



## Lights & Shapes II: Sailing, Fishing & Restricted

The vessels with special status — sailing craft, vessels engaged in fishing, and those not under command or restricted in their ability to manoeuvre. The lights that change who gives way.

### R · 25 Sailing underway

- Sidelights + sternlight; **no** masthead lights
- <20 m: may combine in one **tricolour** at the masthead
- Optional all-round pair atop the mast: **red over green**

### R · 25 Motorsailing & oars

- Under sail AND engine = a **power-driven** vessel (Rule 23)
- By day show a **cone, apex down**, forward
- Vessel under oars: may show lights as a sailing vessel

### R · 26 Trawling

- All-round **green over white**; masthead abaft & higher if 50 m+
- Sidelights + sternlight only when **making way**
- By day: **two cones, apexes together** (hourglass)

### R · 26 Fishing (not trawling)

- All-round **red over white**
- Gear extending >150 m: all-round white toward the gear
- By day: **two cones apexes together** (or a basket if <20 m)

### R · 27 Not under command (NUC)

- **Two all-round red** in a vertical line
- Sidelights + sternlight only when **making way**
- By day: **two balls** in a vertical line

### R · 27 Restricted (RAM)

- **Red-white-red** all-round in a vertical line
- Plus masthead(s), sidelights, sternlight when making way
- By day: **ball-diamond-ball** vertical

### R · 27 RAM special cases

- Dredging/obstruction: RAM + **two red** (foul) & **two green** (clear) side
- Towing where tow restricts: RAM + Rule 24 towing lights
- Small diving ops: a rigid replica of flag "A"

### KEY NUC vs RAM

- NUC = an **exceptional circumstance** (breakdown, etc.)
- RAM = the **nature of her work** restricts her
- Both outrank a power-driven vessel in the Rule 18 order

### TRAP Easy marks to lose

- NUC = **two reds**; RAM = **red-white-red** — don't swap
- NUC/RAM sidelights show **only** when making way
- Sail + engine running = a **power-driven** vessel, full stop

### ORAL Mnemonics that stick

- "Red over white — fishing tonight; green over white — trawling"
- "Red-white-red — restricted; red over red — not under command"
- State whether she's **making way** before claiming sidelights

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