

An explanation follows the Rule

Rule 23 Power Driven Vessel Underway

(a) A power-driven vessel underway shall exhibit:

- (i) a masthead light forward;
- (ii) a second masthead light abaft of and higher than the forward one; except that a vessel of less than 50 m in length shall not be obliged to exhibit such light but may do so;
- (iii) sidelights;
- (iv) a sternlight.

(b) An air-cushion vessel when operating in the non-displacement mode shall, in addition to the lights prescribed in paragraph (a) of this Rule, exhibit an all-round flashing yellow light.

(c) A WIG craft only when taking off, landing and in flight near the surface shall, in addition to the lights prescribed in paragraph (a) of this Rule, exhibit a high intensity all-round flashing red light.

(d)

(i) A power-driven vessel of less than 12 m in length may in lieu of the lights prescribed in paragraph (a) of this Rule exhibit an all-round white light and sidelights;

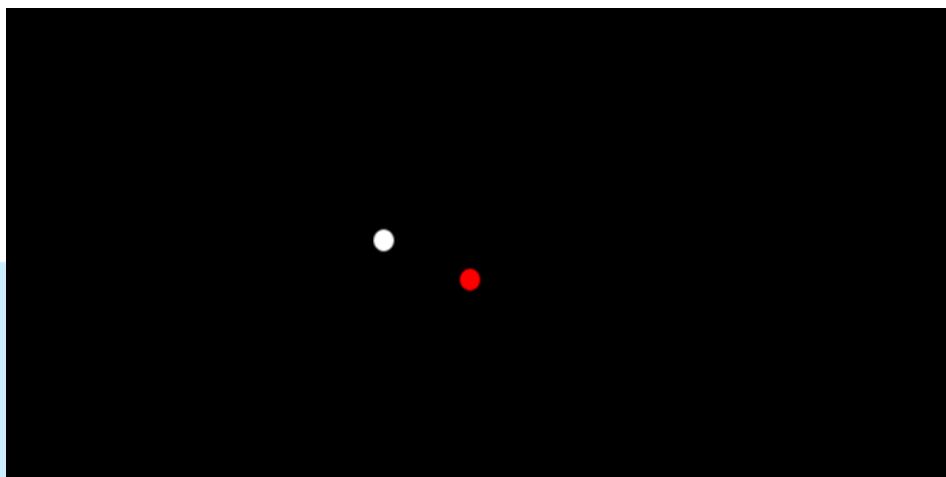
(ii) a power-driven vessel of less than 7 m in length whose maximum speed does not exceed 7 knots may in lieu of the lights prescribed in paragraph (a) of this Rule exhibit an all-round white light and shall, if practicable, also exhibit sidelights;

(iii) the masthead light or all-round white light on a power-driven vessel of less than 12 m in length may be displaced from the fore-and-aft centreline of the vessel if centreline fitting is not practicable, provided that the sidelights are combined in one lantern which shall be carried on the fore-and-aft centreline of the vessel or located as nearly as practicable in the same fore-and-aft line as the masthead light or the all-round white light.

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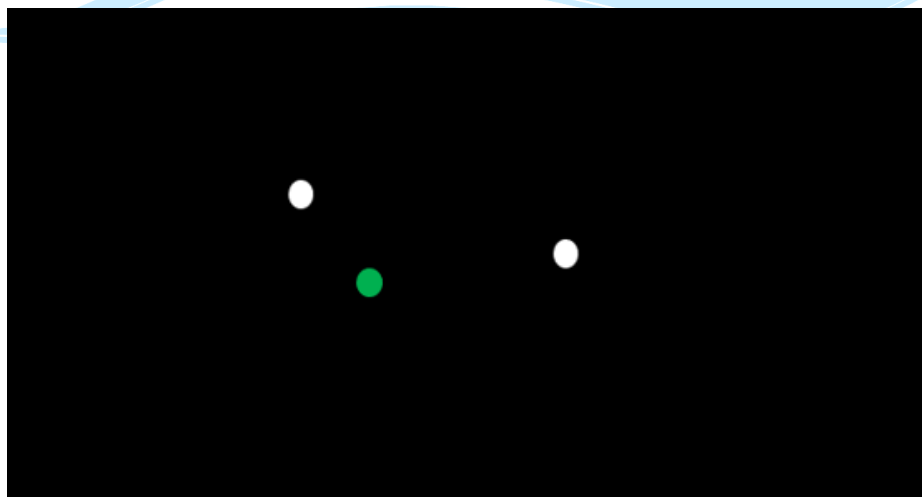
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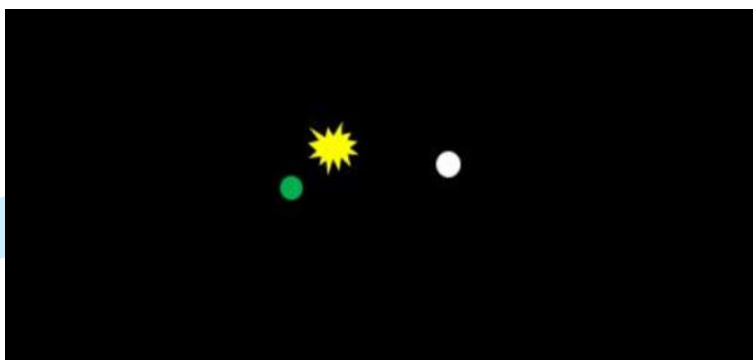
Power Driven Vessel less than 50m in length underway, possibly making way.

b)



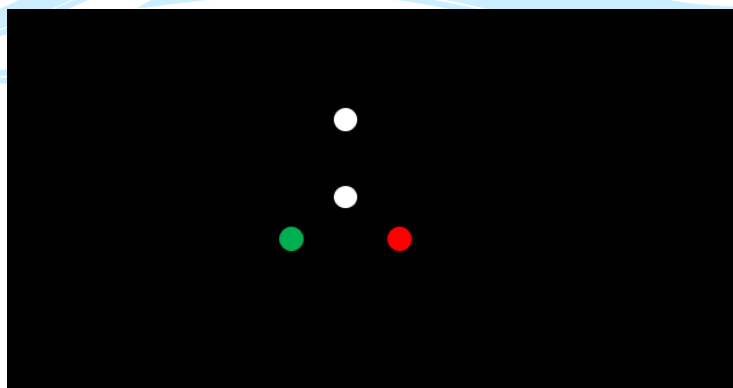
Power driven vessel 50m or more in length, underway, possibly making way, starboard side.

c)



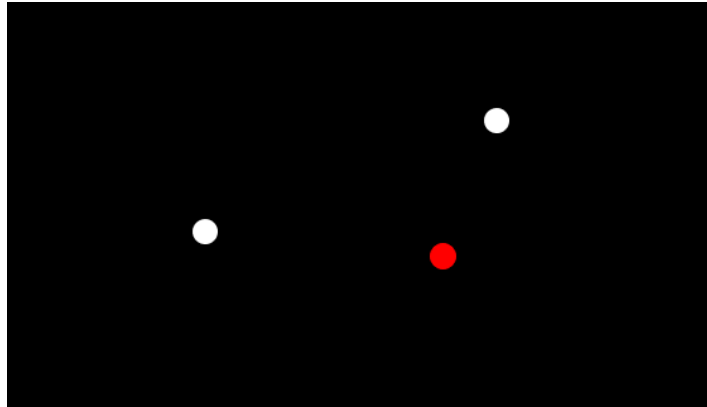
Air cushioned vessel operating in non-displacement mode seen from the starboard side. Less than 50m in length underway, possibly making way.

d)



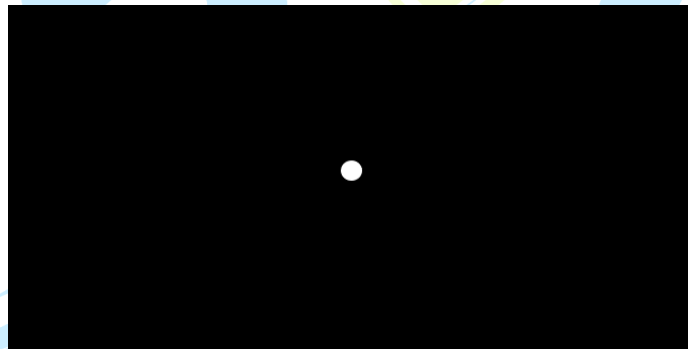
Power Driven Vessel probably more than 50m in length underway, possibly making way, head on.

e)



Power driven vessel probably more than 50m in length, underway, possibly making way, port side.

f)



A power-driven vessel of less than 7 metres in length whose maximum speed does not exceed 7 knots. A stern light, a vessel at anchor less than 50m in length or a survival craft.

A power-driven vessel of less than 12 metres in length may exhibit an all-round white light and sidelights;

a power-driven vessel of less than 7 metres in length whose maximum speed does not exceed 7 knots may exhibit an all-round white light and shall, if practicable, also exhibit sidelights.