

A vessel showing a funnel not under steam, to carry a day mark.

Art. 14. A steam vessel proceeding under sail only, but having her funnel up, shall carry in day-time, forward, where it can best be seen, one black ball or shape 2 feet in diameter.

*Sound Signals for Fog, &c.*

Means of producing signals.

Art. 15. All signals prescribed by this article for vessels under way shall be given :

Definition of prolonged blast.

1. By "steam vessels" on the whistle or siren.

2. By "sailing vessels and vessels towed" on the fog-horn.

The words "prolonged blast" used in this article, shall mean a blast of from 4 to 6 seconds duration.

A steam vessel to have certain sound signals.

A steam vessel shall be provided with an efficient whistle or siren, sounded by steam or some substitute for steam, so placed that the sound may not be intercepted by any obstruction, and with an efficient fog-horn, to be sounded by mechanical means, and also with an efficient bell. A sailing vessel of 20 tons gross tonnage or upwards shall be provided with a similar fog-horn and bell. In fog, mist, falling snow, or heavy rain storms, whether by day or night, the signals described in this article shall be used as follows, viz:—

Signal by a steam vessel having way upon her.

(a.) A steam vessel, having way upon her shall sound, at intervals of not more than 2 minutes, a prolonged blast.

By a steam vessel stopped.

(b.) A steam vessel under way, but stopped and having no way upon her, shall sound at intervals of not more than 2 minutes, 2 prolonged blasts, with an interval of about one second between them.

By a sailing vessel under way.

(c.) A sailing vessel under way shall sound, at intervals of not more than one minute, when on the starboard tack, one blast, when on the port tack two blasts in succession, and when with the wind abaft the beam, three blasts in succession.

By a vessel at anchor.

(d.) A vessel when at anchor shall, at intervals of not more than 1 minute, ring the bell rapidly for about five seconds.

By vessels under certain conditions.

(e.) A vessel, when towing a vessel employed in laying or in picking up a telegraph cable, and a vessel under way, which is unable to get out of the way of an approaching vessel through being not under command, or unable to manœuvre as required by these Rules, shall, instead of the signals prescribed in subdivisions (a) and (c) of this article, at intervals of not more than 2 minutes, sound three blasts in succession, viz: one prolonged blast, followed by two short blasts. A vessel towed may give this signal and she shall not give any other.

By vessels of less than 20 tons.

Sailing vessels and boats of less than 20 tons gross tonnage shall not be obliged to give the above mentioned signals, but if they do not, they shall make some other efficient sound-signal at intervals of not more than 1 minute.

*Speed of ships to be moderate in fog, &c.*

Speed restricted in fog.

Art. 16. Every vessel shall, in a fog, mist, falling snow, or heavy rain-storms, go at a moderate speed, having careful regard to the existing circumstances and conditions.