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**This Guidance Notice only applies to vessels that were operating commercially on 30 June 2013**

# Navigation and fishing lights for small commercial fishing vessels

The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 contains regulatory details for lights, shapes and the conduct of vessels of all types internationally. These Regulations are contained in Section 16 of the Uniform Shipping Laws (USL) Code and are called up as the Marine (Prevention of Collision) Regulations in the Northern Territory’s legislation.

In order to clarify the lights required for **commercial fishing vessels** specifically, this Guidance Note illustrates the position and type specification of navigation and fishing lights for smaller sizes of vessels, namely:

1. Fishing Vessels LESS than 7 metres in length.
2. Seagoing Fishing Vessels of **between** 7 and 12 metres in length.
3. Seagoing Fishing Vessels of **between** 12 and 20 metres in length.
4. Seagoing Fishing Vessels of **between** 20 and 50 metres in length.

Specifications and positioning details are attached for NOT UNDER COMMAND and FISHING day shapes and lights as applicable to the types of vessel noted [a] to [d] above.

Should any difficulty be experienced in the positioning of lights in compliance with the foregoing guidelines, the Marine Adviser (Nautical) and Surveyors of Marine Safety Branch are available to assist owners in interpreting the requirements of the Regulations.

Nothing in this Guidance Note should be considered in any way to amend or override the contents or interpretation of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.

## Navigation and fishing lights – Small fishing vessels under 7m

Daylight Fishing Signal is either one basket or 2 cones as per 12-20m fishing vessels. See Table for more information.

## Navigation and fishing lights for seagoing fishing vessels less than 12m



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## Navigation and fishing lights & Day shapes for seagoing fishing vessels 12-20m



## Navigation and fishing lights & Day shapes for seagoing fishing vessels 20-50m



## Table for daylight NUC signals & Daylight fishing signals





| **Length of Vessels (metres)** | **Diameter (d) mm** | **Distance Apart mm** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 12.00 | 360 | 900 |
| 13.00 | 390 | 975 |
| 14.00 | 420 | 1050 |
| 15.00 | 450 | 1125 |
| 16.00 | 480 | 1200 |
| 17.00 | 510 | 1275 |
| 18.00 | 540 | 1350 |
| 19.00 | 570 | 1425 |
| 20.00 | 600 | 1500 |

## NUC lights

Portable lights to be displayed in a vertical line where they can best be seen



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