

The following Diagrams are intended to illustrate the use of the Lights carried by vessels at sea, and the manner in which they indicate to the vessel which sees them the position and description of the vessel which carries them :—

**FIRST.**—When both Red and Green Lights are seen :

A sees a Red and Green Light ahead ;—A knows that a vessel is approaching her on a course directly opposite to her own, as B ;



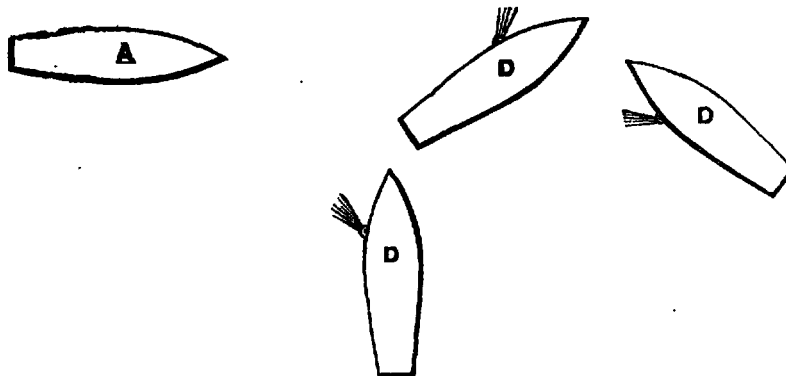
If A sees a White masthead Light above the other two, she knows that B is a steam-vessel.

**SECOND.**—When the Red, and not the Green Light, is seen :

A sees a Red Light ahead or on the bow ;—A knows that either, 1, a vessel is approaching her on her port bow, as B ;



or, 2, a vessel is crossing in some direction to port, as D D D.



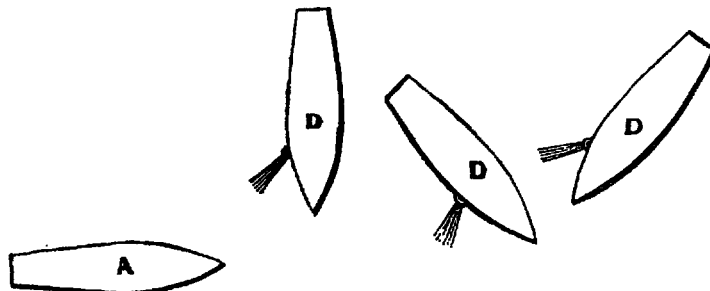
If A sees a White masthead Light above the Red Light, A knows that the vessel is a steam-vessel, and is either approaching her in the same direction, as B, or is crossing to port in some direction, as D D D.

**THIRD.**—When the Green, and not the Red Light, is seen :

A sees a Green Light ahead or on the bow ; A knows that either, 1, a vessel is approaching her on her starboard bow, as B ;



or, 2, a vessel is crossing in some direction to starboard, as D D D.



If A sees a White masthead Light above the Green Light, A knows that the vessel is a steam-vessel, and is either approaching her in the same direction as B, or is crossing to starboard in some direction, as D D D.