§ 83.22 Visibility of lights (Rule 22).

The lights prescribed in these Rules shall have an intensity as specified in Annex I to these Rules, so as to be visible at the following minimum ranges:

(a) Vessel of 50 meters or more in length.
   (1) A masthead light, 6 miles;
   (2) A sidelight, 3 miles;
   (3) A sternlight, 3 miles;
   (4) A towing light, 3 miles;
   (5) A white, red, green or yellow all-round light, 3 miles; and
   (6) A special flashing light, 2 miles.

(b) Vessels of 12 meters or more in length but less than 50 meters in length.
   (1) A masthead light, 5 miles; except that where the length of the vessel is
       less than 20 meters, 3 miles;
   (2) A sidelight, 2 miles;
   (3) A sternlight, 2 miles;
   (4) A towing light, 2 miles;
   (5) A white, red, green or yellow all-round light, 2 miles; and
   (6) A special flashing light, 2 miles.

(c) Vessels of less than 12 meters in length.
   In a vessel of less than 12 meters in length:
   (1) A masthead light, 2 miles;
   (2) A sidelight, 1 mile;
   (3) A sternlight, 2 miles;
   (4) A towing light, 2 miles;
   (5) A white, red, green or yellow all-round light, 2 miles; and
   (6) A special flashing light, 2 miles.

§ 83.23 Power-driven vessels underway (Rule 23).

(a) Lights exhibited by power-driven vessels underway. A power-driven vessel underway shall exhibit:
   (1) A masthead light forward;
   (2) A second masthead light abaft of and higher than the forward one; except that a vessel of less than 50 meters in length shall not be obliged to exhibit such light but may do so;
   (3) Sidelights; and
   (4) A sternlight.

(b) Air-cushion vessels. An air-cushion vessel when operating in the non-displacement mode shall, in addition to the lights prescribed in paragraph (a) of this Rule, exhibit an all-round flashing yellow light where it can best be seen.

(c) Alternative lights for power-driven vessels of less than 12 meters in length. A power-driven vessel of less than 12 meters in length may, in lieu of the lights prescribed in paragraph (a) of this Rule, exhibit an all-round white light and sidelights.