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§ 83.02 Responsibility (Rule 2).

(a) Exoneration. Nothing in these Rules shall exonerate any vessel, or the owner, master, or crew thereof, from the consequences of any neglect to comply with these Rules or of the neglect of any precaution which may be required by the ordinary practice of seamen, or by the special circumstances of the case.

(b) Departure from rules when necessary to avoid immediate danger. In construing and complying with these Rules due regard shall be had to all dangers of navigation and collision and to any special circumstances, including the limitations of the vessels involved, which may make a departure from these Rules necessary to avoid immediate danger.

§ 83.03 Definitions (Rule 3).

For the purpose of these Rules and this chapter, except where the context otherwise requires:

(a) Vessel includes every description of water craft, including nondisplacement craft and seaplanes, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water;

(b) Power-driven vessel means any vessel propelled by machinery;

(c) Sailing vessel means any vessel under sail provided that propelling machinery, if fitted, is not being used;

(d) Vessel engaged in fishing means any vessel fishing with nets, lines, trawls, or other fishing apparatus which restricts maneuverability, but does not include a vessel fishing with trolling lines or other fishing apparatus which do not restrict maneuverability;

(e) Seaplane includes any aircraft designed to maneuver on the water;

(f) Vessel not under command means a vessel which, through some exceptional circumstance, is unable to maneuver as required by these Rules and is therefore unable to keep out of the way of another vessel;

(g) Vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver means a vessel which, from the nature of her work, is restricted in her ability to maneuver as required by these Rules and is therefore unable to keep out of the way of another vessel; vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver include, but are not limited to:

1. A vessel engaged in laying, servicing, or picking up a navigation mark, submarine cable, or pipeline;
2. A vessel engaged in dredging, surveying, or underwater operations;
3. A vessel engaged in replenishment or transferring persons, provisions, or cargo while underway;
4. A vessel engaged in the launching or recovery of aircraft;
5. A vessel engaged in mineclearance operations; and
6. A vessel engaged in a towing operation such as severely restricts the...