

fishing gear extending one mile or more shall be left unmarked. By day, every buoy shall be fitted with a flag or a radar reflector and by night, as many buoys as possible with one white light. In no case shall the distance between two lights on the same fishing gear exceed two miles.

2.5. On such fishing gear which is attached to a fishing vessel, a buoy shall not be required at the end attached to the fishing vessel.

2.6. The flagpole of each buoy shall have a height of at least two meters above the buoy.

Drift gear

2.7. Nets or longlines which drift in the sea shall be marked at each end and, at distances of not more than two miles, by a buoy with a pole not less than two meters above the buoy. The pole shall carry a flag or radar reflector by day and a white light by night visible at a distance of at least two miles in good visibility.

2.8. On fishing gear which is attached to a fishing vessel a buoy shall not be required at the end attached to the fishing vessel.

3. ADDITIONAL VISUAL AND SOUND SIGNALS TO BE USED BY FISHING VESSELS

3.1. In addition to complying with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (1960), fishing vessels shall comply with the rules herein intended to prevent damage to fishing gear or accidents in the course of fishing operations.

3.2. The rules concerning lights shall apply in all weather from sunset to sunrise when fishing vessels are engaged in fishing as a fleet and during such times no other lights shall be exhibited, except the lights prescribed in the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (1960) and such lights as cannot be mistaken for the prescribed lights or do not impair their visibility or distinctive character, or interfere with the keeping of a proper lookout. These lights may also be exhibited from sunrise to sunset in restricted visibility and in all other circumstances when it is deemed necessary.

3.3. The lights provided for by the present "Rules" shall be placed where they can best be seen. They should be at least three feet (0.92 m) apart but at a lower level than the lights prescribed in Rule 9(c) (i) and (d) of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (1960). They shall be visible at a distance of at least one mile, all around the horizon as nearly as possible and their visibility shall be less than the visibility of lights exhibited in accordance with Rule 9(b) of the above Regulations.

Signals for trawling and drift netting

3.4. Fishing vessels, when engaged in trawling whether using demersal or pelagic fishing gear shall exhibit:

3.4.1. when shooting their nets, two white lights in a vertical line one over the other;

3.4.2. when hauling their nets, one white light;

3.4.3. when the net has come fast upon an obstruction, two red lights in a vertical line one over the other.

3.5. Fishing vessels engaged in drift netting may exhibit the lights prescribed in 3.4. above.