

River Mersey, or in the Sea Channels or approaches thereto as above defined, shall, on and after the 28th day of February, 1916, observe and obey the "Regulations for preventing Collisions at Sea" made in pursuance of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," hereinafter called "the General Regulations," which may from time to time be in force, with the exceptions and additions mentioned in the following Rules.

2.—(a) A vessel when lying at any Stage shall carry the lights prescribed by Articles 2 and 5 of the General Regulations and Rule 5 hereof.

(b) A tug, tender, lighter, or barge, when (except as provided for such vessels respectively by Rules 3 and 4 hereof, and Article 15 (e) of the General Regulations) attached to another vessel shall not carry any of the lights or give any of the signals prescribed by these Rules or by the General Regulations.

3. A vessel being towed shall, in addition to the lights prescribed by Article 5 of the General Regulations, carry the white light at her stern prescribed by Rule 5 hereof, and if such vessel is a steam vessel with steam up she shall, although being towed, also carry the masthead light prescribed by Article 2 (a), and may carry the additional light allowed by Article 2 (e) of the General Regulations.

4.—(a) A steam vessel when towing another vessel or vessels or when attached for the purpose of towing or manœuvring such vessel or vessels, shall carry the compulsory lights prescribed by Article 3 of the General Regulations, and such steam vessel when towing or attached as aforesaid to a vessel of 450 feet or upwards in length shall carry the additional bright white light prescribed by the said Article 3.

(b) Further, a steam vessel when towing or attached as aforesaid shall carry abaft the funnel or after-mast a small white light fixed and carried in a lantern so constructed, fitted and screened that it shall throw an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of 12 points of the compass, viz., for 6 points from right aft on each side of the vessel, and such steam vessel if less than 160 feet in length shall not carry the stern light prescribed by Rule 5 hereof, but if she is 160 feet or upwards in length she may carry such stern light.

The length of a vessel shall be deemed to be the length appearing in her Certificate of Registry.

5. In lieu of Article 10 of the General Regulations, a vessel under way shall carry at her stern a white light. The light shall be fixed and carried in a lantern so constructed, fitted and screened that it shall throw an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of 12 points of the compass, viz., for 6 points from right aft on each side of the vessel, so as to be visible at a distance of at least a mile. Such light shall be carried as nearly as practicable on the same level as the side lights.

Provided that a vessel within Article 7 of the General Regulations (viz. Steam Vessels of less than 40, and vessels under oars or sails of less than 20, tons gross tonnage respectively, and rowing boats), shall not be obliged to carry the light prescribed by this Rule, but if they do not carry such light they shall, when being overtaken by another vessel, show from the stern a white light or a flare up light as required by Article 10 of the General Regulations.

6. In lieu of Article 11 of the General Regulations, a vessel, when at anchor, shall carry in the forward part of the vessel, a White Light, in a lantern so constructed as to show a clear, uniform and unbroken light visible all round the horizon at a distance of at least a mile; and at or near the stern of the vessel another such light. The forward light shall be carried at a height so as to be clear of the superstructure or other erections other than the funnel on the vessel, but in no case less than 20 feet above the hull, and the stern or after light shall not be less than 15 feet lower than the forward light.

Provided that a vessel within Article 7 of the General Regulations (viz. Steam Vessels of less than 40, and vessels under oars or sails of less than 20, tons gross tonnage respectively, and rowing boats) when at anchor shall not be obliged to carry the lights prescribed by this Rule, but if they do not carry them each of such vessels shall carry in a place where it can best be seen, and at a height above the gunwale of not less than 9 feet, a white light in a lantern so constructed as to show a clear, uniform and unbroken light visible all round the horizon at a distance of at least a mile.

7. A steam vessel, when at anchor, shall, between sunrise and sunset, carry in the forward part of the vessel, a black ball not less than 2 feet in diameter, and at or near the stern of the vessel, another such ball. The forward ball shall be carried at a height so as to be clear of the superstructure or other erections other than the funnel on the vessel but in no case less than 20 feet above the hull, and the stern or after ball shall not be less than 15 feet lower than the forward ball. Provided that in the case of a steam vessel within Article 7 of the General Regulations, one such black ball only may be carried at a height above the gunwale of not less than 9 feet.

8. A vessel, having on board any explosive, except ships' ammunition, shall, when at anchor, carry a Red Light, in a globular lantern not less than 10 inches in diameter, 6 feet above the forward White Light prescribed by Rule 6 hereof.

Provided that a vessel entitled to carry and carrying the White Light prescribed by the proviso to Rule 6, shall carry the Red Light above described, not less than 3 feet above such White Light.

9. A vessel of 350 feet or upwards in length when at anchor shall, during fog, mist, falling snow or heavy rain storms, whether by day or night,

(1) ring in the forward part of the vessel the Bell prescribed by Article 15 (d) of the General Regulations.

(2) sound at or near the stern of such vessel a loud-toned Gong or a loud-toned Triangle or other loud-toned article that cannot be mistaken for a Bell, Whistle, Siren or Foghorn.

The Bell shall be rung, and the Gong, Triangle, or other article sounded, respectively, for a period of about 5 seconds at intervals of not more than one minute.

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10. A vessel must not come into

- (i) any of the buoyed channels,
- (ii) the main (i.e. the Queen's and Crosby) channel from a side channel,