

**§ 80.1390**

**§ 80.1390 Haro Strait and Strait of Georgia.**

The 72 COLREGS shall apply on all waters of the Haro Strait and the Strait of Georgia.

[CGD 81-087, 46 FR 61457, Dec. 17, 1981; 47 FR 3351, Jan. 25, 1982, and 49 FR 3177, Jan. 26, 1984]

**§ 80.1395 Puget Sound and adjacent waters.**

The 72 COLREGS shall apply on all waters of Puget Sound and adjacent waters, including Lake Union, Lake Washington, Hood Canal, and all tributaries.

[CGD 81-087, 46 FR 61457, Dec. 17, 1981; 47 FR 3351, Jan. 25, 1982, and 49 FR 3177, Jan. 26, 1984]

PACIFIC ISLANDS

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT

**§ 80.1410 Hawaiian Island Exemption from General Rule.**

Except as provided elsewhere in this part for Mamala Bay and Kaneohe Bay on Oahu; Port Allen and Nawiliwili Bay on Kauai; Kahului Harbor on Maui; and Kawaihae and Hilo Harbors on Hawaii, the 72 COLREGS shall apply on all other bays, harbors, and lagoons of the Hawaiian Island (including Midway).

**§ 80.1420 Mamala Bay, Oahu, HI.**

A line drawn from Barbers Point Light to Diamond Head Light.

**§ 80.1430 Kaneohe Bay, Oahu, HI.**

A straight line drawn from Pyramid Rock Light across Kaneohe Bay through the center of Mokolii Island to the shoreline.

**§ 80.1440 Port Allen, Kauai, HI.**

A line drawn from Hanapepe Light to Hanapepe Bay Breakwater Light.

[CGD 77-118a, 42 FR 35784, July 11, 1977; 42 FR 63169, Dec. 15, 1977. Redesignated by CGD 81-017, 46 FR 28154, May 26, 1981]

**§ 80.1450 Nawiliwili Harbor, Kauai, HI.**

A line drawn from Nawiliwili Harbor Breakwater Light to Kukii Point Light.

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**§ 80.1460 Kahului Harbor, Maui, HI.**

A line drawn from Kahului Harbor Entrance East Breakwater Light to Kahului Harbor Entrance West Breakwater Light.

[CGD 89-068, 55 FR 31832, Aug. 6, 1990]

**§ 80.1470 Kawaihae Harbor, Hawaii, HI.**

A line drawn from Kawaihae Light to the seaward extremity of the Kawaihae South Breakwater.

**§ 80.1480 Hilo Harbor, Hawaii, HI.**

A line drawn from the seaward extremity of the Hilo Breakwater 265° true (as an extension of the seaward side of the breakwater) to the shoreline 0.2 nautical mile north of Alealea Point.

**§ 80.1490 Apra Harbor, U.S. Territory of Guam.**

A line drawn from the westernmost extremity of Orote Island to the westernmost extremity of Glass Breakwater.

**§ 80.1495 U.S. Pacific Island Possessions.**

The 72 COLREGS shall apply on the bays, harbors, lagoons, and waters surrounding the U.S. Pacific Island Possessions of American Samoa, Baker, Howland, Jarvis, Johnson, Palmyra, Swains and Wake Islands.

[CGD 94-011, 63 FR 5731, Feb. 4, 1998]

ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT

**§ 80.1705 Alaska.**

The 72 COLREGS shall apply on all the sounds, bays, harbors, and inlets of Alaska.

[CGD 79-036, 44 FR 22458, Apr. 16, 1979. Redesignated by CGD 81-017, 46 FR 28154, May 26, 1981]

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- 81.20 Lights and sound signal appliances.  
AUTHORITY: 33 U.S.C. 1607; E.O. 11964; 49 CFR 1.46.  
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#### § 81.1 Definitions.

As used in this part:

*72 COLREGS* refers to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, done at London, October 20, 1972, as rectified by the Proces-Verbal of December 1, 1973, as amended.

A vessel of special construction or purpose means a vessel designed or modified to perform a special function and whose arrangement is thereby made relatively inflexible.

Interference with the special function of the vessel occurs when installation or use of lights, shapes, or sound-signaling appliances under 72 COLREGS prevents or significantly hinders the operation in which the vessel is usually engaged.

[CGD 77-136, 47 FR 13799, Apr. 1, 1982]

#### § 81.3 General.

Vessels of special construction or purpose which cannot fully comply with the light, shape, and sound signal provisions of 72 COLREGS without interfering with their special function may instead meet alternative requirements. The Chief of the Marine Safety Division in each Coast Guard District Office makes this determination and requires that alternative compliance be as close as possible with the 72 COLREGS. These regulations set out the procedure by which a vessel may be certified for alternative compliance. The information collection and record-keeping requirements in §§ 81.5 and 81.18 have been approved by the Office

of Management and Budget under OMB control No. 2115-0073.

[CGD 77-136, 47 FR 13799, Apr. 1, 1982]

### ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE

#### § 81.5 Application for a Certificate of Alternative Compliance.

(a) The owner, builder, operator, or agent of a vessel of special construction or purpose who believes the vessel cannot fully comply with the 72 COLREGS light, shape, or sound signal provisions without interference with its special function may apply for a determination that alternative compliance is justified. The application must be in writing, submitted to the Chief of the Marine Safety Division of the Coast Guard District in which the vessel is being built or operated, and include the following information:

(1) The name, address, and telephone number of the applicant.

(2) The identification of the vessel by its:

- (i) Official number;
- (ii) Shipyard hull number;
- (iii) Hull identification number; or
- (iv) State number, if the vessel does not have an official number or hull identification number.

(3) Vessel name and home port, if known.

(4) A description of the vessel's area of operation.

(5) A description of the provision for which the Certificate of Alternative Compliance is sought, including:

(i) The 72 COLREGS Rule or Annex section number for which the Certificate of Alternative Compliance is sought;

(ii) A description of the special function of the vessel that would be interfered with by full compliance with the provision of that Rule or Annex section; and

(iii) A statement of how full compliance would interfere with the special function of the vessel.

(6) A description of the alternative installation that is in closest possible compliance with the applicable 72 COLREGS Rule or Annex section.

(7) A copy of the vessel's plans or an accurate scale drawing that clearly shows: