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ADMIRALTY NOTICE RESPECTING LIGHTS TO BE CARRIED BY SEA-GOING VESSELS TO PREVENT COLLISION.

By the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, &c. &c.

BY virtue of the power and authority vested in us by the Act 14 and 15 Victoria, cap. 79, dated 7th August 1851, we hereby require and direct that the following Regulations be strictly observed :—

Steam Vessels.

All British Sea-going Steam Vessels (whether propelled by Paddles or Screws,) shall, within all Seas, Gulfs, Channels, Straits, Bays, Creeks, Roads, Roadsteads, Harbours, Havens, Ports, and Rivers, and under all circumstances, between sunset and sunrise, exhibit Lights of such description, and in such manner, as hereinafter mentioned, viz :—

When under Steam. { A Bright White Light at the Foremast Head.
A Green Light on the Starboard Side.
A Red Light on the Port Side.

1. The Mast Head Light is to be visible at a distance of at least five miles in a dark night, with a clear atmosphere ; and the Lantern is to be so constructed as to shew a uniform and unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of twenty points of the Compass, being ten points on each side of the Ship, viz.—from right ahead to two points abaft the beam on either side.

2. The Green Light on the Starboard side is to be visible at a distance of at least two miles in a dark night, with a clear atmosphere ; and the Lantern is to be so constructed as to shew a uniform and unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of ten points of the Compass, viz.—from right ahead to two points abaft the beam on the Starboard side.

3. The Red Light on the Port side is likewise to be fitted so as to throw its light the same distance on that side.

4. The side Lights are moreover to be fitted with screens, on the inboard side, of at least three feet long, to prevent the light from being seen across the bow.

When at Anchor.—A Common Bright Light.

Sailing Vessels.

We hereby require that all Sailing Vessels when under sail, or being towed, approaching or being approached by any other Vessel, shall be bound to shew between sunset and sunrise a bright light in such a position as can be best seen by such vessel or vessels, and in sufficient time to avoid collision.

All Sailing Vessels at anchor in Roadsteads or Fairways shall be also bound to exhibit between sunset and sunrise a constant bright light at the Mast-head, except within Harbours or other places where regulations for other Lights for Ships are legally established.

The Lantern to be used when at Anchor, both by Steam Vessels and Sailing Vessels, is to be so constructed as to show a clear good light all round the horizon.

We hereby revoke all Regulations heretofore made by us relating to Steam Vessels exhibiting or carrying Lights ; and we require that the preceding Regulations be strictly carried into effect, on and after the 1st day of August 1852.

Given under our hands the 1st day of May 1852.

HYDE PARKER.
P. HORNBY.

By Command of their Lordships,
W. A. B. HAMILTON.