

PORT OF TRURO

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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Navigation and Anchor Lights

All mariners are reminded of the requirements of the **International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCS/COLREGs)** regarding the correct display of navigation and anchor lights.

Particular attention is drawn to **Rules 20 to 30 of the IRPCS**.

From **sunset to sunrise**, and in restricted visibility where required:

- **Power-driven vessels underway** must display the appropriate navigation lights required by Rule 23. Specific attention is drawn to small vessels under 7 metres exceeding 7 knots in which a single all-round white light is not sufficient.
- **Sailing vessels underway** must display the appropriate sidelights and stern light, subject to the provisions for smaller vessels.

Vessels at anchor must display the appropriate all-round white anchor light(s), subject to the local Byelaw 4 exception, 'Small vessels secured to a permanent mooring are not required to display an all-round white, unless requested by the Harbour Master'. This exception applies to vessels secured to permanent yacht moorings and should not be taken as a general exemption from displaying the appropriate lights when underway or otherwise at anchor.

- **Vessels engaged in towing, fishing or other operations**, or restricted in their ability to manoeuvre, must display the additional lights and shapes required by the IRPCS.

Masters and owners should ensure all required navigation lights are **operational, clearly visible and appropriate to the vessel's size and activity**.

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