



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 1501:47-2-33 Equipment for sound signals.

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(A) Any vessel operating on the waters of this state shall be equipped with sound signaling devices as follows:

(1) A vessel of twelve meters or more in length shall be provided with a whistle.

(2) A vessel of twenty meters or more in length shall be provided with a bell in addition to the required whistle.

(3) A vessel of one hundred meters or more, in addition to the required whistle and bell, shall be provided with a gong, the tone and sound of which cannot be confused with that of the bell.

(B) Any whistle, bell, or gong shall comply with the specifications in annex III of the "I.N.R.A." The bell or gong or both may be replaced by other equipment having the same respective sound characteristics, provided that manual sounding of the prescribed signals shall always be possible.

(C) A vessel of less than twelve meters in length shall not be obliged to carry the sound signaling appliances prescribed in paragraph (A) of this rule but if it does not, it shall be provided with some other means of making an efficient sound signal.

(D) A vessel that is propelled by human muscular effort, a sailing vessel and a power-driven vessel less than sixteen feet in length, when using waters other than lake Erie, the Ohio river or the Muskingum river, shall not be obligated to carry the sound signaling appliances prescribed in paragraphs (A) and (B) of this rule or produce the sound signals prescribed in rules 1501:47-2-34 and 1501:47-2-35 of the Administrative Code.

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



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