

TABLE 3

Vessel	No.	Masthead lights are arc of visibility; rule 21(a)	Side lights arc of visibility; rule 21(b)	Stern lights arc of visibility; rule 21(c)	Side lights distance in-board of ship's sides in meters 3(b) annex 1	Stern light, distance forward of stern in meters, rule 21(c)	Forward anchor light, height above hull in meters, 2(K) annex 1	Anchor lights relationship of aft light to forward light in meters 2(K) annex 1
USS <i>Zephyr</i> .....	PC-8	*	*	*	*	1 28.26	3.01	1.1 below
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<sup>1</sup> Only when towing.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Navy**

**32 CFR Part 706**

**Certifications and Exemptions Under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.  
**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy is amending its certifications and exemptions under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), to reflect that the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy (Admiralty and Maritime Law) has determined that USS *Bonhomme Richard* (LHD 6) is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot fully comply with certain provisions of the 72 COLREGS without interfering with its special function as a naval ship. The intended effect of this rule is to warn mariners in waters where 72 COLREGS apply.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 9, 1999.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the authority granted in 33 U.S.C. 1605, the Department of the Navy

amends 32 CFR Part 706. This amendment provides notice that the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy (Admiralty and Maritime Law), under authority delegated by the Secretary of the Navy, has certified that USS *Bonhomme Richard* (LHD 6) is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot fully comply with the following specific provisions of 72 COLREGS without interfering with its special function as a naval ship: Annex I paragraph 2(f)(i) pertaining to the placement of the masthead lights above and clear of all obstructions. The Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy (Admiralty and Maritime Law) has also certified that the lights involved are located in closest possible compliance with the applicable 72 COLREGS requirements.

Moreover, it has been determined, in accordance with 32 CFR Parts 296 and 701, that publication of this amendment for public comment prior to adoption is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to public interest since it is based on technical findings that the placement of lights on this vessel in a manner differently from that prescribed herein will adversely affect the vessel's ability to perform its military functions.

**List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 706**

Marine safety, Navigation (water), and Vessels.

Accordingly, 32 CFR part 706 is amended as follows:

**PART 706—[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for 32 CFR part 706 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 1605.

2. Table 4, paragraph 6, of § 706.2 is amended by adding, in numerical order, the following entry for USS *Bonhomme Richard*:

**§ 706.2 Certifications of the Secretary of the Navy under Executive Order 11964 and 33 U.S.C. 1605.**

USS <i>Bonhomme Richard</i> (LHD 6) .....	1°12'
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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 4, 2000.

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