



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 1501:47-2-26 Fishing vessels.

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(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:

(1) 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; a vessel of less than twenty meters in length may instead of this shape exhibit a basket.

(2) A masthead light abaft of and higher than the all-round green light; a vessel of less than fifty meters in length shall not be obliged to exhibit such a light but may do so.

(3) 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:

(1) Two all-round lights in a vertical line, the upper being red and the lower white, or a shape consisting of two cones with apexes together in a vertical line one above the other; a vessel of less than twenty meters in length may instead of this shape exhibit a basket.

(2) When there is outlying gear extending more than one hundred fifty meters horizontally from the vessel, an all-round white light or a cone apex upward in the direction of the gear.

(3) 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 vessels engaged in fishing may exhibit the additional signals described in annex II of the "I.N.R.A."

(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 its length.

No person shall operate or permit to be operated, any vessel on the waters in this state, in violation of this rule.