

Comparison table between The Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2020 and the proposed Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2027

Text in ***bold italic*** indicates change.

SOLAS Text	2020 Regulations				Proposed 2027 Regulations			
	2020 SI Reference	2020 SI Offence	Aimed at	Penalty	2026 SI Reference	Proposed 2027 Offence	Aimed at	Penalty
Paragraph 1 of regulation 6 (requirement to use Ice Patrol services)	Not included	NA	NA	NA	<i>9(1)a</i>	<i>17(5)(a)</i>	<i>Master</i>	<i>On summary conviction - fine</i> <i>On indictment - fine</i>
Paragraph 3 of regulation 7 (passenger ships to have on board plan for cooperation with search and rescue services)	5(2)(a)	9(1)(a)	Owner, master	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment	9(1)(b)	16(2)	Owner, master <i>[and Company]</i>	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment

Paragraph 7 of regulation 10 (use of ships' routeing system)	5(2)(b)	10(2)(a)	Owner, master and any other person responsible	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine	9(1)(c)	17(4)(a)	Owner, master and any other person responsible	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine
Paragraphs 1 and 7 of regulation 11 (ship reporting systems)	5(2)(c)	9(2)(a)	Master	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment	9(1)(d)	16(3)(a)	Master	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment
paragraphs 3 and 4 of regulation 14 (ships' manning)	5(2)(d)	10(3)	Owner or Master	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine	9(1)(e)	17(1) 17(2)(a)	Paragraph 3: owner, master [and Company] Paragraph 4: owner and master	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine

Regulation 15 (principles relating to bridge design, design and arrangement of navigational systems and equipment and bridge procedures)	5(2)(e)	No offence	Owner	No offence	9(1)(f)	No offence	Owner	No offence
Paragraph 1 and 2 in regulation 16 (maintenance of equipment)	Not included	NA	NA	NA	9(2) and 9(3)	16(1)(a)	Owner and Master	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine
Paragraphs 2 and 3 of regulation 17 (electromagnetic compatibility)	5(2)(f)	10(1)(a)	Owner and Master	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine	9(1)(g)	17(3) 17(5)(b)	Paragraph 2: Owner Paragraph 3: Master	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine

Paragraphs 1 to 3 and 7 to 9 of regulation 18 (approval, surveys and performance standards of navigational systems and equipment and voyage data recorder)	5(2)(g)	10(1)(b)	Owner and master	Paragraphs 1 to 3 and 7: On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment Paragraphs 8 and 9: On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine	10(1)	16(1)(b) 17(2)(b)	Owner and master	Paragraphs 1 to 3 and 7: <i>On summary conviction - fine</i> <i>On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment</i> Paragraphs 8 and 9: <i>On summary conviction - fine</i> <i>On indictment - fine</i>
Regulation 19 (carriage requirements for shipborne navigational systems and equipment)	5(2)(h)	9(1)(c)	Owner and master	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment	11(1)	16(1)(c)	Owner and master	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment

Paragraphs 4 to 7 of regulation 19-1 (long-range identification and tracking of ships)	5(2)(i)	10(1)(c)	Owner and master	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine	12(1)	17(2)(c)	Owner and master	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine
Paragraphs 1 and 2 of regulation 20 (voyage data recorders)	5(2)(j)	9(1)(d)	Owner and master	On summary conviction - fine On indictment – fine and/or two years imprisonment	12(2)	16(1)(d)	Owner and master	On summary conviction - fine On indictment – fine and/or two years imprisonment
Regulation 21 (International Code of Signals and IAMSAR Manual)	5(2)(k)	11(1)(a)	Owner and master	On summary conviction only - fine	12(4)	18(1)(a)	Owner and master	On summary conviction only - fine
Regulation 22 (navigation bridge visibility)	5(2)(k)	11(1)(b)	Owner and master	On summary conviction only - fine	12(7)	18(1)(b)	Owner and master	On summary conviction only - fine

Regulation 23 (pilot transfer arrangements)	5(2)(k)	10(2)(b)	Owner, master or any other person responsible	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine	13(1)	17(4)(b)	Owner, master or any other person responsible	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine
Regulation 24 (use of heading and/or track control systems)	5(2)(k)	9(3)(a)	Master or any person directed to undertake tasks	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment	14(1)(a)	16(4)(a)	Master or any person directed to undertake tasks	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment
Regulation 25 (operation of steering gear)	5(2)(k)	9(3)(b)	Master or any person directed to undertake tasks	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment	14(1)(b)	16(4)(b)	Master or any person directed to undertake tasks	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment
Regulation 26 (steering gear: testing and drills)	5(2)(k)	9(3)(c)	Para 1,2, 3.2, 4-6: Master or any person directed to undertake tasks	Para 1,2, 3.2, 4-6: On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or two	14(1) (c)	16(4)(c)	Para 1,2, 3.2, 4-6: Master or any person directed to undertake tasks	Para 1,2, 3.2, 4-6: On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or

			Para 3.1: owner and master	years imprisonment Para 3.1: On summary conviction to a fine		18(1)(c)	Para 3.1: owner and master	two years imprisonment Para 3.1: On summary conviction to a fine
Regulation 27 (nautical charts and nautical publications)	5(2)(k)	11(1)(d)	Owner and master	On summary conviction only - fine	14(4)	18(1)(d)	Owner and master	On summary conviction only - fine
Regulation 28 (records of navigational activities and daily reporting)	5(2)(k)	9(2)(b)	Master	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment	14(6)	16(3)(b)	Master	Same as 2020 regs On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment
Regulation 29 (life-saving signals to be used by ships, aircraft or persons in distress)	5(2)(k)	11(1)(e)	Owner and master	On summary conviction only - fine	14(8)(a)	18(1)(e)	Owner and master	On summary conviction only - fine
Regulation 30 (operational limitations)	5(2)(k)	9(1)(e)	Owner and master	On summary conviction - fine	14(8)(b)	16(1)(b)	Owner and master	On summary conviction only – fine

				On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment				On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment
Paragraphs 1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.4 and 5 of regulation 31 (danger messages)	5(2)(l)	9(2)(c)	Paragraph 1: Master	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment	15(a)	16(3)(c) 16(7)(b) 17(7)(a)	Paragraph 1, 2.1, 2.4: Master Paragraph 2.2: company Paragraph 5: master or responsible person	Paragraph 1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.4: On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment Paragraph 5: fine by summary conviction or indictment
Paragraphs 1 to 3, 5 and 6 of regulation 32 (information required in danger messages)	5(2)(m)	No offence	Master	No offence	15(b)	17(7)(b)	Master or responsible person	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine

Paragraphs 1, 2 and 6 of regulation 33 (distress situations; obligations and procedures)	5(2)(n)	9(2)(d)	Master	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment	15(c)	16(3)(d)	Master	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment
Regulation 34 (safe navigation and avoidance of dangerous situations)	5(2)(o)	9(2)(e)	Master	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment	15(d)	16(3)(e)	Master	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment
Regulation 34-1 (master's discretion)	5(2)(p)	9(4)(a)	the person responsible	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment	15(e)	16(5)	Owner, charterer, Company or any other person responsible	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment

Regulation 35 (misuse of distress signals)	5(2)(q)	9(4)(b)	The person responsible	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment	15(f)	16(6)	The person responsible	On summary conviction - fine On indictment - fine and/or two years imprisonment
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