

interfering with its special function as a naval ship: Annex I, paragraph 3(a), pertaining to the location of the forward masthead light and the horizontal distance between the forward and after masthead lights; Annex I, paragraph 2(f)(i) pertaining to the placement of the masthead light above and clear of all other lights and obstructions; and, Rule 21(a) pertaining to the forward masthead light arc of visibility. The Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty) has also certified that the lights involved are located in closest possible compliance with the applicable 72 COLREGS requirements.

Moreover, it has been determined, in accordance with 32 CFR Parts 296 and 701, that publication of this amendment for public comment prior to adoption is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to public interest since it is based on technical findings that the placement of lights on this vessel in a manner differently from that prescribed herein will adversely affect the vessel's ability to perform its military functions.

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 706

Marine Safety, Navigation (Water), and Vessels.

PART 706—[AMENDED]

Accordingly, 32 CFR Part 706 is amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 32 CFR Part 706 continues to read:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1605.

§ 706.2 [Amended]

2. Table Four of § 706.2 is amended by adding the following entry to paragraph 16:

	Vessel	Number	Obstruction angle relative ship's headings
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USS MITSCHER		DDG 57	102.27 thru 112.50°.
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3. Table Five of 706.2 is amended by adding the following vessel:

TABLE FIVE

Vessel	Number	Masthead lights not over all other lights and obstructions. annex I, sec. 2(f)	Forward masthead light not in forward quarter of ship, annex I, sec. 3(a)	After masthead light less than 1/2 ship's length aft of forward masthead light. annex I, sec. 3(a)	Percentage horizontal separation attained
USS MITSCHER	DDG 57	X	X	X	20.7
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Dated: September 12, 1995.
 K.P. McMahan,
CDR, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty).
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32 CFR Part 706

Certifications and Exemptions Under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972; Amendment

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.
ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy is amending its certifications and exemptions under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), to reflect that the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty) of the Navy has determined that Large Harbor Tug YTB 820 is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot comply fully with certain provisions of the 72 COLREGS without

interfering with its special function as a naval ship. The intended effect of this rule is to warn mariners in waters where 72 COLREGS apply.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 13, 1995.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander K.P. McMahan, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Admiralty Counsel, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Navy Department, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-2400, Telephone number: (703) 325-9744.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority granted in 33 U.S.C. 1605, the Department of the Navy amends 32 CFR Part 706. This amendment provides notice that the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty) of the Navy, under authority delegated by the Secretary of the Navy, has certified that Large Harbor Tug YTB 820 is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot comply fully with the following specific provisions of 72 COLREGS without interfering with its special function as a naval ship: Rule 21(c), pertaining to the location and arc of visibility of the sternlight; Rule 24(c),

pertaining to the towing lights displayed by power driven vessels when pushing ahead or towing alongside; Rule 27(b)(i), pertaining to the lights displayed by vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver; Annex I, paragraph 2(a)(i), pertaining to the height of the masthead light; and Annex I, paragraph 3(b), pertaining to the location of the sidelights. The Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty) has also certified that the lights involved are located in closest possible compliance with the applicable 72 COLREGS requirements.

Moreover, it has been determined, in accordance with 32 CFR Parts 296 and 701, that publication of this amendment for public comment prior to adoption is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to public interest since it is based on technical findings that the placement of lights on this vessel in a manner differently from that prescribed herein will adversely affect the vessel's ability to perform its military functions.

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 706

Marine Safety, Navigation (Water), and Vessels.

PART 706—[AMENDED]

Accordingly, 32 CFR Part 706 is amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 32 CFR Part 706 continues to read:
 Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1605.

§ 706.2 [Amended]

2. Table Three of § 706.2 is amended by adding the following vessel:

TABLE 3

Vessel	No.	Masthead lights arc of visibility; rule 21(a)	Side lights arc of visibility; rule 21(b)	Stern light arc of visibility; rule 21(c)	Side lights distance in-board of ship's sides in meters 3(b) annex 1	Stern light, distance forward of stern in meters; rule 21(c)	Forward anchor light, height above hull in meters; 2(K) annex 1	Anchor lights relationship of aft light to forward light in meters 2(K) annex 1
YTB-820	YTB-820	*	*	*	3.08	14.20	*	*

3. Table Four of § 706.2 is amended by adding the following vessel to Paragraph 14:

Vessel No.	Distance in meters of aux. mast-head light below minimum required height. Annex I, sec. 2(a)(i)
YTB-820	3.30

regulation for a racing event called the Whatever Festival Hydroplanes. The race will be held annually on the fourth weekend in June in the waters of the Kennebec River, Augusta, ME. This regulation is needed to protect the boating public from the hazards associated with high speed hydroplane racing in confined waters.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This rule is effective October 30, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant (Junior Grade) B. M. Algeo, Chief, Boating Affairs Branch, First Coast Guard District, (617) 223-8311.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Drafting Information

The drafters of this rule are Lieutenant (Junior Grade) B. M. Algeo, Project Manager, First Coast Guard District, and Lieutenant Commander S. R. Watkins, Project Counsel, First Coast Guard District Legal Office.

Background and Purpose

On February 3, 1995, the sponsor, Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce, submitted a request to hold a hydroplane race on the Kennebec River, Augusta, ME. The sponsor plans to hold such a race every year in late June. In response, the Coast Guard is establishing a permanent special local regulation on the Kennebec River for this event known as the "Whatever Festival Hydroplanes." This rule establishes a regulated area on the Kennebec River and provides specific guidance to control vessel movement during the race.

This event will include up to 50 hydroplanes competing on a rectangular course at speeds approaching 70 m.p.h. Due to the inherent dangers of a race of this type, vessel traffic will be temporarily restricted to provide for the safety of the spectators and participants.

The sponsor will provide a minimum of four safety boats, two manned with divers, and an EMT rescue ambulance on shore. All sponsor resources will be identified with regatta signs or flags in accordance with American Power Boat Association requirements. A Coast Guard patrol also will be assigned to the event. The race course will be well-marked and patrolled, but due to the speed and proximity of the participating vessels, it is necessary to establish a special local regulation to control spectator and commercial vessel movement within the confined area.

Regulatory History

A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) was published for this rule on 26 April 1995 (60 FR 20463); no comments were received and no changes were made to the original proposal.

Discussion of Rule

The Coast Guard is establishing a special local regulation on specified waters of the Kennebec River, Augusta, Maine. The regulated area will be closed to all traffic annually on the fourth weekend in June. In emergency situations, provisions will be made to establish safe escort by Coast Guard designated vessels for mariners requiring transit through any regulated area. This regulation is needed to

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

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Special Local Regulation: Whatever Festival Hydroplanes, Kennebec River, Augusta, ME

AGENCY: Coast guard, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a permanent special local