

# Article 6.33 - Provisions for vessels not navigating by radar

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Regional or national deviation from Article is possible under the provisions of Chapter 9

1. In [reduced visibility](#), [vessels](#) and [convoys](#) not navigating by radar shall immediately proceed to the nearest safe berthing or anchoring areas. The following provisions shall apply during the voyage to this berth:

- (a) As far as possible they shall proceed on the navigable side of the [fairway](#).
- (b) Any vessel proceeding alone and any vessel carrying the boatmaster of a [convoy](#) shall sound one long blast; this signal shall be repeated at intervals of not more than one minute. Such vessels shall have a lookout forward; in the case of convoys, however, a lookout is required on the leading vessel only. The lookout shall be within sight or hearing or in communication through a voice link with the boatmaster of the vessel or convoy.
- (c) When a vessel is called by radiotelephone from another vessel it shall reply by radiotelephone, giving its category (for example, convoy, high-speed vessel, small craft), name, direction and position. It shall also state that it is not navigating by radar and that it is making for a berthing area. It shall then agree on a passing procedure with this vessel.
- (d) As soon as a vessel hears the sound signal from another vessel with which it has not been possible to establish contact by radiotelephone, it shall:
  - if it is near to a bank: keep close to that bank and, if necessary, stop there until this vessel has passed;
  - if it is not near to a bank and especially if it is crossing from one bank to another: clear the fairway as fully and as quickly as possible.

2. Ferry boats not navigating by radar shall, instead of the signal prescribed in paragraph 1 above, give as a fog-signal one long blast followed by four [short blasts](#); this signal shall be repeated at intervals of not more than one minute.