

# Article 3.08 - Marking for motorized vessels proceeding alone

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

1. Single [motorized vessels](#) shall carry:

By [night](#):

- (a) A masthead light forward and in the axis of the [vessel](#), at a height of not less than 5 m. The height may be reduced to 4 m, when the vessel does not exceed a length of 40 m;
- (b) Side lights, each placed at the same height and on the same perpendicular to the axis of the vessel, 1 m lower than the masthead light, at least 1 m abaft of it on the widest part of the vessel; they shall 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, placed aft and in the axis of the vessel.

2. A single motorized vessel more than 110 m long shall be required to carry by night at the stern a second masthead light placed in the axis of the vessel and at least 3 m higher than the forward light.

3. A single motorized vessel temporarily preceded by night by an auxiliary motorized vessel shall continue to show the lights referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

4. In addition to the marking prescribed by other provisions of these regulations, [high-speed vessels under way](#) shall carry by [day](#) and by night:

two strong yellow quick [scintillating lights](#).

These [scintillating lights](#) shall be placed one above the other about 1 m apart, in a suitable position and high enough to be visible from all directions.

5. The provisions of this article shall not apply to [small craft](#) or [ferry-boats](#).