

Article 3.13 - Marking for small craft under way

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1. Motorized small craft proceeding alone shall carry by night either:

- (a) A masthead light, bright instead of strong, at the same height as the side lights and not less than 1 m forward of them;
 - (b) Side lights, which may be ordinary lights; they shall be at the same height and on the same perpendicular to the axis of the craft and be screened inboard so that the green light cannot be seen from the port side and the red light cannot be seen from the starboard side;
 - (c) A stern light;
- or
- (d) The masthead light prescribed in subparagraph (a) above; however, this light is to be placed at least 1 m higher than the side lights;
 - (e) The side lights prescribed in subparagraph (b) above; however, these lights may be placed side by side or in the same lamp in the axis of the craft, at or near the bow;
 - (f) A stern light; however, this light may be waived provided that the masthead light referred to in subparagraph (d) above is a bright [white light](#) visible from all directions.

2. Motorized small craft less than 7 m long proceeding alone may carry, instead of the lights prescribed in paragraph 1 above, an ordinary white light in a suitable position and high enough to be visible from all directions.

3. When a small craft is towing or propelling in [side-by-side formation](#) only other small craft, it shall carry by night the lights prescribed in paragraph 1 above.

4. Small craft in tow or propelled in side-by-side formation shall carry by night an ordinary white light visible from all directions. This provision shall not apply to ships' boats.

5. Small sailing craft under way shall carry:

By night:

Side lights and stern light, the side lights being placed side-by-side or in the same lamp in the axis of the craft, at or near the bow, and the stern light being placed in the after part of the craft; however, these lights may be ordinary lights; or

Side lights and a stern light in the same lamp placed in a suitable position at the top or on the upper part of the mast; this light may be an ordinary light; or

In the case of craft less than 7 m long, an ordinary white light visible from all directions. On the approach of other [vessels](#), such craft shall in addition display a second ordinary white light.

6. Small craft proceeding alone which are neither motorized nor under sail shall carry:

By night:

An ordinary white light visible from all directions.

However, ships' boats under these conditions need not display this light except on the approach of other [vessels](#).

7. A small craft under sail and at the same time employing a motor shall carry:

By day:

A black cone with the vertex pointing downwards. This cone shall be positioned as high as possible and where it will be most obvious.