

Rocket Scooter

A Study Textbook

Print preview — Chapters 1–4
(plus front matter)

VerbonZone

Drawn from Matt's teaching
Year-one corpus sample

Set in Liberation Serif / Sans — 15 pt body, ~0.9 in margins, US
Letter. Large-print friendly for on-screen review and printing.

Not financial advice. This textbook is an educational synthesis of public Rocket Scooter / Futures Trading with Matt stream teaching only. Futures trading involves substantial risk of loss. Risk-interval (RI) numbers change daily — pull today's RI from the platform. Nothing here is a trade recommendation or solicitation.

00 — Front Matter: How to Use This Textbook

Rocket Scooter — College Textbook Edition

Synthesized for VerbonZone from Matt’s public streams
(@FuturesTradingWithMatt / Rocket Scooter community).

Learning objectives

- Explain what this textbook is (and is not) relative to live streams and transcript dumps.
- Locate the corpus window, ASR caveat, and VerbonZone study shelf.
- Choose a study path through chapters 01–15 using Watch links with charts open.
- Distinguish thick (well-evidenced) topics from thin (limited-evidence) topics.

Main teaching

What this book is

This is a **student textbook**: clear prose, learning objectives, key terms, references, summaries, and judgment questions. It is **not** a dump of stream transcripts. Ideas that repeat across Matt’s year-one mornings are merged into one explanation, then backed with timestamped Watch clips and VerbonZone hops.

Source teacher: Matt — Futures Trading with Matt / Rocket Scooter community.

Study shelf: VerbonZone (verbonzone.com) holds the plain-text book, one-hop lookups (`rs-*.txt`), and lecture pages.

Corpus window

Item	Detail
Window	~2025-09-16 → 2026-09-18 (year-one edition)
Manifest	~316 videos; ~313 trimmed teaching files; ~315 timed-caption sets
Topic index	~15,792 hits across 19 topic keys
Public how-to (prior spine)	https://verbonzone.com/rocket-scooter.txt
This textbook (publish)	https://verbonzone.com/rocket-scooter-textbook.txt
One-hop lookup	https://verbonzone.com/rs-lookup.txt

How to use Watch links

Every major concept includes links like:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIDEO_ID&t=SECONDS

1. Open the link — YouTube jumps near that teaching moment.
2. Timestamps come from auto-captions ($\pm$ a few seconds typical).
3. If a clip feels off, scrub a few seconds or open the matching `rs-*.txt` / lecture page.
4. Prefer watching with your chart open and the same marks Matt is discussing.

ASR caveat (read once)

YouTube auto-captions are imperfect. They often mishear **VARIS** as “varus / various / Varys,” garble tickers, and drop words. This textbook writes terms correctly in prose. Quotes in the topic index may be lightly cleaned or paraphrased. Scrub a few seconds if a clip landing feels wrong.

Video lectures

Lecture (video-book) pages package a subject with a short how-to plus curated Watch packs:

- **Half-gap (live):** <https://verbonzone.com/lecture-half-gap.txt>
- Other lecture subjects: TBD (see Appendix B)

Suggested study path

Front matter → What is RS → Platform → VWAP → Half-gap → Gap-fill → RI → VARIS → Rocket/HV → Confluence → Entries → Risk → Overnight → ARB → Instruments → Day checklist.

Replay Watch links while charts are open. Use Appendix A when you need a URL hop.

Caveats that apply to every chapter

- **Not financial advice.** Educational synthesis of public stream teaching only. Futures trading involves substantial risk of loss.
- **RI numbers change.** Pull today's RI from the platform. Stream callouts (e.g. NQ/MNQ ~288, ES/MES ~70 on late-sample days) are **day examples**, not fixed defaults.
- **Thin topics stay thin.** Prop rules, open-drive theory, and micros-only curriculum have limited index hits. Chapters mark limited evidence; they do not invent rules.

Voice of this textbook

College textbook tone: clear, structured, respectful of Matt as source teacher and VerbonZone as the study shelf. No hype. Judgment questions encourage thinking, not rote answers.

Key terms

- **Year-one corpus** — Matt mornings / Rocket Scooter streams roughly 2025-09-16 through 2026-09-18.
- **VerbonZone** — Public study shelf for Rocket Scooter lookups, lectures, and this textbook.
- **Watch link** — YouTube URL with `&t=SECONDS` landing near a teaching moment.
- **ASR** — Automatic speech recognition (YouTube captions); imperfect for trading jargon.
- **Thick / thin topic** — Well-covered vs limited-evidence concepts in the year-one index.

References

VerbonZone

- Master how-to book: <https://verbonzone.com/rocket-scooter.txt>
- This textbook: <https://verbonzone.com/rocket-scooter-textbook.txt>
- Lookup index: <https://verbonzone.com/rs-lookup.txt>
- Lecture half-gap: <https://verbonzone.com/lecture-half-gap.txt>

Watch (year-one corpus)

- Platform identity / HV pivots rundown (2026-08): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vO-weiulynI&t=13693>
- Predictable HV pivot framing (2025-09): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCw6abQSxcY&t=12118>
- Teachable style / platform identity (2025-11): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2sXPmMz0os&t=8187>

Chapter summary

- This textbook synthesizes repeating teaching into student chapters; it is not a transcript dump.
- Corpus window is ~2025-09-16 → 2026-09-18; Watch links use auto-caption timestamps.
- VerbonZone holds the plain-text publish copy, `rs-*.txt` hops, and lecture pages.
- ASR mishears jargon (especially VARIS); prose here uses correct terms.
- Thick topics dominate; thin topics are labeled, not invented.
- Study with charts open; use the day checklist (Ch. 15) after core chapters.
- Not financial advice; RI is day-specific from the platform.

Questions to think about

1. How does a synthesized textbook differ from watching one random stream end-to-end?
2. Why does the ASR caveat matter specifically for VARIS and RI language?
3. Which VerbonZone URL would you open first if you forgot a definition mid-session?
4. If a Watch link lands a few seconds early or late, what should you do before concluding the clip is “wrong”?
5. Which thin topics should you refuse to over-trade until you have more personal evidence?

01 — What Is Rocket Scooter

Learning objectives

- Define Rocket Scooter as both a platform and a way of reading the day.
- List the core level stack Matt teaches across the year-one corpus.
- Distinguish platform numbers from strategy decisions and community overlays.
- Sketch a simplified day-shape from overnight through late session.
- Identify which topics are strongest vs still thin after a full year of streams.

Main teaching

In one sentence

Rocket Scooter is both a **trading platform** and a **way of reading the day**: high-volume pivots, risk intervals from CME-style margin math, VWAP-centered VARIS bands, gap / half-gap structure, overnight and hedge-pressure levels, plus confluence reads (resilience, ARB, and related tools).

What the platform gives you

Repeated rundowns across the year land on the same stack:

- High-volume pivots (the yellow “rocket” lines people trade)
- Risk intervals and DD bands
- Overnight / dynamic hedge pressure and monthly hedge pressure (MHP)
- Gap-fill context
- Resilience-style strength reads on the underlying
- Community overlays around VWAP (VARIS / “Varys” bands)

Matt does not present this as a black-box signal service. On stream he walks *which level, what confluence, and what size.*

Who the material fits

From how Matt teaches, this material fits traders who:

- Day-trade index futures (mostly **NQ / ES**, often with **MNQ / MES**)
- Want **pre-marked levels** instead of inventing support/resistance every morning
- Prefer a **mechanical backbone**: alert at a level → decide with confluence → size small until edge shows
- Are willing to learn a small vocabulary: VWAP, half-gap, RI, VARIS, DD band, MHP, ARB, resilience

Strategy vs platform vs overlays

Piece	Role
Platform	Numbers and lines: RI, DD, overnight / dynamic HP, MHP, HV pivots, scanners
Strategy	How you use them: wait for price at a level, read confluence, trade band-to-band or gap logic, manage risk
Community overlays	VARIS (dynamic RI around VWAP), ARB, Bookmap / order-flow as optional confluence

You can trade “just yellow lines + half-gaps” on a rough day when fancy confluence tools are down. The full stack is levels + VWAP/VARIS + confluence.

How a day often fits together

A simplified day-shape from habits that repeat (not a rigid script Matt reads every morning):

1. **Before / overnight** — Overnight / dynamic levels and RI numbers refresh from prior close / CME-style margin data. Hosts often pull RI for NQ / ES / gold from the platform table.

2. **Into the cash open** — Note gap vs prior close, half-gap, DD / MHP, and where VWAP will start mattering.
3. **Open / first hour** — Decide whether gap-fill, hold half-gap, or reclaim / lose VWAP is the story. Open-drive longs are **not** a default habit in the corpus (see Ch. 14).
4. **Mid-session** — Trade rocket / HV levels and VARIS band-to-band (“Honda”) with ARB / resilience as filters.
5. **Later day** — Same levels; often smaller size; respect when confluence flips.

Core vocabulary (preview)

- **VWAP** — Volume-weighted average price; center line for VARIS.
- **Risk interval (RI)** — Distance tied to CME margin / “margin-call distance” framing; **not** a Bollinger-style standard deviation. Per instrument; refreshes — pull from platform.
- **VARIS bands** — Dynamic half / full (and sometimes 2×) RI around VWAP; inner vs outer.
- **DD bands** — Static RI pivots from the platform’s daily math.
- **Half-gap** — Midpoint between open and prior close (also new-week opening half-gap).
- **Rocket / yellow levels** — Predicted high-volume pivots.
- **MHP / HP** — Monthly / hedge-pressure lines; strong planned pivots in boot-camp style examples.
- **ARB / resilience** — Confluence / strength reads (ARB also used as a scalping tell).

Year-one strength note

Teaching is **strongest** on VWAP + RI / VARIS, half-gap / gap-fill, rocket / HV levels, confluence sizing, ARB/resilience, and live entry management.

Thinner even after ~316 videos: formal prop-firm compliance, open-drive theory, micros-only setup. Later chapters say when evidence is limited.

Key terms

- **Rocket Scooter** — Platform plus playbook: HV pivots, RI, HP/MHP, gap tools, strength reads.
- **Platform vs strategy** — Platform publishes numbers/lines; strategy is how you wait, filter, and size.
- **Confluence** — Agreement among independent reads (level + VWAP side + ARB/resilience, etc.) that grades size.
- **Day-shape** — Simplified overnight → open → mid → late pattern of habits, not a rigid checklist.

References

VerbonZone

- Book section Overview: <https://verbonzone.com/rocket-scooter.txt> (search “01 — Overview”)
- Topic hop: <https://verbonzone.com/rs-rocket-scooter.txt>
- Lookup index: <https://verbonzone.com/rs-lookup.txt>

Watch (year-one corpus)

- Predictable HV pivots — orange/green RI framing (2025-09): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCw6abQSxcY&t=12118>
- Rocket Scooter in one breath — HV, RI, overnight HP, resilience (2026-08): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vO-weiulynI&t=13693>
- Yellow HV pivot bounce — “what Rocket Scooter is” (2026-08): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vO-weiulynI&t=13734>
- Overnight levels + predicting volume before the session (2026-09): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jE6Pbo44sjA&t=8658>

- Half-gaps + yellow lines as S/R when confluence tools offline (2026-09): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PX4O2lA6eDw&t=8604>
- Confluence → size ladder (2025-12): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tKnManUmpQ8&t=5161>

Chapter summary

- Rocket Scooter is both a platform (numbers/lines) and a strategy of waiting at levels with confluence.
- Core stack: HV/rocket levels, RI/DD, overnight HP/MHP, gap/half-gap, VWAP/VARIS, ARB/resilience.
- On a rough day, yellow lines + half-gaps alone can still be traded as S/R.
- A simplified day runs overnight marks → open gap story → mid-session band/rocket trades → smaller late size.
- Confluence grades size more than FOMO does.
- Year-one evidence is thick on core levels and thin on prop/open-drive/micros curriculum.
- Vocabulary preview prepares chapters 03–13; RI must be pulled fresh each day.

Questions to think about

1. If confluence tools are down, what minimum stack does Matt still trade — and why is that pedagogically useful?
2. How would you explain “platform vs strategy” to a classmate who only wants entry signals?
3. Which part of the day-shape is most likely to fail if overnight levels have not refreshed?
4. Why is “not a signals black box” an important framing for a textbook student?

5. Name two thick and two thin topics you should treat differently in your own notes.

02 — Platform Setup Essentials

Learning objectives

- Describe what the Rocket Scooter platform publishes for a typical futures day.
- Locate risk-interval (RARI/RI) numbers on the platform table.
- Explain overnight-level refresh and caching quirks in practical terms.
- List a minimum chart stack that works with the platform numbers.
- Recognize that first-time wiring help is Discord-first (limited polished install video).

Main teaching

What you are setting up

Rocket Scooter as used on stream is a **web / server-side platform** that publishes:

- Risk interval numbers per instrument (often shown as **RARI / RI** and **DD** columns)
- Overnight / dynamic levels and hedge-pressure related lines
- High-volume / rocket pivots
- Related scanners and feeds

Community indicators (especially **VARIS** around VWAP) need the **RI number** from the platform (or from a streamer / Discord) to plot correctly.

Where to find setup help (as taught on stream)

When someone asked for a step-by-step after signing up:

1. Use the **Rocket Scooter Discord**
2. Start in **platform setup**

3. Then **tech support** if still stuck

Matt has noted he did not always have one dedicated walkthrough video in the moment — Discord channels first. This textbook therefore teaches *how the numbers are used*, not every broker/chart plugin install path.

Getting risk interval numbers

A clear walkthrough pattern that repeats:

1. Open the Rocket Scooter platform.
2. Click the small **carrot / expand** control at the bottom.
3. Open the table (scanner / connections / events / feed area).
4. Go to the **risk interval / DD band** section.
5. Read the **RARI / RI column** for each instrument you trade (NQ, ES, MNQ, MES, gold, etc.).

Refresh the platform when you need a new RI number after the data rolls.

Overnight levels and caching quirks

Across months, hosts sometimes wait on overnight levels to appear, or note caching of the wrong day's MHP / overnight data. Teaching takeaways:

- Prefer the **overnight MHP / overnight levels** when the platform has refreshed correctly.
- If levels are missing at the bell, **wait** rather than inventing them.
- Static structures (DD, RI from prior close) still exist even when overnight HV lines are late.

Chart stack people use with the platform

From repeated stream talk (not a single mandated template):

- **VWAP** (session handling matters — overnight inclusion changes VARIS)
- **VARIS / Varys bands** (half / full / optional 2× RI)

- **DD bands** (static)
- **Yellow rocket / HV lines**, MHP, weekly / dynamic HP as available
- Half-gap and gap-fill marks
- Optional: Bookmap or other order-flow as confluence (Ch. 13)

Architecture color (not a setup step)

Matt briefly described indications computed **on a server and streamed to the platform** (security of the indication / not easily reverse-engineered on the client). Treat that as architecture context.

Limited-evidence note

`platform-setup` has hundreds of year-one index hits, but many are live troubleshooting rather than a beginner install guide. For first-time credentials and Discord channels, use the Discord **platform setup** path Matt pointed to — then return here for how the numbers enter the trade plan.

Key terms

- **RARI / RI column** — Platform table field holding today's risk-interval number per instrument.
- **DD column / DD bands** — Static RI-based daily pivots published beside RI.
- **Overnight / dynamic levels** — Session-pre or overnight HV/HP lines that must refresh before you invent marks.
- **Carrot / expand control** — UI control at the bottom of the platform used to open the RI/DD table.

References

VerbonZone

- Book section Platform Setup: <https://verbonzone.com/rocket-scooter.txt> (search “02 — Platform”)
- Topic hop: <https://verbonzone.com/rs-platform-setup.txt>
- RI hop: <https://verbonzone.com/rs-risk-interval.txt>

Watch (year-one corpus)

- Where to find platform setup / tech support after signup (2026-09): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jE6Pbo44sjA&t=12202>
- Find RI / DD on the platform table (carrot → RARI) (2026-08): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vO-weiuIynI&t=8002>
- Risk interval table at the bottom — lift the window (2026-08): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLr8IzA_lcs&t=12295
- RI from the Rocket Scooter platform itself (2026-06): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u40ESDD65kw&t=6847>
- RI comes from CME margin-style data on the platform (2026-09): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0jlukYhjQU&t=5567>
- Waiting on overnight futures levels (2026-09): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLOebitxKW0&t=1139>
- VARIS needs the RI number (2026-08): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pi7Xsc38r_Q&t=3992

Chapter summary

- The platform publishes RI/DD, overnight/dynamic levels, HV/rocket pivots, and related feeds.
- VARIS plotting requires today’s RI number from the platform (or stream/Discord).

- First-time setup help is Discord-first; this chapter is about using numbers, not every install path.
- Find RI via carrot → table → RARI/RI column; refresh when data rolls.
- If overnight levels are late, wait; DD/RI static structures still exist.
- Minimum chart stack: VWAP, VARIS, DD, yellows/MHP, half-gap/gap-fill.
- Server-side indication streaming is architecture color, not a checklist step.

Questions to think about

1. Why does inventing overnight levels when the platform is late create a false sense of precision?
2. Which column do you read for today's RI, and why must you re-check after a refresh?
3. If VARIS looks wrong on two charts, what platform/session setting should you inspect first?
4. How would you help a classmate who signed up but cannot find the RI table?
5. What is the difference between a troubleshooting hit in the index and a full install curriculum?

03 — VWAP as a Line of Interest

Learning objectives

- Explain VWAP's role as the center / mean line in the Rocket Scooter playbook.
- Connect VWAP to risk-interval containment ($VWAP \pm RI$) without confusing it with std-dev bands.
- Describe how overnight inclusion in VWAP changes VARIS appearance.
- List common live uses of VWAP (bias hinge, stop reference, reclaim/lose).
- Practice a one-hour journal drill using only VWAP side of price.

Main teaching

What VWAP is doing in this playbook

VWAP (volume-weighted average price) is the **center line** everything else hangs on:

- VARIS / Varys bands = risk-interval distances **above and below VWAP**
- Reclaiming or losing VWAP is a live decision point
- Consolidating under VWAP vs holding above changes how aggressive Matt is on longs / shorts
- Stops are sometimes parked “a little beyond VWAP”

In textbook language: treat VWAP as the session's **line of interest** — the mean price path the community bands around. Matt does not always say the phrase “fair value” for VWAP itself (sometimes “fair value gap” appears in ICT-style chat); the *behavior* on stream is: **VWAP is the magnet and the bias hinge**.

VWAP + risk interval = containment

A community indicator Matt highlights plots **VWAP ± risk interval** — same principle as DD bands, but dynamic around VWAP. Teaching point: that containment of price has been “uncanny,” and size goes smaller if price keeps falling through the lower side.

Important: these flanks are **half / full risk intervals**, not standard-deviation VWAP bands.

Session handling matters

VARIS “looking different” on two charts often comes down to **how overnight data is included in VWAP**. Matt notes VARIS depends on VWAP and overnight handling. Know your chart’s session settings before comparing bands with a streamer.

How Matt uses VWAP in live decisions

Patterns that repeat across the year:

- **Short / fade** into a reclaim area or after a push into structure **off VWAP**
- **Long bias harder** when consolidating under a flat VWAP while other indexes disagree
- **Stop logic** near VWAP (“a little below VWAP, I’m out”)
- **Targets** often the next VARIS band, half-gap, or rocket level — not VWAP alone

Pair VWAP with structure

VWAP alone is not the whole trade. Stronger reads stack:

- VWAP + half-gap / gap-fill story
- VWAP + VARIS inner/outer
- VWAP + rocket / yellow level
- VWAP + ARB / resilience sign

See Chapters 04–09 and 13.

Practice drill

1. Mark session VWAP (know your overnight setting).
2. Mark half and full RI bands (Ch. 06–07).
3. For one hour, only journal: *above* / *below* / *reclaim* / *lose* — no new indicators.
4. Then add one confluence read (ARB or resilience) and compare.

Key terms

- **VWAP** — Volume-weighted average price; center line / line of interest for the session.
- **Line of interest** — Textbook phrase for VWAP’s role as magnet and bias hinge in this playbook.
- **Containment** — Price tending to respect $VWAP \pm RI$ distances (dynamic) or DD (static).
- **Session / overnight handling** — Whether overnight volume is included in VWAP; changes VARIS geometry.

References

VerbonZone

- Book section VWAP: <https://verbonzone.com/rocket-scooter.txt> (search “03 — VWAP”)
- Topic hop: <https://verbonzone.com/rs-vwap.txt>
- VARIS hop: <https://verbonzone.com/rs-varis-bands.txt>

Watch (year-one corpus)

- $VWAP \pm RI$ = same principle as DD band; containment (2026-09): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pfh3-n4auSc&t=2581>

- Risk-interval band around VWAP (2026-06): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BA8AgFORfkA&t=11392>
- VARIS zone = dynamic RI around VWAP; DD = static (2026-08): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNr7tlCHCpY&t=13143>
- Not std-dev VWAP — Varys flanks are half risk intervals (2026-09): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1U4ZCJkks2I&t=1433>
- VARIS differs when overnight VWAP handling differs (2026-09): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5aJTOyjspU&t=2990>
- Stop a little below VWAP on NQ (2026-09): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4g79l9ilp8&t=14495>
- Price consolidating under VWAP — wait / remember confluence (2026-09): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pfh3-n4auSc&t=9076>

Chapter summary

- VWAP is the center line; VARIS distances hang above and below it.
- VWAP $\pm$ RI is containment logic like DD, but dynamic with the session.
- Flanks are risk-interval multiples, not standard-deviation bands.
- Overnight inclusion in VWAP changes VARIS appearance across charts.
- Live uses: bias hinge, reclaim/lose triggers, stop reference; targets usually elsewhere.
- VWAP alone is incomplete — stack with gap structure, bands, rocket levels, ARB/resilience.
- A one-hour above/below journal builds judgment before adding tools.

Questions to think about

1. If two traders disagree on “where VARIS is,” what VWAP setting should they compare first?

2. Why might size shrink when price keeps slicing through the lower VWAP $\pm$ RI side?
3. When is fading at VWAP more justified than fading a random mid-range tick?
4. How does consolidating under a flat VWAP change long aggressiveness in Matt's habits?
5. Design a one-hour journal template with only four VWAP states — what are they?

04 — Half-Gap and Gap Structure

Learning objectives

- Define half-gap (session and new-week) and mark it from prior close and open.
- Describe how Matt uses half-gap as S/R, target, and confluence anchor.
- Relate resilience/ARB context to float vs resistance behavior at half-gap.
- Expand the lecture-half-gap how-to into a full study workflow with Watch packs.
- Judge when random open/close/half-gap taps without confluence deserve smaller size or a skip.

Main teaching

One-liner (from the video lecture)

Half-gap is the midpoint between the **prior session close** and **today's open** (and there is also a **new-week half-gap**: Friday close to Sunday open). Matt uses it as support/resistance, a target, and a confluence anchor.

This chapter expands the VerbonZone lecture page (`lecture-half-gap.txt`) into full textbook form. Sister idea **gap-fill** is Chapter 05; overnight/Globex context is Chapter 12.

How to mark it (student procedure)

1. Mark prior day close.
2. Mark Globex / session open.
3. Mark the midpoint — that is half-gap.
4. Also mark full gap-fill (back to prior close) when the gap matters (Ch. 05).
5. Ask: **fill, float, or fail** at half-gap?

6. Add confluence (VWAP, rocket/HV, VARIS, resilience/ARB) before sizing up.

How half-gap shows up on stream

- Support or resistance (“float at half-gap”)
- A scalp or swing target
- Context with ARB / resilience (stocks “achieved” half-gap)
- Something Matt will still trade as **pure S/R** when fancy confluence tools are down

Common live habits

- With **positive resilience**, half-gap often plays as a place to build / float
- With **negative resilience**, treat it more carefully as resistance or gap-fill fuel
- **ES and NQ can disagree** (one tags half-gap, one does not)
- Random open / close / half-gap taps **without confluence** — size down or skip

Matt has also stated he does not really take open / close / half-gap with only resilience unless he has something else — confluence first (see Watch pack clip 8 in the lecture).

Gap structure space

Think of the gap as a region between prior close and open. Half-gap sits in the middle of that space. Full fill returns to prior close. The geometry from prior ~4:00 p.m. Eastern close to the 9:30 cash open is the usual day-gap frame; Globex open can add further timing language (“coming back up into Globex open”).

Half-gap + ARB / resilience (preview of Ch. 13)

- Positive ARB / resilience with price at half-gap → “float” / hold stories appear often
- ARB going negative while price rises can mean stocks already tagged half-gap and momentum quality changed

Student path (from the lecture)

1. Read the one-liner and how-to (~2 minutes).
2. Watch the definition clip (Watch list below, item 1).
3. If it does not land, watch a pure S/R or confluence clip (items 4–5).
4. Use the caution clip (item 8) as the risk reminder before you size up.

Key terms

- **Half-gap** — Midpoint between prior close and session open; also Friday close → Sunday open for new week.
- **Float at half-gap** — Hold / build language when confluence supports staying at the midpoint.
- **Gap structure** — The space between prior close and open in which half-gap and fill live.
- **Pure S/R** — Trading half-gaps (and yellows) as support/resistance without the full confluence stack.

References

VerbonZone

- Lecture page: <https://verbonzone.com/lecture-half-gap.txt>
- Topic hop: <https://verbonzone.com/rs-half-gap.txt>
- Book search Half-Gap: <https://verbonzone.com/rocket-scooter.txt>
- Sister gap-fill: <https://verbonzone.com/rs-gap-fill.txt>

- Confluence: <https://verbonzone.com/rs-confluence.txt>

Watch (year-one corpus)

- DEFINITION / STRUCTURE (2025-12): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tP6y6FfHHvE&t=3541>
- AS RESISTANCE WITH RESILIENCE (2025-10): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nsAg2vkm9-w&t=4423>
- GAP STRUCTURE / SPY OPEN VS PRIOR CLOSE (2026-02): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_-NZGIGVMQ&t=7346
- PURE S/R WHEN CONFLUENCE TOOLS DOWN (2026-09): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PX4O2lA6eDw&t=8604>
- WITH CONFLUENCE — ROCK-SOLID S&P (2026-09): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4g79l9ilp8&t=11820>
- HALF-GAP + GAP-FILL BUCKET, POSITIVE RESILIENCE (2026-09): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7P6Tbt7m7I&t=3347>
- ARB / FLOAT AT HALF-GAP (2026-09): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_i85LiARERE&t=5715
- CAUTION — CONFLUENCE FIRST (2026-05-22): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ih3wnGzWRWc&t=24600>

Chapter summary

- Half-gap is the midpoint prior-close ↔ open (plus new-week Friday ↔ Sunday open).
- Uses: S/R, target, confluence anchor; still tradeable as pure S/R when tools are down.
- Mark prior close, open, midpoint, and full fill; ask fill / float / fail.
- Positive resilience often supports float; negative resilience elevates resistance / fill risk.

- ES and NQ may disagree at half-gap — compare indexes before sizing a “market” opinion.
- Random taps without confluence deserve smaller size or a skip.
- Lecture Watch pack spans months; use definition first, caution before sizing up.
- ARB/resilience refine the half-gap story; details continue in Ch. 13.

Questions to think about

1. Draw today’s half-gap on a chart from memory of the six-step procedure — where did you hesitate?
2. Why can half-gap remain useful when ARB/VARIS tools are offline?
3. How should you interpret one index tagging half-gap while the other has not?
4. What judgment changes when resilience is negative at half-gap versus positive?
5. After watching the caution clip, when would you refuse a half-gap scalp despite a clean midpoint?
6. How does the new-week half-gap differ from the ordinary day half-gap in construction?