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Subj: International Rules of the Road; shapes and lights required by

Ref: (a) International Rules of the Road, CG 169, Rules 4(c) and 7,
1 Sep 1965

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Notice is to direct masters to requisition the lights and shapes specified in reference (a).

2. Background. Rule 4(c) of reference (a) requires that a ship engaged in replenishment at sea, surveying, underwater operations, or in laying or picking up a submarine cable or navigation mark when, from the nature of her work, she is unable to get out of the way of approaching vessels, shall carry by day three shapes. The highest and lowest shapes are to be globular and red and the middle one diamond in shape and white. By night she shall carry in a vertical line, one over the other, three all-around lights, the highest and lowest to be red and the middle one to be white. The visible distance of these lights is to be at least two miles. Rule 7 of reference (a) requires boats, when underway, to carry certain lights. In many cases lifeboats are now being used as launches when regular liberty launches are not available and, as such, must carry the lights required by Rule 7.

3. Action. Masters shall ensure that the shapes and lights required by reference (a) are on board ready for use.

4. Cancellation. When action directed herein is completed and for record purposes on 30 March 1967.

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