

~~(VII) PATROLLING A MARINE PARADE, REGATTA, OR OTHER WATER RELATED EVENT.~~

~~(2) THE FOLLOWING PERSONS MAY DISPLAY AND OPERATE A FLASHING, ALTERNATING RED AND YELLOW LIGHT OR SIGNAL DEVICE:~~

~~(I) A member of a municipal, county, or volunteer fire, rescue, or ambulance department or company who is on a fire, rescue, or ambulance vessel of a municipal, county, or volunteer fire, rescue, or ambulance department or company [may display and operate flashing, alternating red and yellow lights or signal devices] while responding to or at the scene of an emergency; AND~~

~~(II) AN AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL OPERATING A COAST GUARD AUXILIARY VESSEL OR A COMMERCIAL TOWING VESSEL WHILE ENGAGED IN A PUBLIC SAFETY ACTIVITY.~~

~~(c) [On the immediate approach of a fire, rescue, or ambulance vessel lawfully using a flashing, alternating red and yellow light or signal device, an operator of another vessel, unless otherwise directed by a police officer, shall:~~

~~(1) Yield the right of way; and~~

~~(2) Stop the vessel and stay in that position until the fire, rescue, or ambulance vessel has passed.~~

(C) (1) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ON A VESSEL ENGAGED IN A GOVERNMENT SANCTIONED PUBLIC SAFETY ACTIVITY OR A COMMERCIAL VESSEL PERFORMING A PUBLIC SAFETY ACTIVITY MAY DISPLAY AN ALTERNATELY FLASHING RED AND YELLOW LIGHT SIGNAL.

(2) THE PUBLIC SAFETY IDENTIFICATION LIGHT SIGNAL SHALL BE LOCATED SO THAT IT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE VISIBILITY OF THE VESSEL'S NAVIGATION LIGHTS.

(3) THE PUBLIC SAFETY IDENTIFICATION LIGHT SIGNAL MAY BE USED ONLY AS AN IDENTIFICATION LIGHT SIGNAL AND DOES NOT CONVEY ANY SPECIAL PRIVILEGE TO THE VESSEL DISPLAYING THE LIGHT SIGNAL.

(4) AN INDIVIDUAL ON A VESSEL USING THE PUBLIC SAFETY IDENTIFICATION LIGHT SIGNAL DURING PUBLIC SAFETY ACTIVITIES SHALL COMPLY WITH THE INLAND NAVIGATION RULES ADOPTED BY THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND MAY NOT PRESUME THAT THE LIGHT OR THE ACTIVITY GIVES THE VESSEL PRECEDENCE OR RIGHT-OF-WAY.

~~(d)~~ A person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$500.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ June 1, 1993.

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