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TITLE **33**--NAVIGATION AND NAVIGABLE WATERS

CHAPTER 34--INLAND NAVIGATIONAL RULES

SUBCHAPTER I--RULES

Part C--Lights and Shapes

Sec. **2020**. Application (Rule 20)

(a) Compliance in all weathers

Rules in this Part shall be complied with in all weathers.

(b) Rules concerning lights complied with from sunset to sunrise; other lights

The Rules concerning lights shall be complied with from sunset to sunrise, and during such times no other lights shall be exhibited, except such lights as cannot be mistaken for the lights specified in these Rules or do not impair their visibility or distinctive character, or interfere with the keeping of a proper lookout.

(c) Lights during daylight hours in restricted visibility; other circumstances

The lights prescribed by these Rules shall, if carried, also be exhibited from sunrise to sunset in restricted visibility and may be exhibited in all other circumstances when it is deemed necessary.

(d) Rules concerning shapes; compliance by day

The Rules concerning shapes shall be complied with by day.

(e) Annex

The lights and shapes specified in these Rules shall comply with the provisions of Annex I of these Rules.

(Pub. L. 96-591, Sec. 2, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3423.)

Repeal of Section

Pub. L. 108-293, title III, Sec. 303(a), (c), Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1042, provided that this section is repealed effective on the effective date of final regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating under section 2071 of this title.

References in Text

Rules in this Part, referred to in par. (a), mean sections **2020** to 2031 of this title. The Rules, referred to in pars. (b) and (d), and these Rules, referred to in pars. (c) and (e), respectively, are the Inland Navigational Rules which are classified to this subchapter. Annex I of these Rules, referred to in par. (e), is to be established by the Secretary under section 2071 of this title.

Codification

Section was enacted as part of section 2 of Pub. L. 96-591 which enacted the Inland Navigational Rules which comprise this subchapter.

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Sec. 2021. Definitions (Rule 21)

- (a) ``Masthead light'' means a white light placed over the fore and aft centerline of the vessel showing an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of 225 degrees and so fixed as to show the light from right ahead to 22.5 degrees abaft the beam on either side of the vessel, except that on a vessel of less than 12 meters in length the masthead light shall be placed as nearly as practicable to the fore and aft centerline of the vessel.
- (b) ``Sidelights'' mean a green light on the starboard side and a red light on the port side each showing an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of 112.5 degrees and so fixed as to show the light from right ahead to 22.5 degrees abaft the beam on its respective side. On a vessel of less than 20 meters in length the side lights may be combined in one lantern carried on the fore and aft centerline of the vessel, except that on a vessel of less than 12 meters in length the sidelights when combined in one lantern shall be placed as nearly as practicable to the fore and aft centerline of the vessel.
- (c) ``Sternlight'' means a white light placed as nearly as practicable at the stern showing an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of 135 degrees and so fixed as to show the light 67.5 degrees from right aft on each side of the vessel.
- (d) ``Towing light'' means a yellow light having the same characteristics as the ``sternlight'' defined in paragraph (c) of this Rule.
- (e) ``All-round light'' means a light showing an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of 360 degrees.
- (f) ``Flashing light'' means a light flashing at regular intervals at a frequency of 120 flashes or more per minute.
- (g) ``Special flashing light'' means a yellow light flashing at regular intervals at a frequency of 50 to 70 flashes per minute, placed as far forward and as nearly as practicable on the fore and aft centerline of the tow and showing an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of not less than 180 degrees nor more than 225 degrees and so fixed as to show the light from right ahead to abeam and no more than 22.5 degrees abaft the beam on either side of the vessel.

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