

suitably marked by the owner. Markings established by the Coast Guard do not relieve the owner's duty or responsibility to mark the sunken vessel or other obstruction, or to remove it as required by law.

(b) Costs for markings established by the Coast Guard will be determined in accordance with part 74 of this Chapter.

(c) Costs for marking of a sunken vessel or other obstruction shall be charged to the owner and shall continue until:

(1) The vessel or other obstruction is removed;

(2) The right of the owner to abandon is legally established and has been exercised; or

(3) The District Commander directs otherwise.

NOTE: When the needs of navigation permit, the owner may be given reasonable opportunity to establish and maintain the necessary markings.

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Subpart 66.01—Aids to Navigation Other Than Federal or State

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§ 66.01-1 Basic provisions.

(a) No person, public body or instrumentality not under the control of the Commandant, exclusive of the Armed Forces, shall establish and maintain, discontinue, change or transfer ownership of any aid to maritime navigation, without first obtaining permission to do so from the Commandant.

(b) For the purposes of this subpart, the term private aids to navigation includes all marine aids to navigation operated in the navigable waters of the United States other than those operated by the Federal Government (part 62 of this subchapter) or those operated in State waters for private aids to navigation (subpart 66.05).

(c) Coast Guard authorization of a private aid to navigation does not authorize any invasion of private rights, nor grant any exclusive privileges, nor does it obviate the necessity of complying with any other Federal, State or local laws or regulations.

(d) With the exception of radar beacons (racons) and shore based radar stations, operation of electronic aids to navigation as private aids will not be authorized.

[CGFR 68-152, 33 FR 19816, Dec. 27, 1968, as amended by CGD 85-057, 51 FR 11448, Apr. 3, 1986]

§ 66.01-3 Delegation of authority to District Commanders.

(a) Under Section 888 of Pub. L. 107-296, 116 Stat. 2135, the Commandant delegates to the District Commanders

within the confines of their respective districts (see Part 3 of this chapter for descriptions) the authority to grant permission to establish and maintain, discontinue, change or transfer ownership of private aids to maritime navigation, and otherwise administer the requirements of this subpart.

(b) The decisions of the District Commander may be appealed within 30 days from the date of decision. The decision of the Commandant in any case is final.

[CGFR 68-152, 33 FR 19816, Dec. 27, 1968, as amended by USCG-1998-3799, 63 FR 35526, June 30, 1998; USCG-2003-14505, 68 FR 9535, Feb. 28, 2003]

§ 66.01-5 Application procedure.

Application to establish and maintain, discontinue, change, or transfer ownership of a private aid to navigation shall be made to the Commander of the Coast Guard District in which the private aid to navigation is or will be located. Application forms (CG-2554) will be provided upon request. The applicant shall complete all parts of the form applicable to the aid to navigation concerned, and shall forward the application in triplicate to the District Commander. The following information is required:

(a) The proposed position of the aid to navigation by two or more horizontal angles, or bearings and distance from charted landmarks. A section of chart or sketch showing the proposed location of the aid to navigation shall be included.

(b) The name and address of the person at whose expense the aid will be maintained.

(c) The name and address of the person who will maintain the aid to navigation.

(d) The time and dates during which it is proposed to operate the aid.

(e) The necessity for the aid.

(f) For lights: The color, characteristic, height above water, and description of illuminating apparatus.

(g) For fog signals: Type (whistle, horn, bell, etc.) and characteristic.

(h) For buoys or daybeacons: Shape, color, number, or letter, depth of water in which located or height above water.

(i) For racons: Manufacturer and model number of racon, height above water of desired installation, and requested coding characteristic. Equipment must have FCC authorization.

[CGFR 68-152, 33 FR 19816, Dec. 27, 1968, as amended by CGD 85-057, 51 FR 11448, Apr. 3, 1986]

§ 66.01-10 Characteristics.

The characteristics of a private aid to navigation shall conform to the United States Aids to Navigation System described in Subpart B of Part 62 of this subchapter, except that only tungsten-incandescent light sources will be approved for electric lights.

[CGD 86-031, 52 FR 42645, Nov. 6, 1987, as amended by CGD 93-047, 58 FR 64153, Dec. 6, 1993; CGD 97-018, 63 FR 33573, June 19, 1998]

§ 66.01-15 Action by Coast Guard.

(a) The District Commander receiving the application will review it for completeness and will assign the aid one of the following classifications:

Class I: Aids to navigation on marine structures or other works which the owners are legally obligated to establish, maintain and operate as prescribed by the Coast Guard.

Class II: Aids to navigation exclusive of Class I located in waters used by general navigation.

Class III: Aids to navigation exclusive of Class I located in waters not ordinarily used by general navigation.

(b) Upon approval by the District Commander, a signed copy of the application will be returned to the applicant. Approval for the operation of radar beacons (racons) will be effective for an initial two year period, then subject to annual review without further submission required of the owner.

[CGFR 68-152, 33 FR 19816, Dec. 27, 1968, as amended by CGD 85-057, 51 FR 11448, Apr. 3, 1986]

§ 66.01-20 Inspection.

All classes of private aids to navigation shall be maintained in proper operating condition. They are subject to inspection by the Coast Guard at any time and without prior notice.