

The Rule is followed by an explanation

## Rule 26 Fishing Vessel Lights

Fishing vessels.

(a) A vessel engaged in fishing, whether underway or at anchor, shall exhibit only the lights and shapes prescribed in this Rule.

(b) A vessel when engaged in trawling, by which is meant the dragging through the water of a dredge net or other apparatus used as a fishing appliance, shall exhibit:

(i) two all-round lights in a vertical line, the upper being green and the lower white, or a shape consisting of two cones with their apexes together in a vertical line one above the other;

(ii) a masthead light abaft of and higher than the all-round green light; a vessel of less than 50 metres in length shall not be obliged to exhibit such a light but may do so;

(iii) when making way through the water, in addition to the lights prescribed in this paragraph, sidelights and a sternlight.

(c) A vessel engaged in fishing, other than trawling, shall exhibit:

(i) two all-round lights in a vertical line, the upper being red and the lower white, or a shape consisting of two cones with their apexes together in a vertical line one above the other.

(ii) when there is outlying gear extending more than 150 metres horizontally from the vessel, an all-round white light or a cone apex upwards in the direction of the gear;

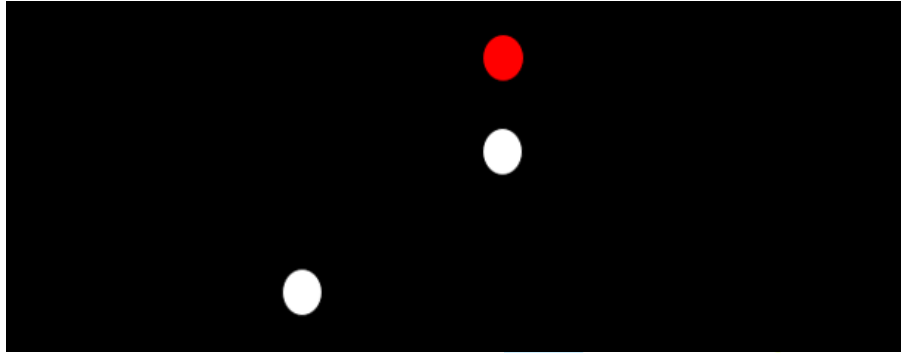
(iii) when making way through the water, in addition to the lights prescribed in this paragraph, sidelights and a sternlight.

(d) A vessel engaged in fishing in close proximity to other vessel engaged in fishing may exhibit the additional signals described in Annex II to these regulations.

(e) A vessel when not engaged in fishing shall not exhibit the lights or shapes prescribed in this Rule, but only those prescribed for a vessel of her length.

## Rule 26 Fishing Vessel Lights Explained

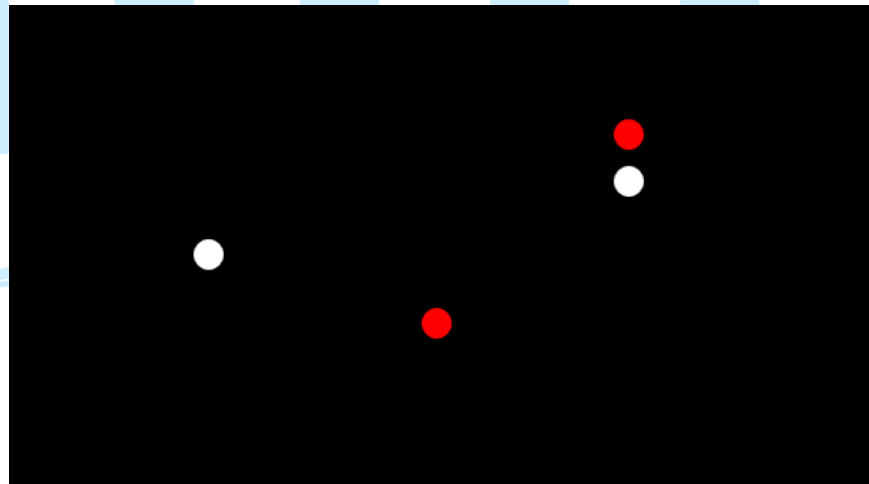
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A **vessel engaged in fishing other than trawling** seen from astern making way, OR

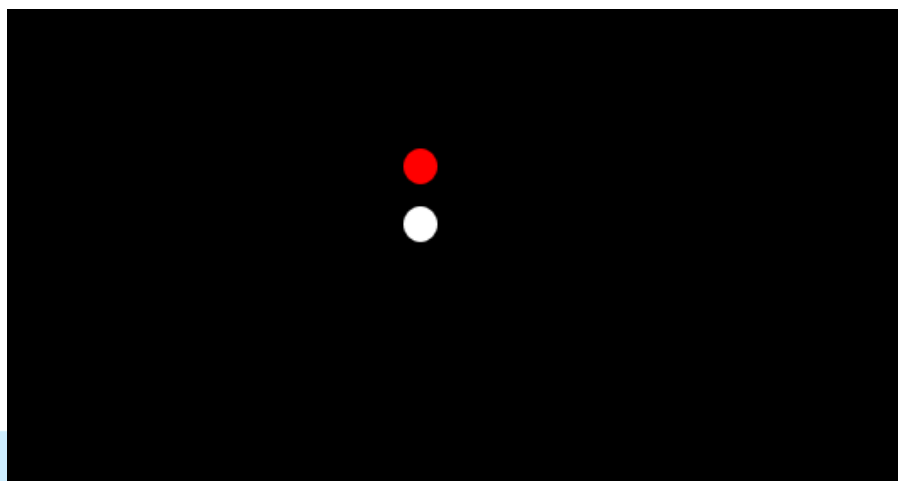
A **vessel engaged in fishing other than trawling** with gear extending more than 150 metres in length underway, not making way.

b)



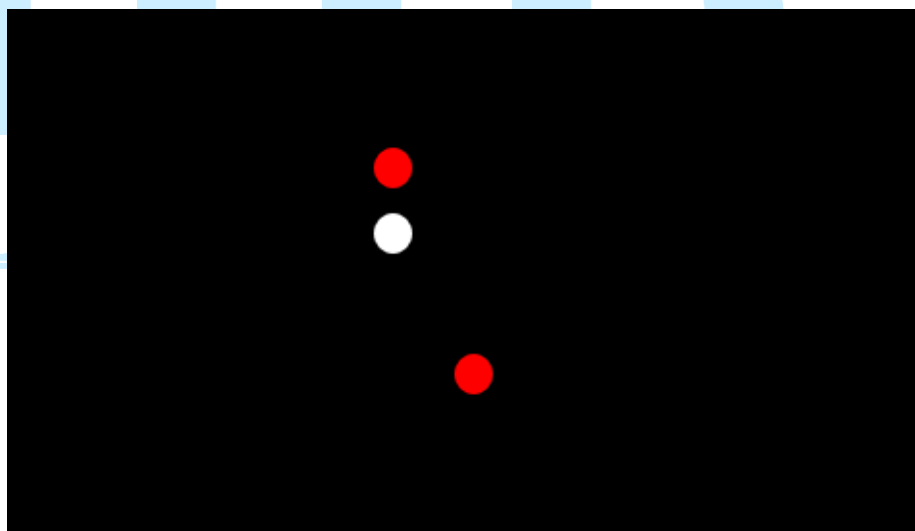
A vessel engaged in fishing other than trawling, making way seen from the port side, with outlying gear extending more than 150m horizontally from the vessel in the direction of the light.

c)



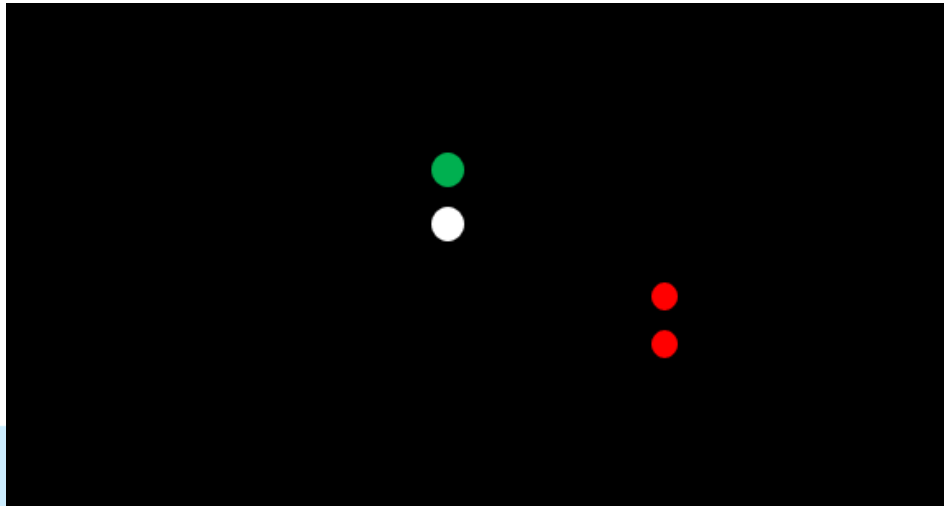
A vessel engaged in fishing other than trawling, underway and **NOT** making way.

d)



A vessel engaged in fishing other than trawling, making way seen from the port side

e)



A vessel engaged in trawling underway **NOT** making way, in close proximity to other fishing vessels, with her nets fast upon an obstruction

f)

### Code Flags Meaning When Made by Fishing Vessels



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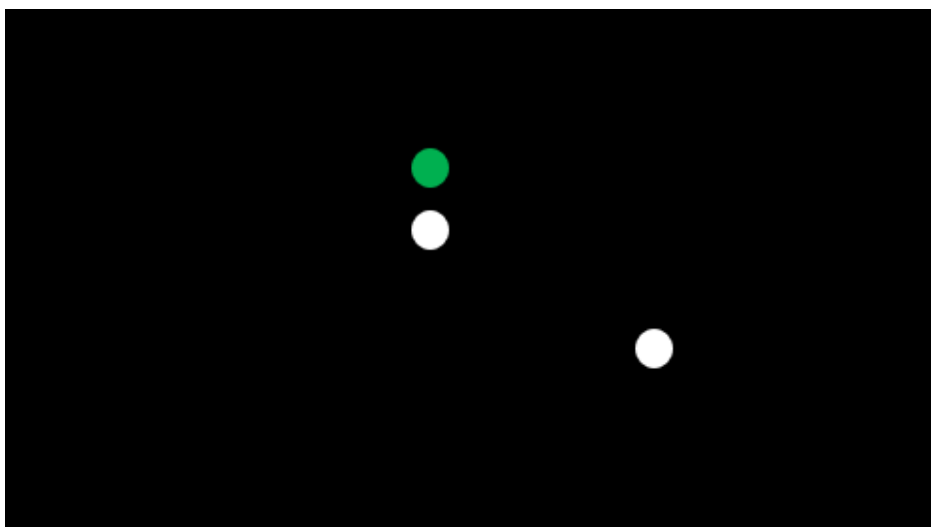


My nets have come fast upon an obstruction.



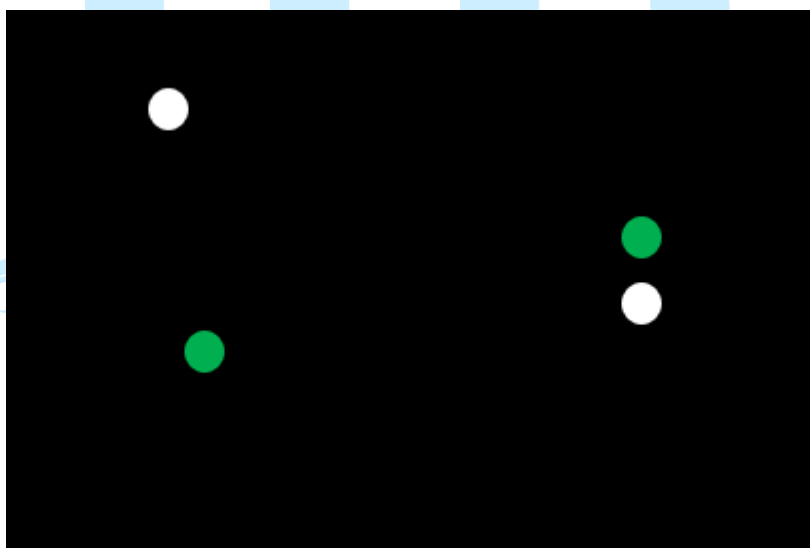
I am shooting nets

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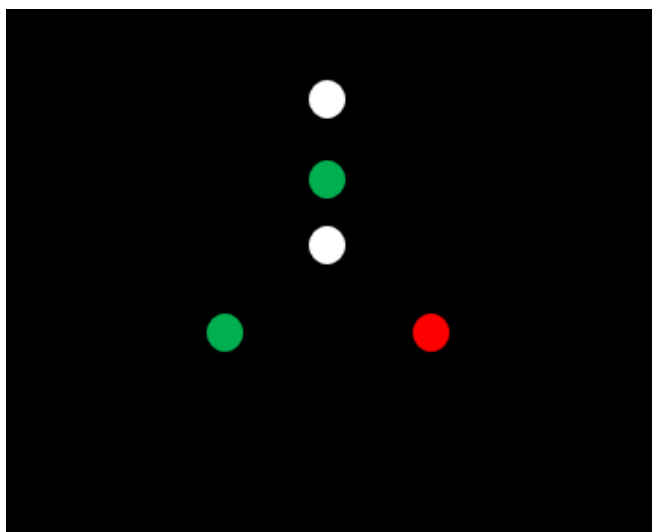
Fishing vessel engaged in trawling less than 50m. In length making way seen from the stern.

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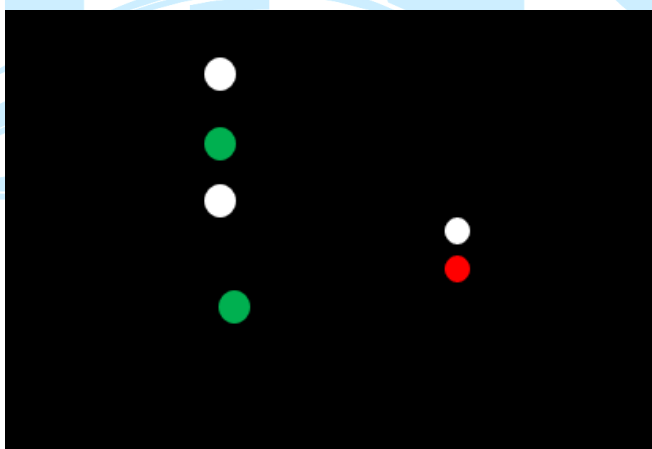
Fishing vessel engaged in trawling probably over 50m. Long, making way seen from the starboard side.

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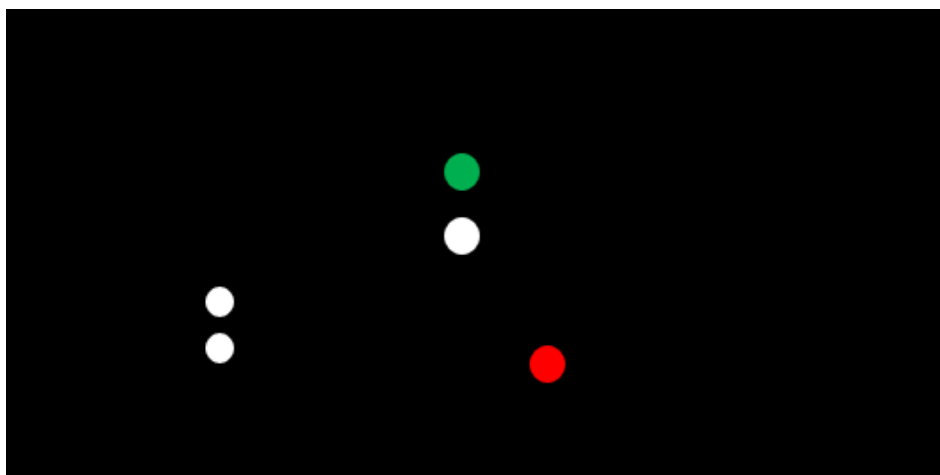
Fishing vessel engaged in trawling probably over 50m. Long making way seen from ahead.

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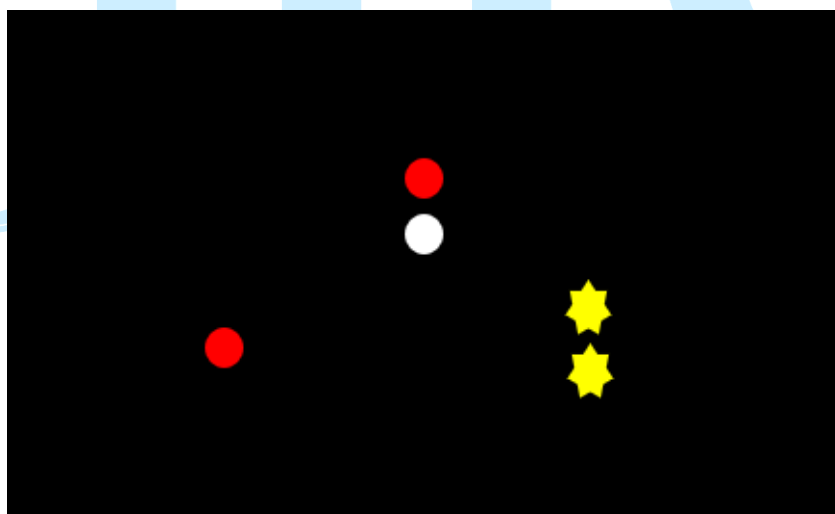
Fishing vessel engaged in trawling, under 50m, making way, seen from the starboard side, hauling nets.

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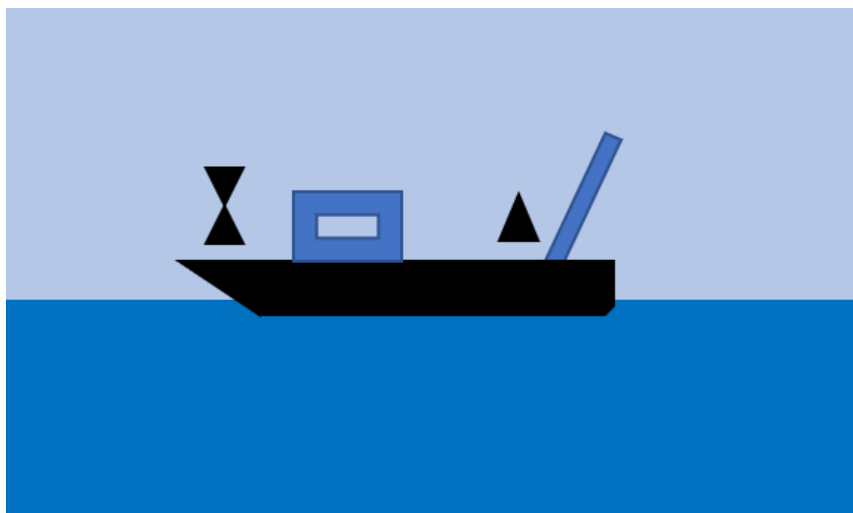
Fishing vessel engaged in trawling, under 50m, making way seen from the port side, shooting nets

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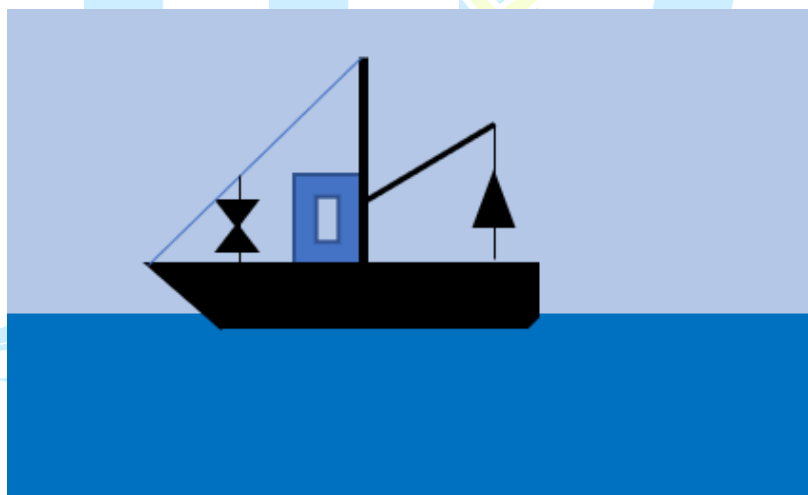
Purse seine fishing vessel, hampered by her gear making way seen from the port side.

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Fishing vessel underway. May be trawling or fishing other than trawling

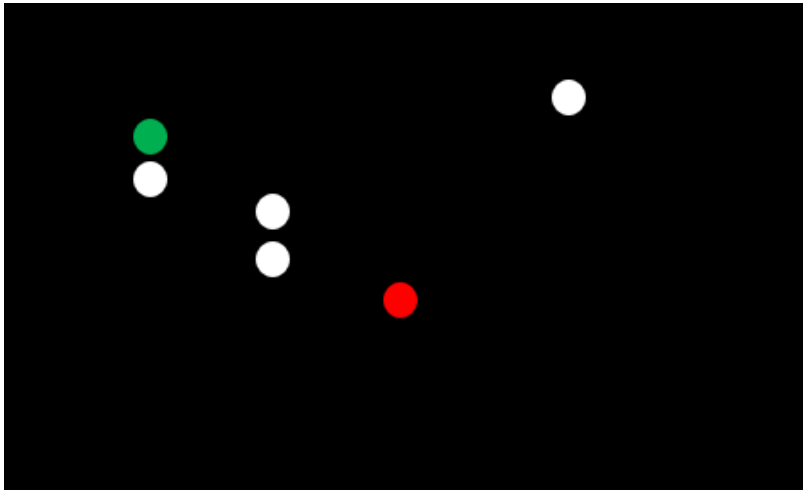
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A vessel engaged in fishing other than trawling, with outlying gear extending more than 150m. horizontally from the vessel.

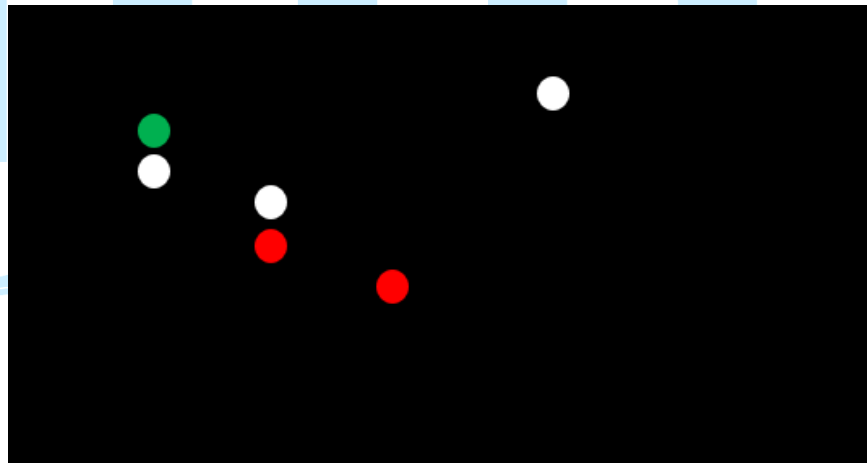
p)





A vessel engaged in trawling probably over 50m in length, seen from the port side, shooting nets, making way

q)



A vessel engaged in trawling probably over 50m in length, seen from the port side, hauling nets, making way.