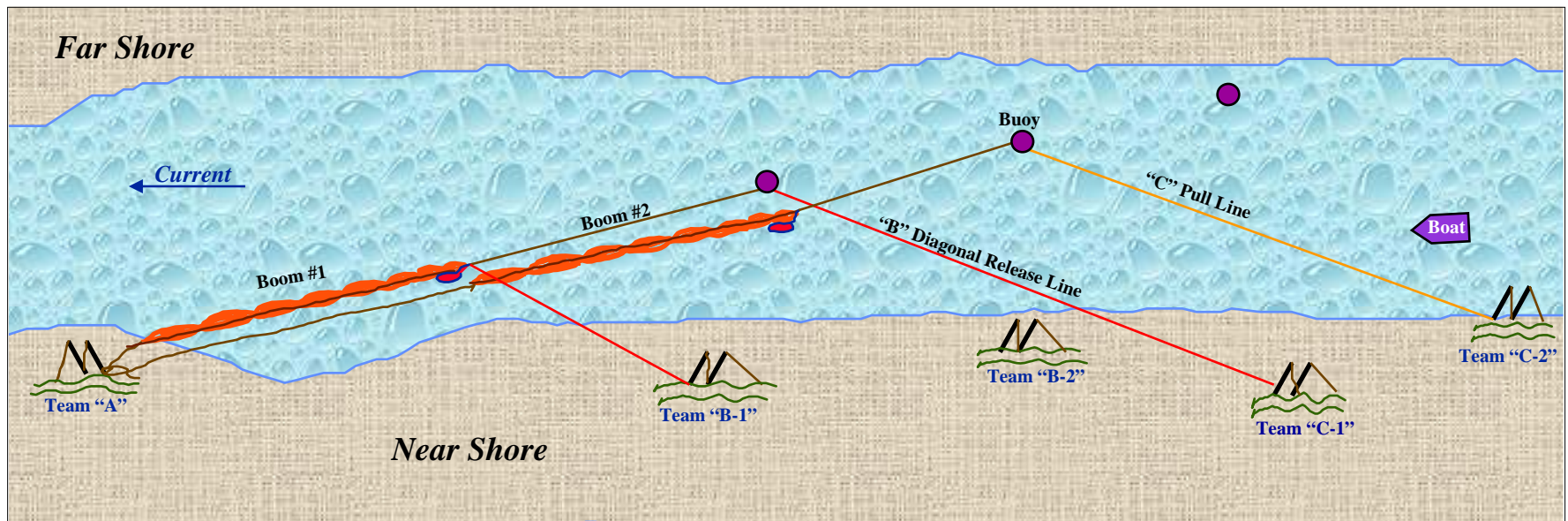
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*(Repeat Process for Each Boom Section)*



## Fast River Boom Deployment

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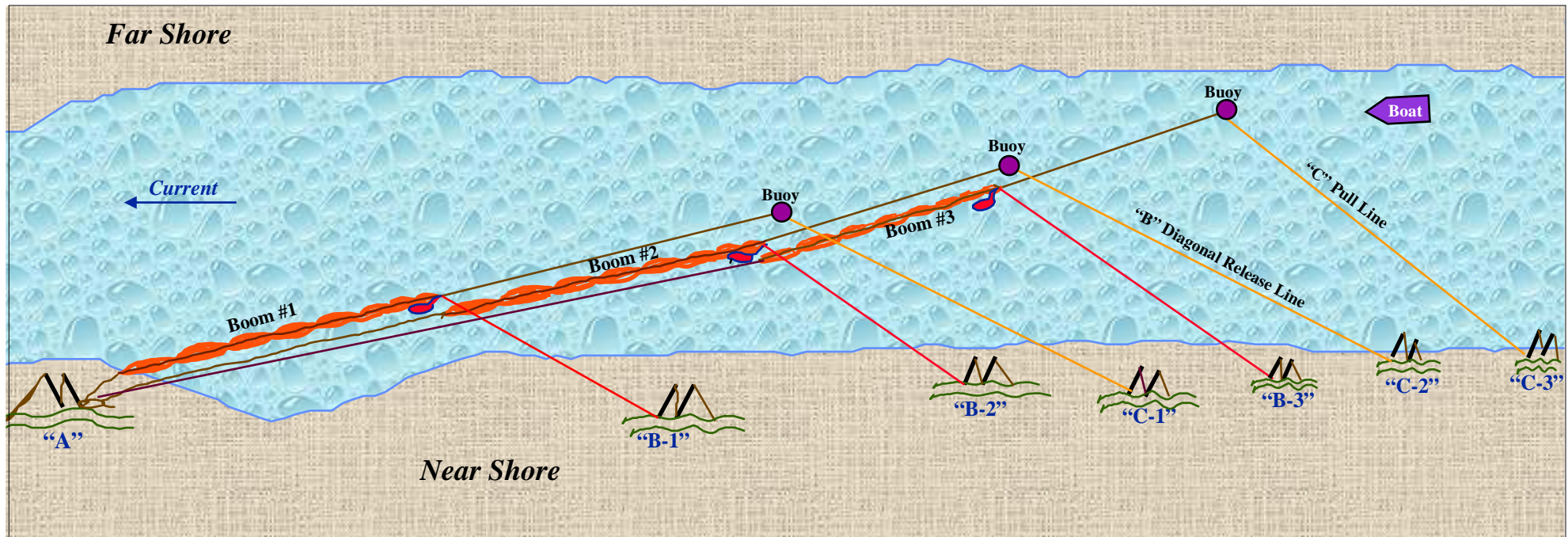


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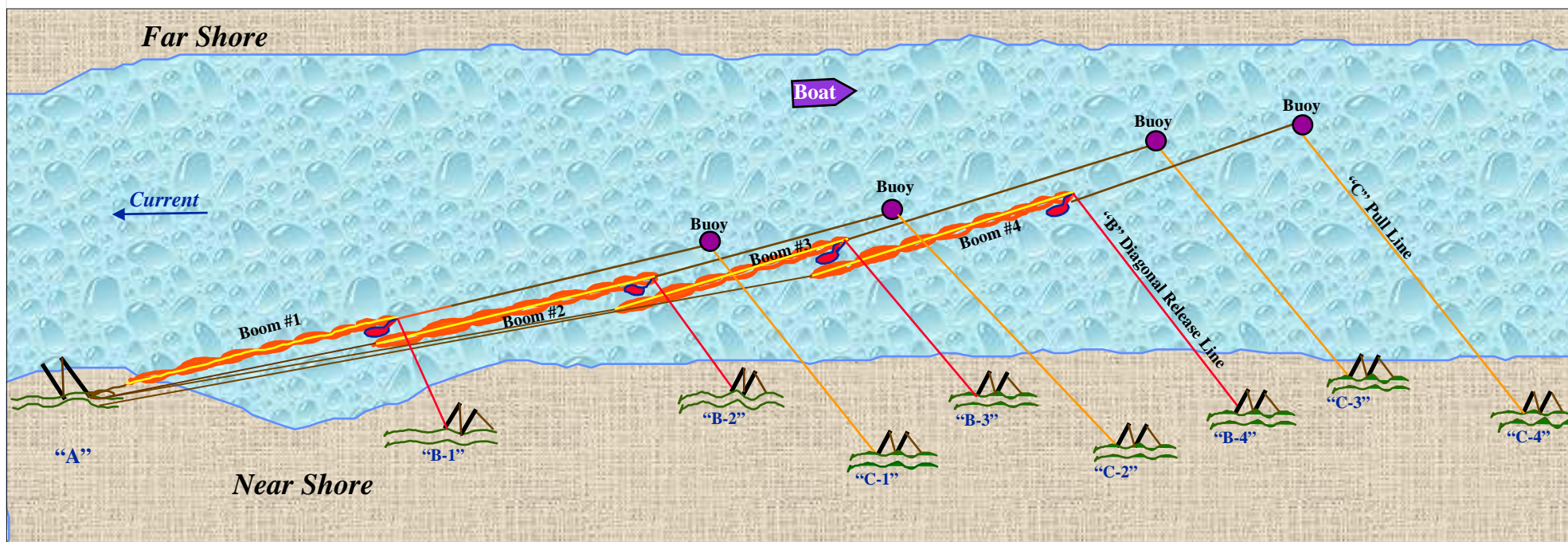


*Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System*



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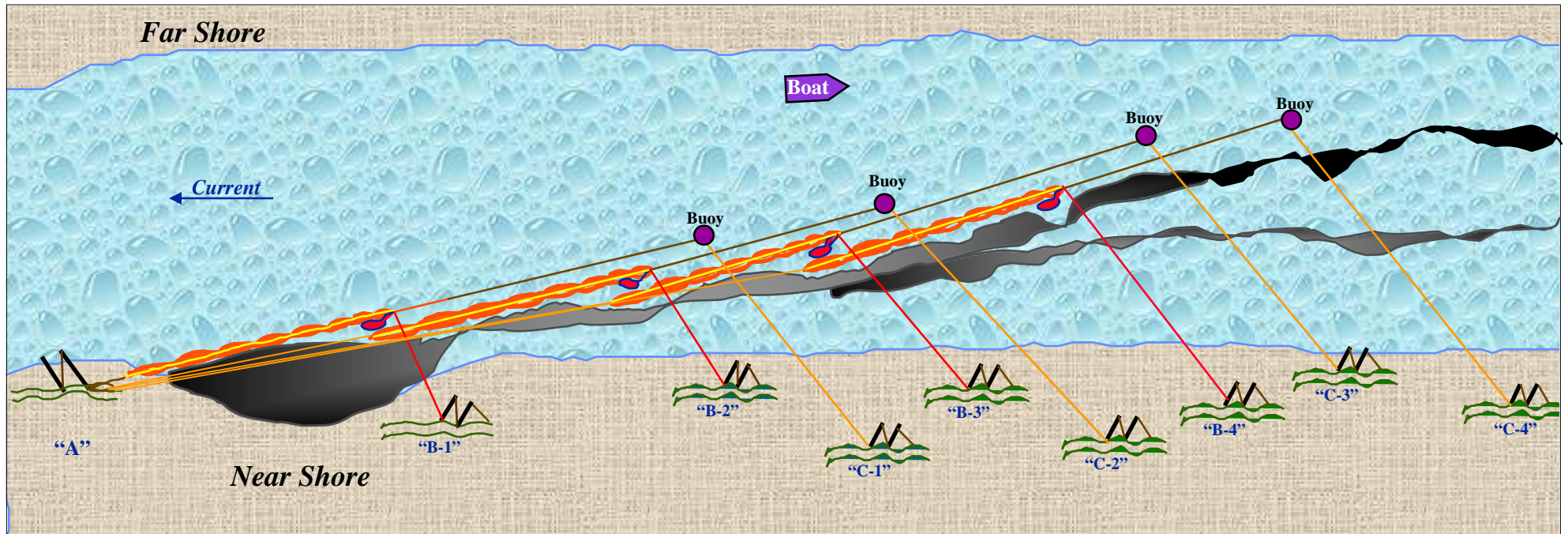
Step 6.



*Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System*

## Fast River Boom Deployment

Step 7.



## *Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System*





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





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





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





*Buoy to Bank Anchor System  
USCG Buoy Tender in Position to Drop 1600 lb. Sinker with Buoy  
Missouri River - St. Louis, Missouri Area*





***Buoy to Bank Anchor System***  
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***Missouri River - St. Louis, Missouri Area***

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***Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System  
Mississippi River - St. Louis, Missouri Area***



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( *i.e. Disposal* )

*The RESPONSE STRATEGY that is SELECTED WILL DEPEND  
on the FOLLOWING FACTORS:*

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- *TYPE of WATER BODY*
- *CURRENT SPEED*
- *SHORELINE CONFIGURATION*
- *NATURAL COLLECTION POINTS*
- *WATER DEPTH*
- *AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT*
- *AVAILABLE MANPOWER*
- *AMOUNT of OIL SPILLED*
- *WEATHER CONDITIONS*
- *TIME of YEAR*



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

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- *If the RIVER LOOKS FAST - then CONSIDER IT'S FAST.*

- *USE BOOM ANGLE CHART -*

*If in DOUBT ESTABLISH a 20-25 DEGREE POINT into the RIVER  
CURRENT to ESTABLISH BOOM DEPLOYMENT & ANCHORING POINTS.*

*A GIVEN - “The FASTER the RIVER CURRENT”*

- *The SMALLER the ANGLE into the RIVER CURRENT to DETERMINE  
BOOM DEPLOYMENT ANGLE & 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 )*

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RIVERS*



***DON'T LET THIS BE YOUR BOOM DEPLOYMENT***