

UNDER WAY AND MAKING WAY

Vessel	Under Way Special Lights	Making Way												
Not Under Command		Side and stern lights												
Restricted Ability to Manoeuvre Fishing Trawling	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>RAM</td> <td>F</td> <td>T</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	RAM	F	T										Side and stern lights. Masthead Lights
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CBD, Sail, Motor, Tug	Special lights. Side, stern and Masthead lights	Special lights Side, stern and Masthead lights												
Pilot Vessels	Special Lights. Side and stern lights	Special Lights. Side and stern lights												

Underway: not anchored, or made fast to the shore, or aground.

Making way: being propelled through the water by sail, machinery, or oar.

This is easy to distinguish by day, but at night you must look at the lights displayed for information:

- **Special Lights** - indicate the type of vessel eg Fishing, NUC, CBD, RAM
- **Fishing, Trawling, and RAM** vessels are underway when they show their special lights, AND making way if they also show side, stern and masthead lights.
- **Not Under Command vessels** show side and stern lights, but do not show masthead steaming lights when making way. They may have engine or steering trouble, so may be erratic in their course and speed. A steaming light indicates 'proceeding under engine', and direction of travel, both of which may be misleading for NUC vessels.

Tugs can be defined as towing when they show towing lights.

Motor, Sail, Tugs, Constrained by Draught, always show special lights if required, side and stern lights and masthead steaming lights. **Pilot vessels** show side and stern lights and their special white over red lights. All these vessels can only be determined as under way at night and for 99.9% of the time they will actually be making way, but you cannot assume that.

The reason for the different treatment is that certain vessels may or may not be making way by virtue of the work they do - such as dredgers, survey vessels and cable layers. Also fishing boats may drift with nets out, or make way towing nets or trawls. Vessels not under command may have operational engines - or not. It is important to separate all these situations because it would otherwise be uncertain what the vessels might do and you need to decide on appropriate actions.

In restricted visibility, a motor vessel makes different fog signals:

- 1 long blast when making way
- 2 long blasts when stopped - not making way