

MSN 1781 (M+F) (Corrigendum)

The Merchant Shipping (Distress Signal and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations 1996

Notice to Owners, Masters, Skippers, Officers and Crews of Merchant Ships, Fishing Vessels, Pleasure Vessels, Yachts and other Seagoing Craft.

This Notice should be read in conjunction with MSN 1781

CORRIGENDUM

Merchant Shipping Notice 1781, on The Merchant Shipping (Distress Signal and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations 1996, shows an incorrect key on page 32 in Annex I paragraph 13(b). Also the word 'craft' has been added to line 2 in 13(a). The whole of paragraph 13 including the correct key is produced below.

13. High Speed Craft*

(a) The masthead light of high-speed craft may be placed at a height related to the breadth of the craft lower than that prescribed in paragraph 2(a)(i) of this annex, provided that the base angle of the isosceles triangles formed by the sidelights and masthead light, when seen in end elevation, is not less than 27°.

(b) On high-speed craft of 50 metres or more in length, the vertical separation between foremast and mainmast light of 4.5 metres required by paragraph 2(a)(ii) of this annex may be modified provided that such distance shall not be less than the value determined by the following formula:

$$Y = \frac{(a + 17\Psi)}{1000} C + 2$$

Where:

- y is the height of the mainmast light above the foremast light in metres;
- a is the height of the foremast light above the water surface in service condition in metres;
- Ψ is the trim in service condition in degrees;
- C is the horizontal separation of masthead lights in metres.

* Refer to the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 1994 and the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 2000.

A revision of MSN 1781 is likely next year in the light of amendments under consideration at the International Maritime Organization, at which point these corrections will be incorporated.

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