

Towing Lights

Sidelights are required on the Power Driven Vessel and on the Towed Vessel when underway for Towing Astern, Pushing Ahead or Towing Alongside - both sets of Rules.

Power Driven Vessel

Towing Astern	Pushing Ahead or Towing Alongside	
2 (or 3) Masthead Lights *	2 Masthead Lights**	
*tow>200 meters 3 masthead lights	**INLAND above Huey Long bridge, no masthead lights	
	INTERNATIONAL	INLAND
Sternlight	Sternlight	---
1 Towing light	---	2 towing lights
(This is weird but must be memorized)		

Note: If the Masthead Lights for towing are displayed aft, there must be a masthead light forward.

Towed Vessel

Towing Astern***	Pushing Ahead	
	INTERNATIONAL	INLAND
Sternlight	----	Special Flashing Light
<i>Vessel pushed ahead does not need a sternlight.</i>		
Towing Astern***	Towing Alongside	
	INTERNATIONAL	INLAND
Sternlight	Sternlight	Sternlight
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***Note: For Towing Astern, if the tow exceeds 200 meters, both the Power Driven Vessel and the Vessel being Towed show a diamond shape.

Note: When pushing ahead, vessels rigidly connected as a composite unit are lighted as a single power driven vessel and this whole chart can be ignored.

