

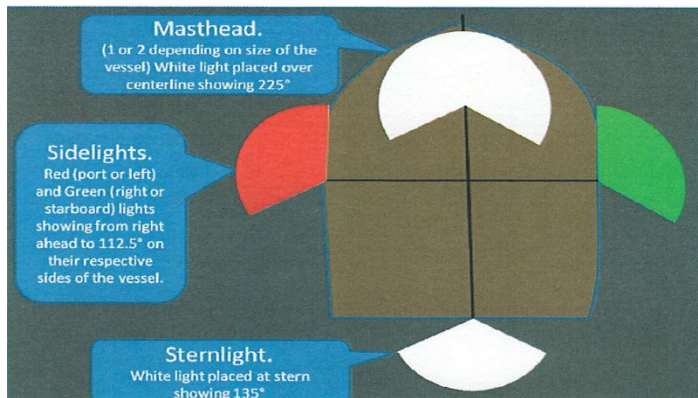
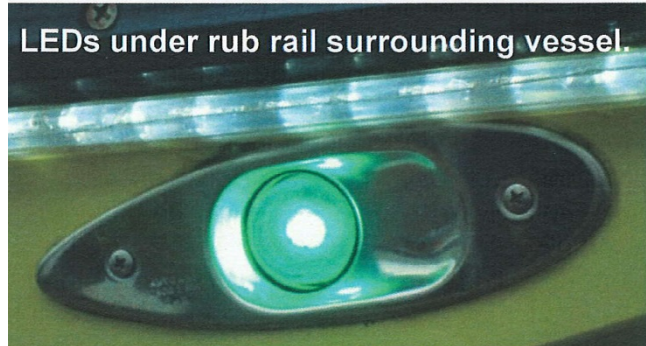
ALERT

LIGHTING ON BOATS - Navigation lights have specific meanings.

Some manufacturers are producing and distributing navigation lights that do not meet the legal certification requirements. These lights are typically less expensive, making them a tempting choice for uninformed consumers.

Be aware that replacement lighting may be improper for its application due to the failure by manufacturers to meet technical certification requirements.

The use of Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs), rope lighting, underwater lighting, rub rail lights, docking lights and other various types of decorative lighting may be a violation if they impair the visibility or distinctive character of approved and properly placed navigation lights or interfere with the operator's ability to maintain a proper lookout.



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Use of lights that do not provide the proper chromaticity, luminous intensity, or cut-off angles could result in a citation or potentially cause an accident.

Blue lights can only be displayed on law enforcement vessels.

When purchasing navigation lights make sure this information is on the light or its packaging:

USCG Approval 33 CFR 183.810

MEETS ABYC A-16 or equivalent

TESTED BY (an approved laboratory)

Name of the light manufacturer

Number of Model

Visibility of the light in nautical miles

Date on which the light was type-tested

Identification and specification of the bulb used in the compliance test.