

NAVIGATION LIGHTS

Recreational vessels are required to display navigation lights between sunset and sunrise and other periods of reduced visibility (fog, rain, haze, etc.). The U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Rules, International-Inland, specifies lighting requirements for every description of water craft. The information provided is for power-driven vessels less than 65.5 feet in length.

Power-driven Vessels

If your power-driven vessel is less than 65.5 feet in length, then it must display navigation lights per Figure 1.

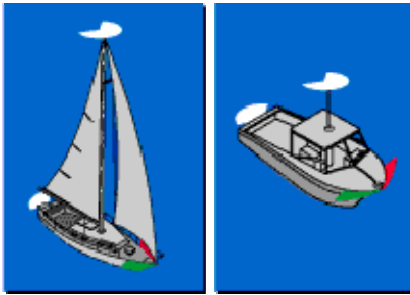


Figure 1

If your power-driven vessel is less than 39.4 feet in length, then it may display navigation lights per Figure 2.

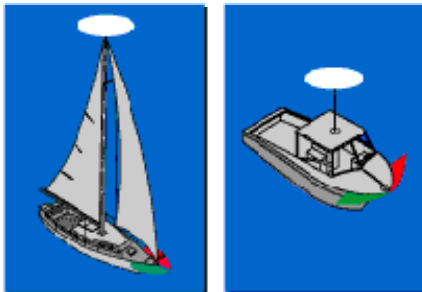


Figure 2

If your power-driven vessel is less than 23 feet in length and its maximum speed cannot exceed 7 knots, then it may display an all-round white light, and if practicable, sidelights instead of the lights prescribed previously. (For International Rules only)

For power-driven vessels less than 39.4 feet in length, the masthead or all-round white light must be at least 1 meter above the sidelights.