



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2020-0528]

Certificates of Alternative Compliance for the Eighth Coast Guard District

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notification of issuance of certificates of alternative compliance.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces that the Eighth Coast Guard District's Prevention Division has issued certificates of alternative compliance from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), to vessels of special construction or purpose that cannot fully comply with the light, shape, and sound signal provisions of 72 COLREGS without interfering with the vessel's design and construction. We are issuing this notice because its publication is required by statute. This notification of issuance of certificates of alternative compliance promotes the Coast Guard's marine safety mission.

DATES: These Certificates of Alternative Compliance were issued between January 2015 and May 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information or questions about this notice call or e-mail LTJG Elliot VanDeren, District Eight, Prevention Division, U.S. Coast Guard, telephone 504-671-2126, email Elliot.D.VanDeren@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The United States is signatory to the International Maritime Organization's International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), as amended. The special construction or purpose of some vessels makes them unable to comply with the light, shape, or sound signal provisions of the 72 COLREGS. Under statutory law, however, specified 72 COLREGS

provisions are not applicable to a vessel of special construction or purpose if the Coast Guard determines that the vessel cannot comply fully with those requirements without interfering with the special function of the vessel.¹

The owner, builder, operator, or agent of a special construction or purpose vessel may apply to the Coast Guard District Office in which the vessel is being built or operated for a determination that compliance with alternative requirements is justified,² and the Chief of the Prevention Division then issues the applicant a certificate of alternative compliance (COAC) if he or she determines that the vessel cannot comply fully with 72 COLREGS light, shape, and sound signal provisions without interference with the vessel's special function.³ If the Coast Guard issues a COAC, it must publish notice of this action in the **Federal Register**.⁴

The Eighth Coast Guard District has issued COACs to the following vessels from January 2015 to May 2020:

Year	Vessel Name	Details
2015	CAROLINE F MCCALL	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's forward masthead light on the top of the pilothouse, 15' 11-5/8" above the hull, and its aft masthead light on the main mast above the pilot house, 9' 9" aft of the forward masthead light.
2015	ALYA MCCALL	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's forward masthead light on the top of the purposed hand rail, 18' 8-13/16" above the hull, and its aft masthead light on the main mast above the pilot house, 9' 9" aft of the forward masthead light.
2015	ADRIATIC	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's aft masthead light on the pilothouse, 30' aft of the forward masthead light.
2015	MARIYA MORAN	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 6' 3" from the sides of the vessel.
2015	SHELIA BORDELON	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's aft masthead light on the main mast above the pilothouse, 17' 6-1/8" aft of the forward masthead light.
2015	LENNY J	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's side lights 36" below the forward masthead light and placement of its masthead lights in a vertical line, 36" apart from each other.

¹ 33 U.S.C. 1605.

² 33 CFR 81.5.

³ 33 CFR 81.9.

⁴ 33 U.S.C. 1605(c) and 33 CFR 81.18.

2015	GEMI	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's masthead light on the pilothouse, 19' 6-3/4" aft of the forward masthead light.
2016	NAJLA MCCALL	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's forward masthead light on the top of the purposed hand rail, 18' 8-13/16" above the hull, and its aft masthead light on the main mast above the pilot house, 9' 9" aft of the forward masthead light.
2016	HERMES	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's aft masthead light on the pilothouse, 23' 11-1/2" aft of the forward masthead light.
2016	PAUL CANDIES	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's forward masthead light on the flight deck, 11' 3-3/16" forward of the aft masthead light.
2016	DEFENDER	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's forward masthead light 29' 3" above the hull.
2017	FANTASY ISLAND	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's after masthead light on the main mast above the pilot house, 25' 11-7/16" aft of the forward masthead light.
2017	ELLIS ISLAND	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights atop the pilot house, 15' 11-3/4" inboard from the side shell.
2017	Conrad hull C1151	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's forward anchor light 5' 1-3/8" above its aft anchor light.
2017	Conrad hull C1152	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's forward anchor light 5' 1-3/8" above its aft anchor light.
2017	CAROLYN CHOUEST	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's aft masthead light on the main mast atop the pilot house, 25' 4-11/16" aft of the forward masthead light.
2017	JUDITH ANN	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's after masthead light on the main mast atop the pilot house, 16' 10-15/16" aft of the forward masthead light.
2017	GARY CHOUEST	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's aft masthead light on the main mast atop the pilot house, 28' - 11/16" aft of the forward masthead light.
2017	COMMANDER	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's masthead light on the main mast atop the pilot house, 60' 11 1/8" aft of the stem. Additionally this certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 8' inboard from the side shell and placement of the RAM/NUC lights 3' 3-13/16" off centerline.
2017	MARGARET ANN	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights forward of the forward masthead light, 15' 10-11/16" aft of the stem.
2017	OSRB 4	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 8' 8" inboard of the side shell.

2018	COURAGEOUS	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's masthead light on the main mast atop the pilot house, 60' 11 1/8" aft of the stem. Additionally this certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 8' inboard from the side shell and placement of the RAM/NUC lights 3' 3-13/16" off centerline.
2018	CONTENDER	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's masthead light on the main mast atop the pilot house, 60' 11 1/8" aft of the stem. Additionally this certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 8' inboard from the side shell and placement of the RAM/NUC lights 3' 3-13/16" off centerline.
2018	CHAMPION	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's masthead light on the main mast atop the pilot house, 60' 11 1/8" aft of the stem. Additionally this certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 8' inboard from the side shell and placement of the RAM/NUC lights 3' 3-13/16" off centerline.
2018	CHALLENGER	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's masthead light on the main mast atop the pilot house, 60' 11 1/8" aft of the stem. Additionally this certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 8' inboard from the side shell and placement of the RAM/NUC lights 3' 3-13/16" off centerline.
2018	HOS WARHORSE	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's aft masthead light on the main mast atop the pilot house, 111' aft of the forward masthead light. Additionally, this certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights on the bridge wings. This certificate also allowed two sets of RAM/NUC lights on the starboard side of the mast, screened in such a way as to allow an unbroken 360 degree arc of visibility.
2018	HOS WILD HORSE	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's aft masthead light on the main mast atop the pilot house, 111' aft of the forward masthead light. Additionally, this certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights on the bridge wings. This certificate also allowed two sets of RAM/NUC lights on the starboard side of the mast, screened in such a way as to allow an unbroken 360 degree arc of visibility.
2018	ELRINGTON	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 4' 3" forward of the masthead light and 16' 3" inboard of the side shell.
2018	LATOUCHE	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 4' 3" forward of the masthead light and 16' 3" inboard of the side shell.
2018	BAINBRIDGE	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 4' 3" forward of the masthead light and 16' 3" inboard of the side shell.

2018	INGOT	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 4' 3" forward of the masthead light and 16' 3" inboard of the side shell.
2018	CAPE ANN	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights on the elevated pilothouse, 6' 7" inboard of the sides of the vessel.
2018	YOUNGS TIDE	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's aft masthead light on the main mast atop the pilot house, 20' 10" aft of the forward masthead light
2018	SEACOR TOTONACA	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's aft masthead light on the main mast atop the pilot house, 24' 4" aft of the forward masthead light
2018	CC PORTLAND	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 4' 3" forward of the masthead light and 16' 3" inboard of the side shell.
2018	CC ARANSAS	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 4' 3" forward of the masthead light and 16' 3" inboard of the side shell.
2018	CC LA QUINTA	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 4' 3" forward of the masthead light and 16' 3" inboard of the side shell.
2018	CC GREGORY	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 4' 3" forward of the masthead light and 16' 3" inboard of the side shell.
2018	WACHAPREAGUE	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 8' 1" off the centerline.
2018	CHINCOTEAGUE	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 8' 1" off the centerline.
2018	CAPE LOOKOUT	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 6' 7" inboard from the sides of the vessel.
2018	CAPE HENRY	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 6' 7" inboard from the sides of the vessel.
2018	EVENING BREEZE	This certificate authorized the placement of a set of RAM/NUC lights 3' 6" off centerline of the mast, screened in such a way as to allow an unbroken 360 degree arc of visibility. Additionally, this certificate authorized the placement of one set of sidelights on the upper pilot house, 12' 11" inboard from the sides of the vessel, and the other set on the lower pilot house, 9' 3" inboard from the sides of the vessel.
2018	DEER ISLAND	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's aft masthead light on the main mast atop the pilot house, 26' 9 7/8" aft of the forward masthead light.

2018	MARK E. KUEBLER	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 10' 10-3/4" inboard from the sides of the vessel and authorized the lights on its mast, carried in a vertical line, to be spaced less than two meters apart. Additionally, this certificate authorized the vessel's lights on its mast to be spaced less than two meters apart from the fore and aft centerline of the vessel in the athwartship direction. This certificate also authorized the placement of the vessel's masthead light 39' 4-5/8" above the hull.
2018	POWHATAN	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 21' 10-1/2" inboard from the side of the vessel.
2018	FUGRO ENTERPRISE	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's after masthead light on the main mast atop the pilot house, 42' 6-1/2" aft of the forward masthead light, sidelights on the bridge wings, 10' 6" off the centerline of the vessel, and two sets of RAM/NUC lights 3' 8" off the centerline of the mast, screened in such a way as to allow an unbroken 360 degree arc of visibility.
2018	MICHAEL CROMBIE MCCALL	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's forward masthead light on the top of the pilothouse, 26' 3-10/16" above the hull, and its aft masthead light on the main mast above the pilothouse, 11' 1-3/16" aft and 14' 3-5/8" above the forward masthead light.
2019	BAILEY	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's side lights 7' 9" inboard from the sides of the vessel.
2019	TED C. LITTON	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 10' 10-3/4" inboard from the sides of the vessel, and authorized the lights on its mast carried in a vertical line to be spaced less than two meters apart. Additionally, this certificate authorized the lights on its mast to be spaced less than two meters apart from the fore and aft centerline of the vessel in the athwartship direction. This certificate also authorized the placement of the vessel's masthead light 39' 4-5/8" above the hull.
2019	CHRISTIAN CHOUEST	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's after masthead light on the main mast atop the pilothouse, 21' 9-11/16" aft of the forward masthead light.
2019	ALLIE CHOUEST	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's after masthead light on the main mast atop the pilothouse, 21' 9-11/16" aft of the forward masthead light.
2019	GAVEA	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's aft masthead light on the main mast atop the pilothouse, 21' 9-11/16" aft of the forward masthead light.

2019	CONNOLLY M	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 10' 10-3/4" inboard from the sides of the vessel, and authorized the lights on its mast carried in a vertical line to be spaced less than two meters apart. Additionally, this certificate authorized the lights on its mast to be spaced less than two meters apart from the fore and aft centerline of the vessel in the athwartship direction. This certificate also authorized the placement of the vessel's masthead light 39' 4-5/8" above the hull.
2019	ANDREW S.	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights on the elevated pilothouse, 13' inboard of the sides of the vessel, the placement of the masthead light 42' 4" above the hull, and the placement of the stern light on the aft most mast on the elevated pilothouse.
2019	ALYSSA CHOUEST	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's stern light 188' 6" aft of the forward perpendicular, on the centerline, and 37' 7" above the main deck on the winch platform.
2019	COOPER K.	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights on the elevated pilothouse, 10' 10-3/4" inboard from the sides of the vessel, and the masthead light 22' 7-1/8" above the hull when the mast is in the lowered position.
2019	GUYANA HERO	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's stern light 49' 2" above the main deck, on the centerline, at frame 33 of the elevated pilothouse.
2019	MAZU	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights on the elevated pilot house, 10' 1" outboard from the centerline of the vessel, the placement of the masthead light on the mast, 22' 7-1/8" above the hull when the mast is in the lowered position, and the placement of the RAM/NUC lights 1' 6" off centerline, starting 25' 5-1/8" above the hull and vertically spaced 6' 7".
2019	GENERAL MACARTHUR	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's stern light on the dredge ladder end, 25' off centerline, the placement of the forward anchor light on the pilot house at a height of 62' atop the pilot house mast, only 6' above the aft anchor light, and the placement of the aft anchor light on the dredge ladder A-frame, 3' 4" off centerline and at a height of 56' above the baseline, with a 19 degree obstruction from the dredge boom crane.
2019	C. D. WHITE	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights on the elevated pilot house, 6' outboard from the centerline of the vessel, and the placement of the RAM/NUC lights 1' 8" off centerline, starting 25' 8-1/16" above the hull and vertically spaced 6' 7".

2020	CECIL M	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights on the elevated pilot house, 10' 1" outboard from the centerline of the vessel, the placement of the masthead light on the mast, 22' 7-1/8" above the hull when the mast is in the lowered position, and the placement of the RAM/NUC lights 1' 6" off centerline, starting 25' 5-1/8" above the hull and vertically spaced 6' 7".
2020	SEACOR MIXTECA	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's aft masthead light on the main mast, 24' 4" aft of the forward masthead light, and the placement of the stern light on the centerline, 38' 5-1/2" above the main deck on the aft end of the pilothouse.
2020	SEACOR TARAHUMARA	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's aft masthead light on the main mast, 24' 4" aft of the forward masthead light, and the placement of the stern light on the centerline, 38' 5-1/2" above the main deck on the aft end of the pilothouse.
2020	KING	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights on the pilot house, 6' 1-1/2" outboard from the centerline of the vessel.
2020	GEMINI	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights on the elevated pilot house, 10' 1" outboard from the centerline of the vessel, the placement of the masthead light on the mast, 22' 7-1/8" above the hull when the mast is in the lowered position, and the placement of the RAM/NUC lights 1' 6" off centerline, starting 25' 5-1/8" above the hull and vertically spaced 6' 7".

The Eighth Coast Guard District's Prevention Division, U.S. Coast Guard, certifies that the vessels listed above are of special construction or purpose and are unable to comply fully with the requirements of the provisions enumerated in the 72 COLREGS, without interfering with the normal operation, construction, or design of the vessels. The Eighth Coast Guard District's Prevention Division, U.S. Coast Guard, further finds and certifies that the listed vessels are in the closest possible compliance with the applicable provisions of the 72 COLREGS.⁵

This notice is issued under authority of 33 U.S.C. 1605(c) and 33 CFR 81.18.

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⁵ 33 U.S.C. 1605(a); 33 CFR 81.9.

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