

# Rule 27

A large industrial vessel, possibly a tugboat or a specialized cargo ship, is shown at sea during dusk or dawn. The vessel has a complex structure with various masts, cranes, and equipment. The sky is a deep blue, and the water reflects the lights from the vessel and the sky. The overall scene is calm and somewhat somber due to the low light.

**Vessels Not Under Command or**

**Restricted in Their Ability to**

**Maneuver**

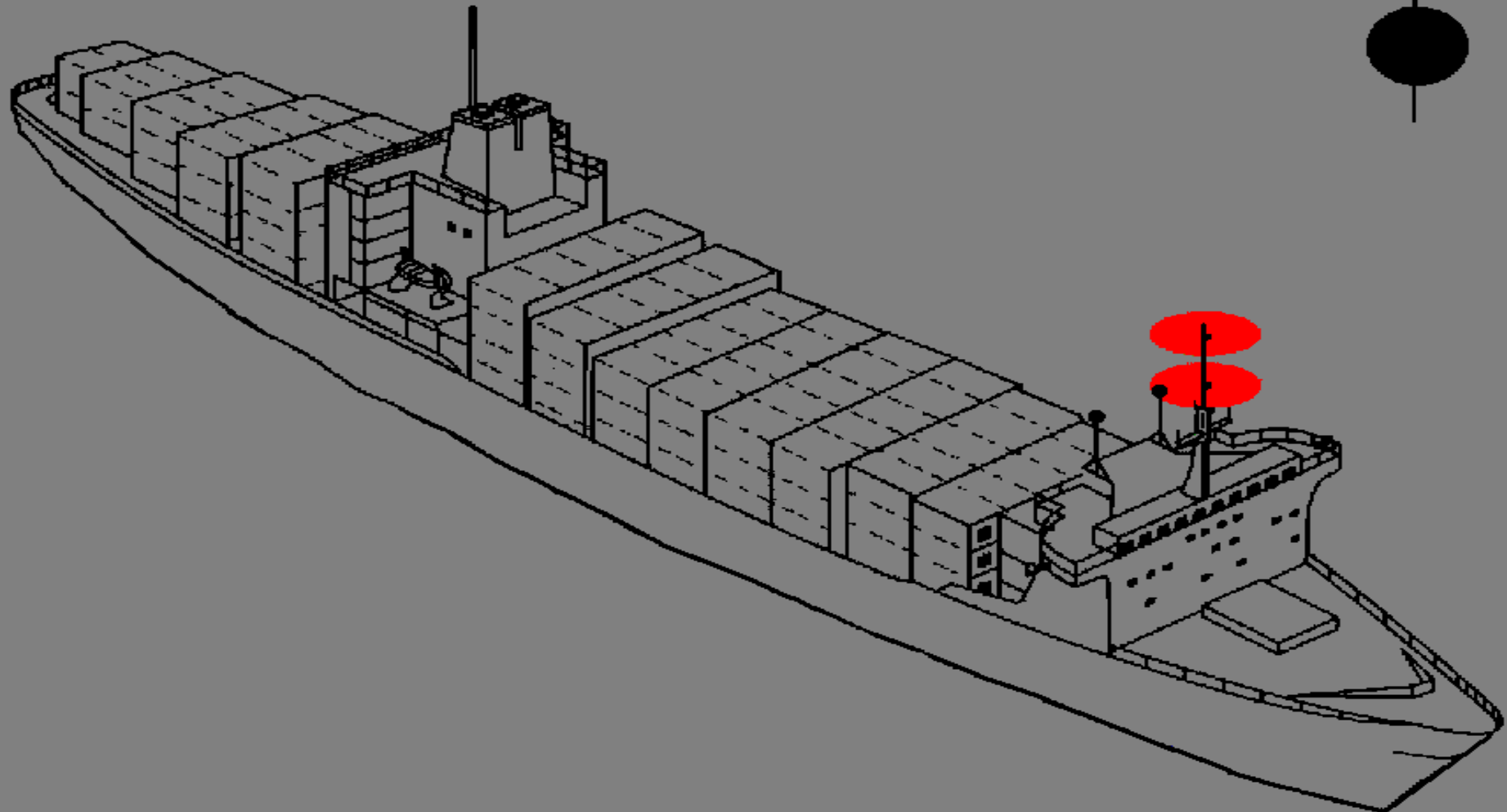
A large cargo ship is shown at sea during twilight. The ship's lights are on, and their reflection is visible on the water's surface. The sky is a deep blue, and the water is dark with shimmering highlights from the lights.

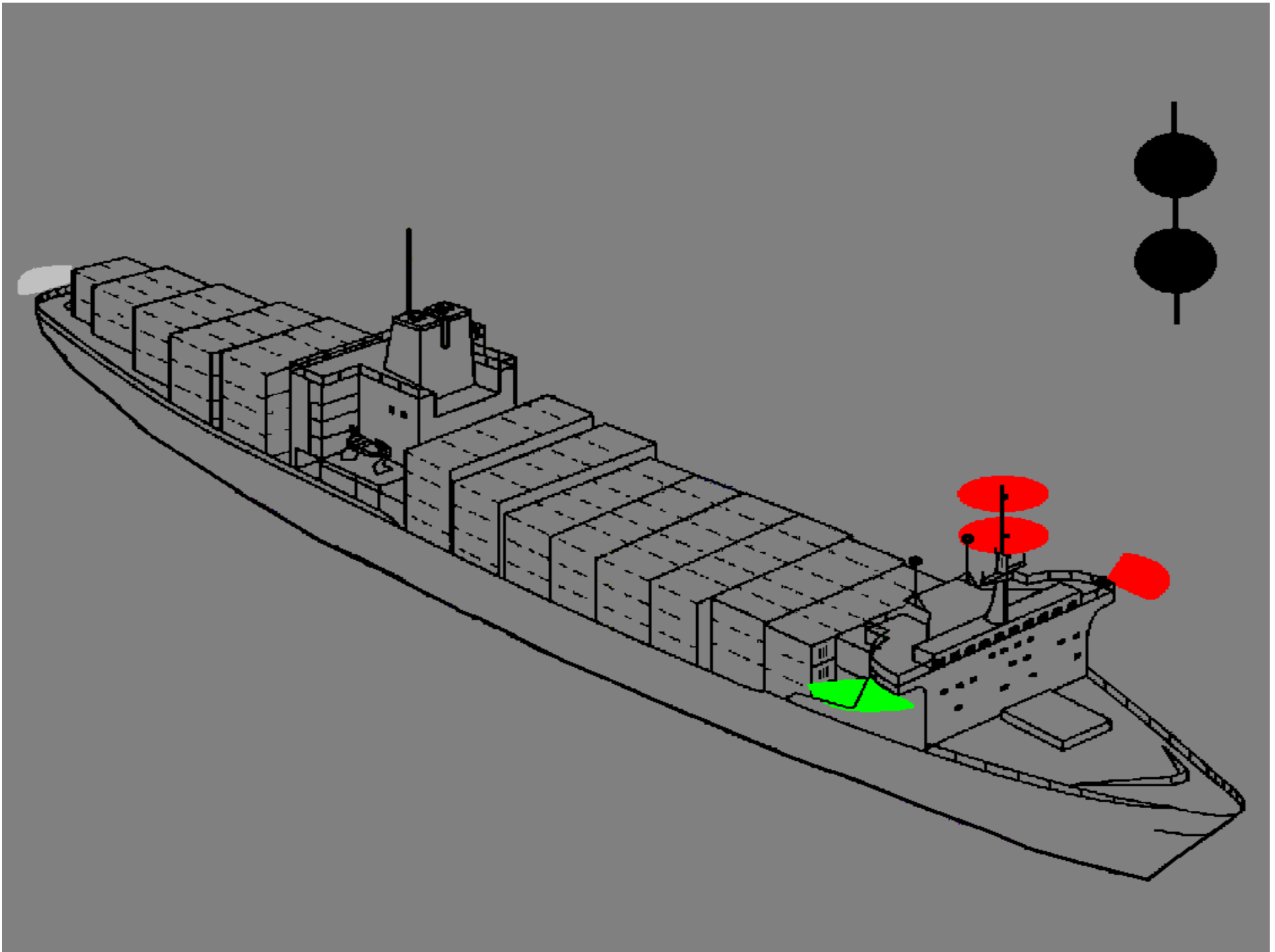
**(a) A vessel not under command shall exhibit:**

**(i) two all-round red lights in a vertical line where they can best be seen;**

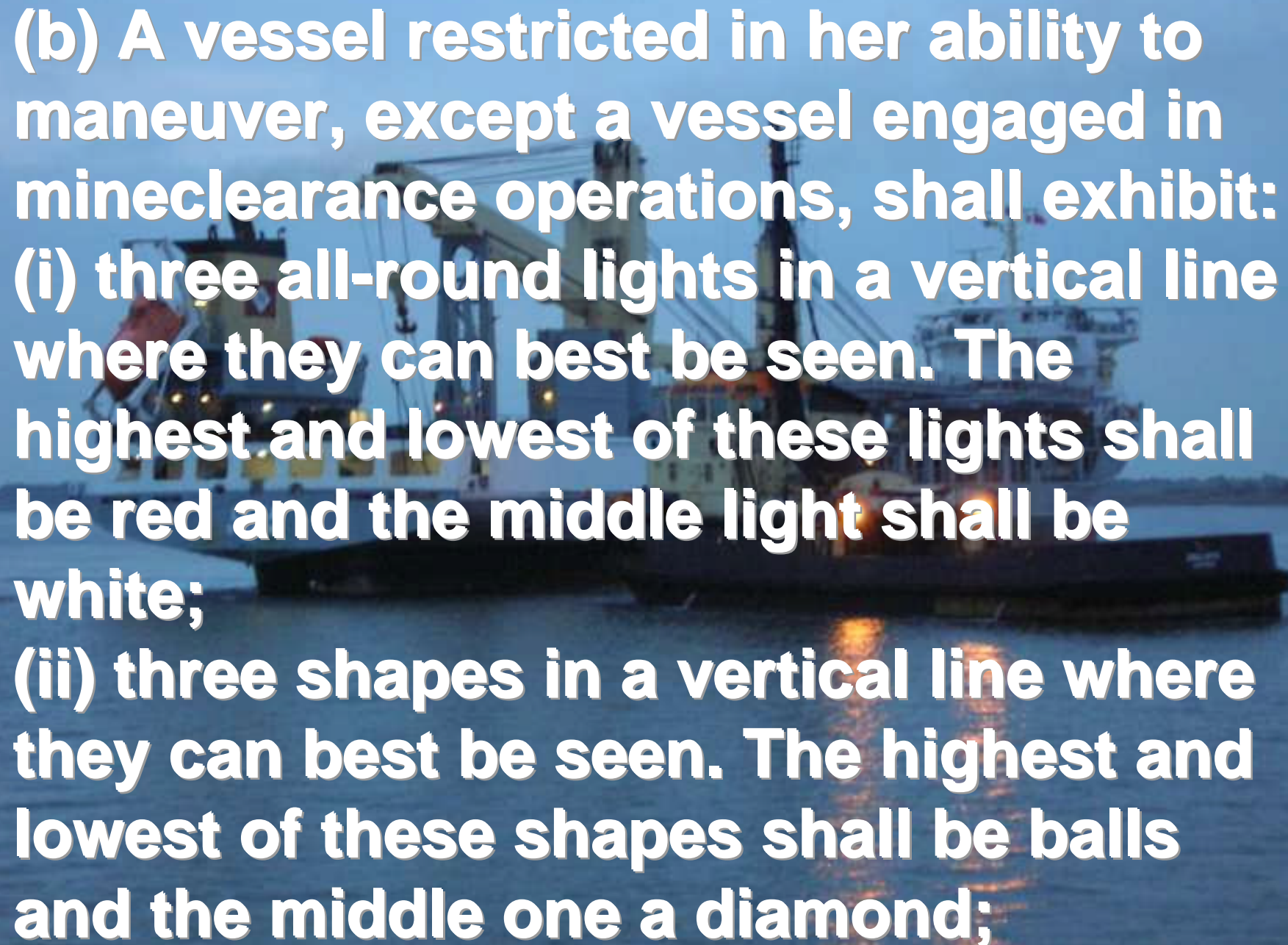
**(ii) two balls or similar shapes in a vertical line where they can best be seen;**

**(iii) when making way through the water, in addition to the lights prescribed in this paragraph, sidelights and a sternlight.**



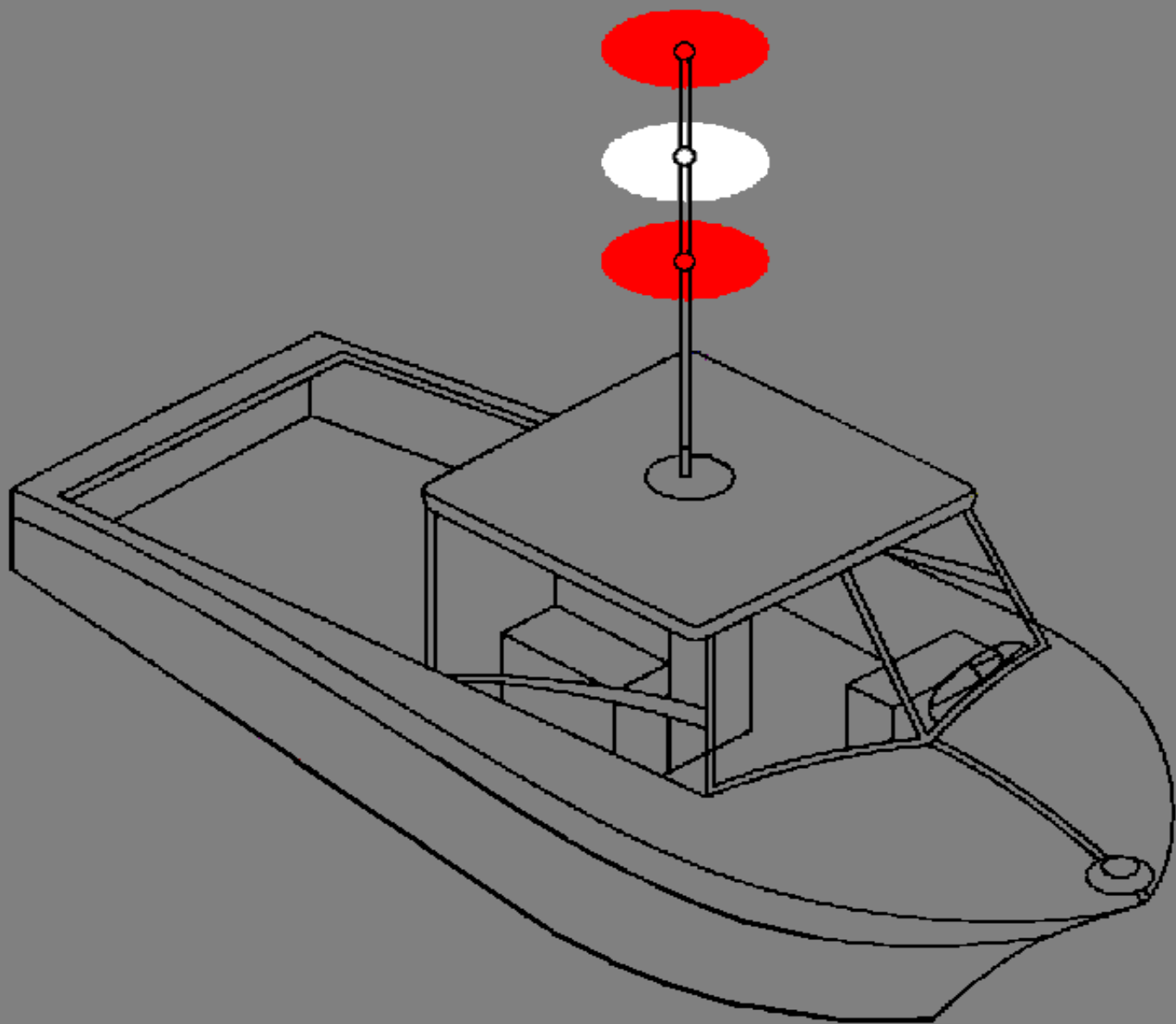


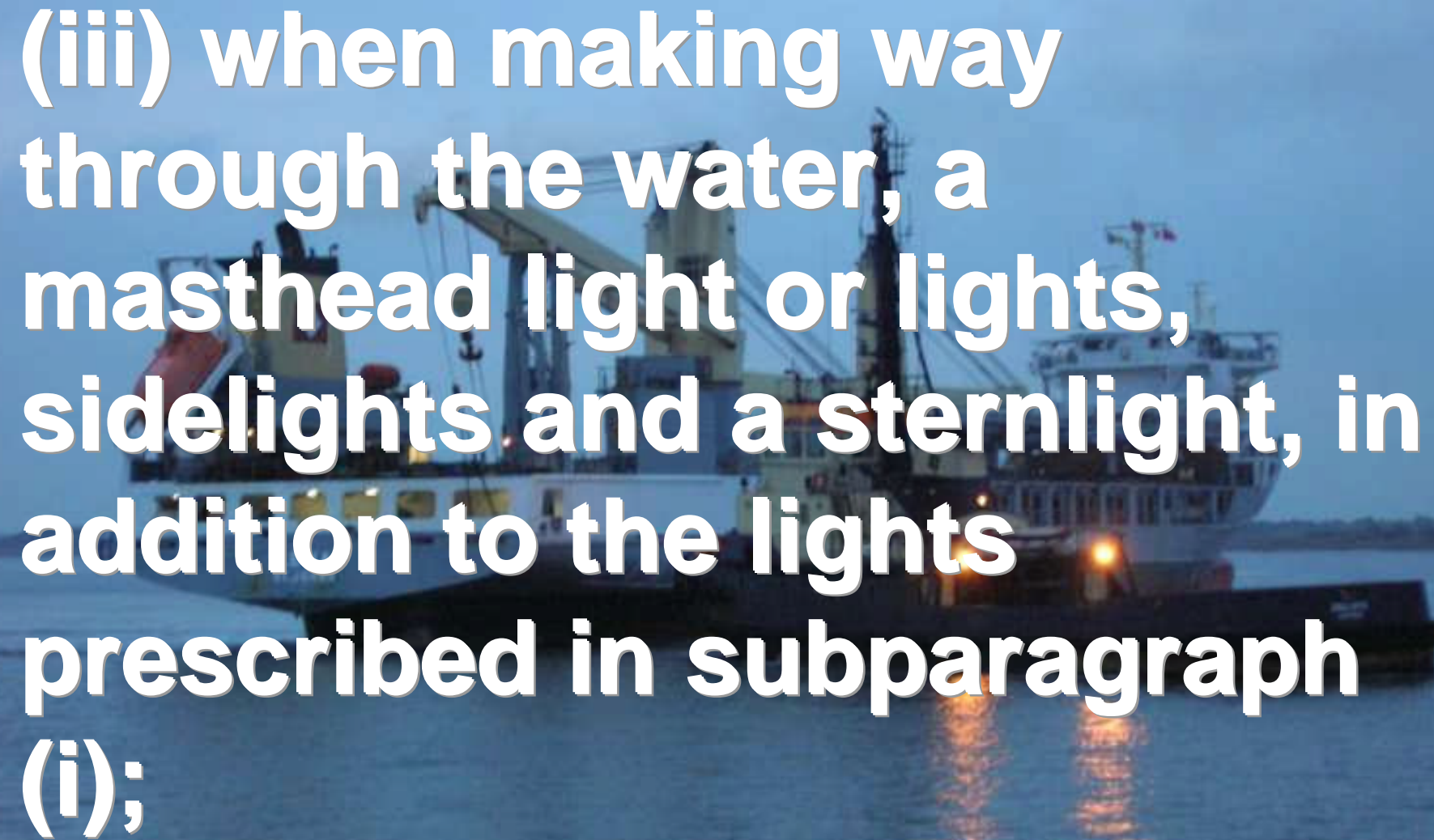


A large vessel, possibly a tugboat or a small freighter, is shown at sea during twilight. The vessel is dark against the blue and purple sky, with its lights glowing. The water is dark, and the lights from the vessel and other ships in the distance create a shimmering reflection on the surface. The overall scene is serene and atmospheric.

**(b) A vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver, except a vessel engaged in mineclearance operations, shall exhibit:**

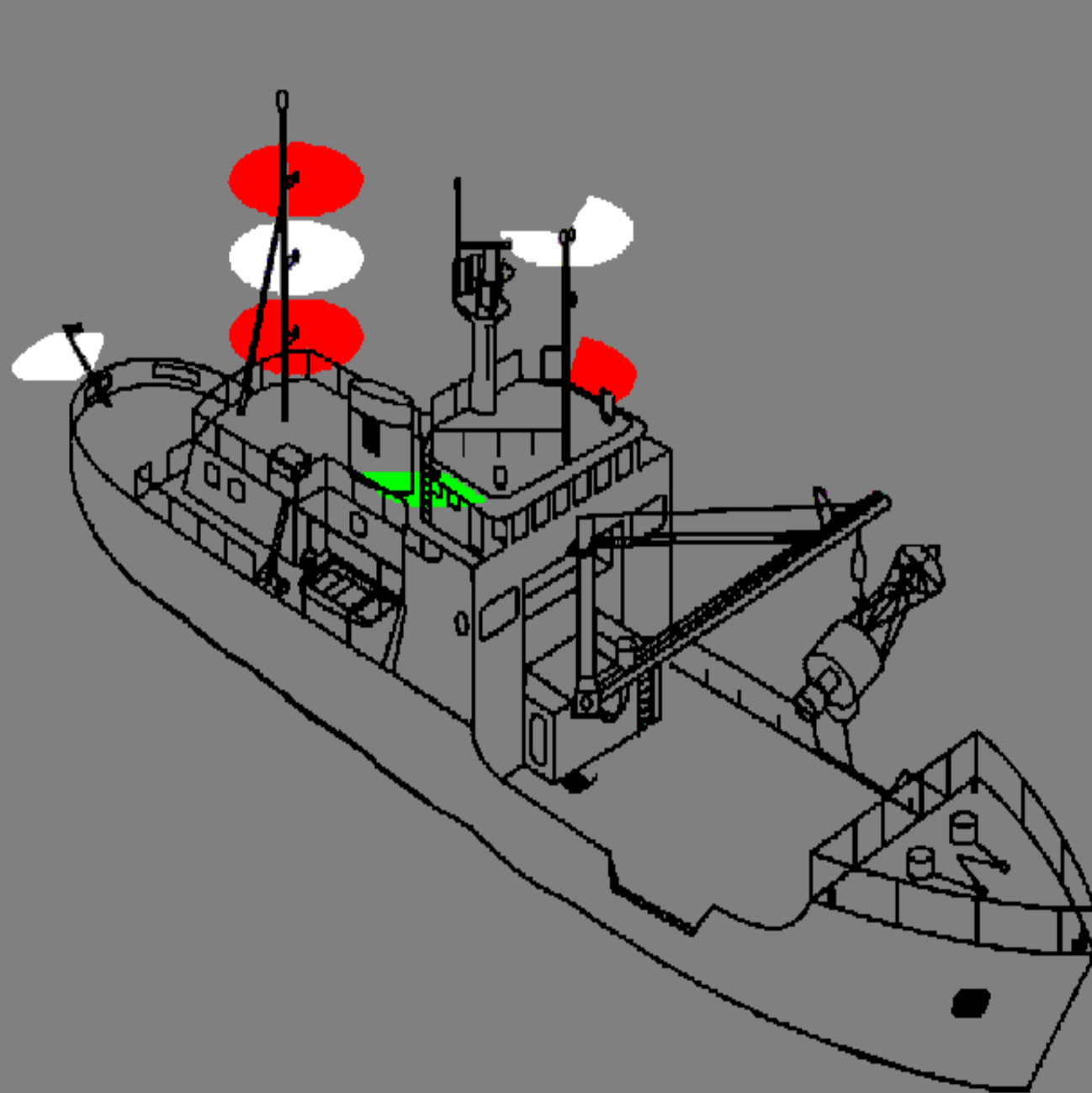
- (i) three all-round lights in a vertical line where they can best be seen. The highest and lowest of these lights shall be red and the middle light shall be white;**
- (ii) three shapes in a vertical line where they can best be seen. The highest and lowest of these shapes shall be balls and the middle one a diamond;**

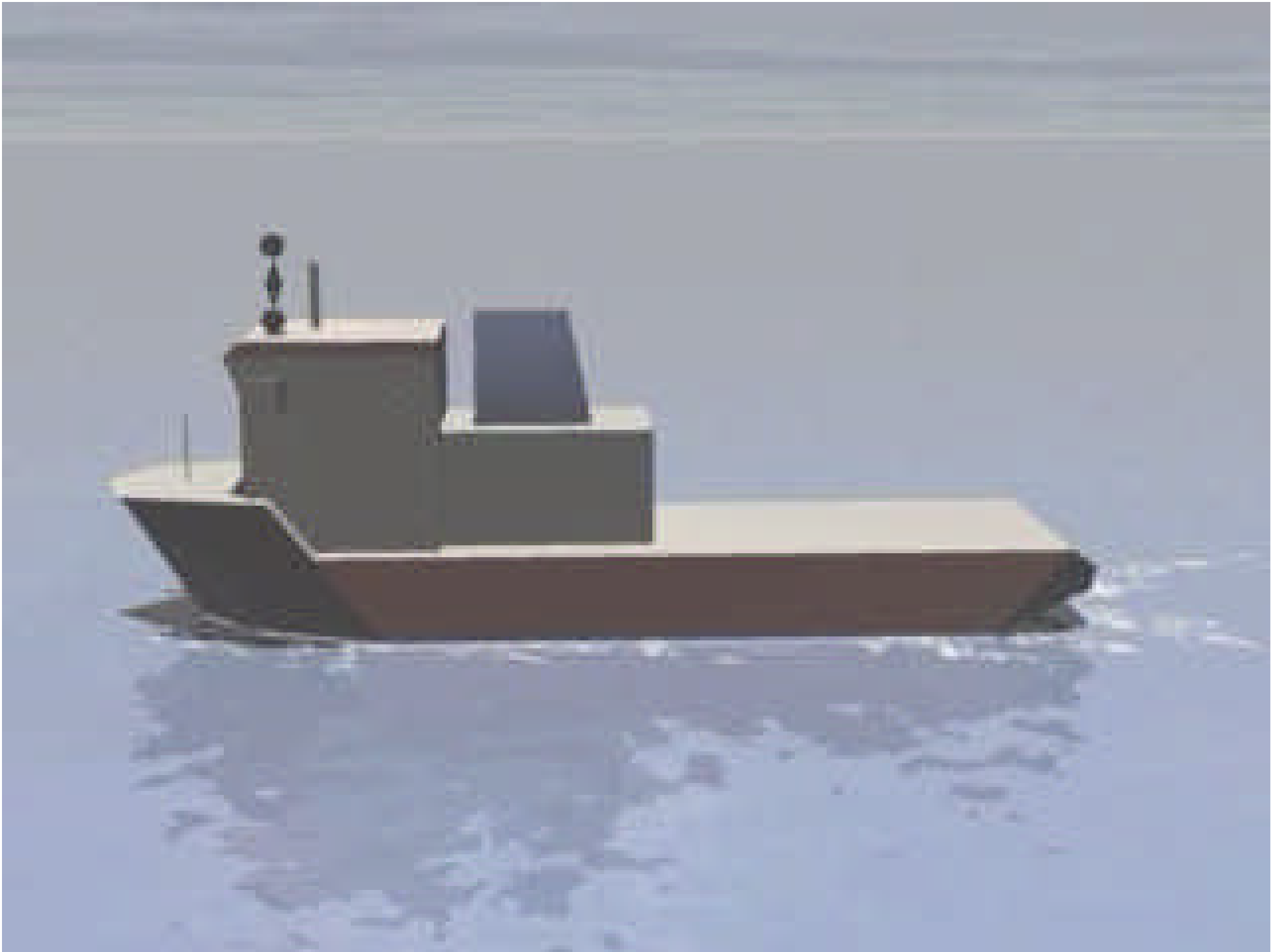


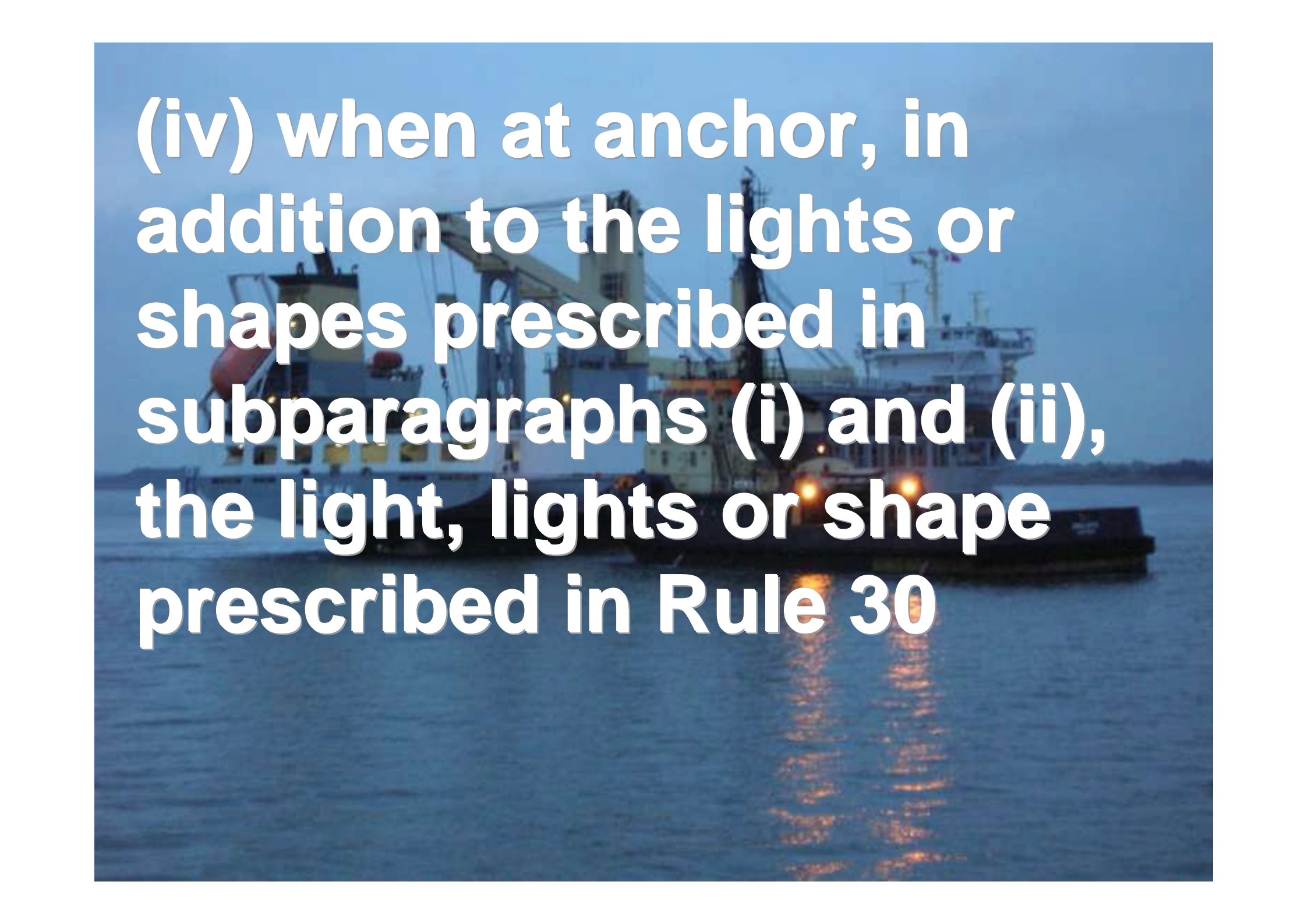
A large ship, possibly a tugboat or a small cargo vessel, is shown at sea during twilight. The ship's navigation lights are illuminated, and their glow is reflected on the water's surface. The sky is a deep blue, and the overall scene is dimly lit, emphasizing the artificial lights of the vessel.

**(iii) when making way through the water, a masthead light or lights, sidelights and a sternlight, in addition to the lights prescribed in subparagraph (i);**

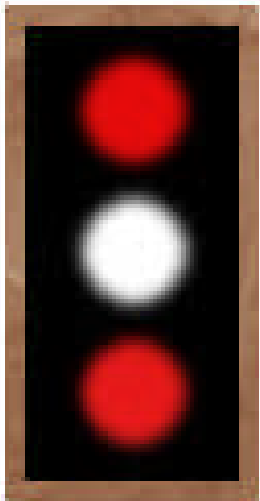


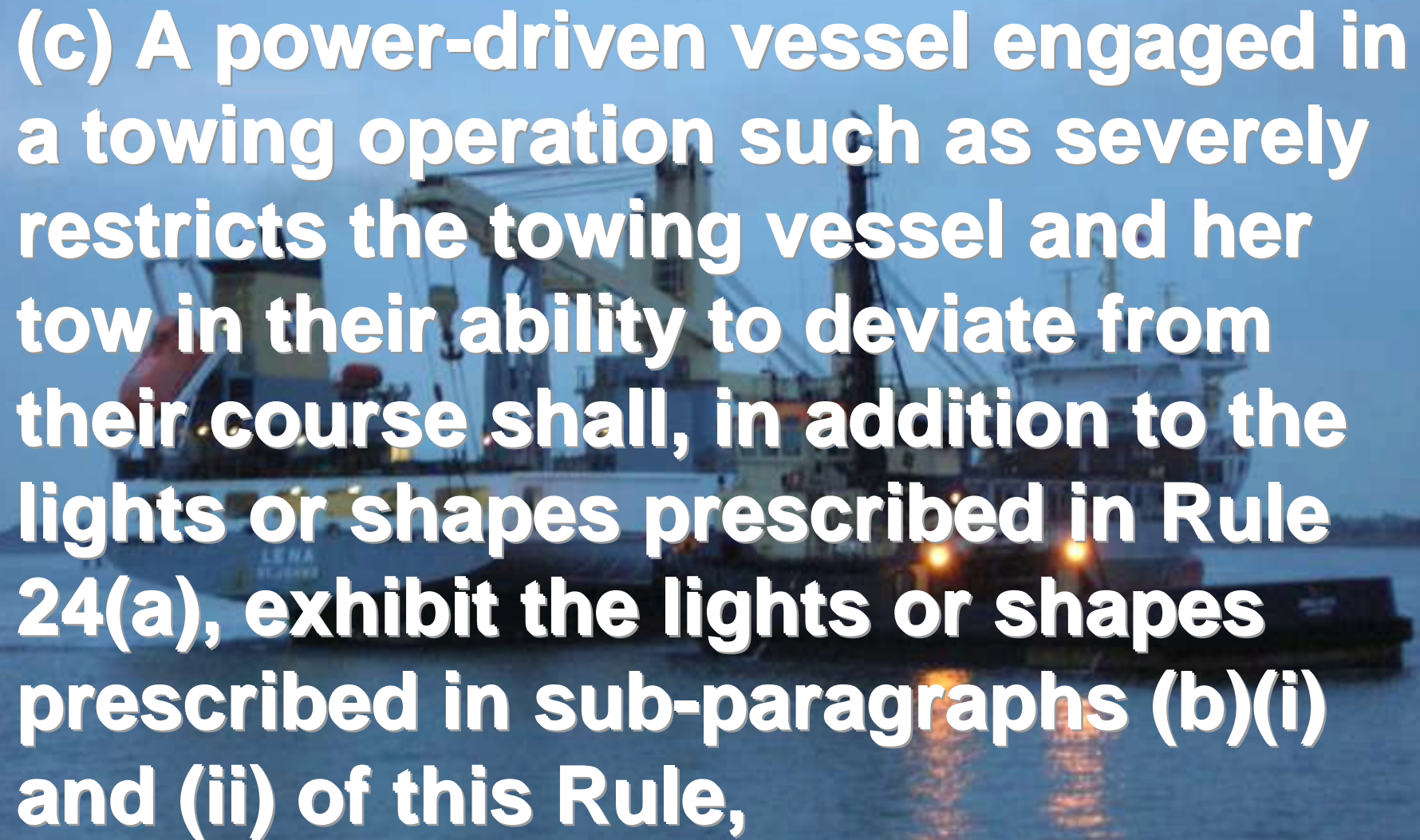




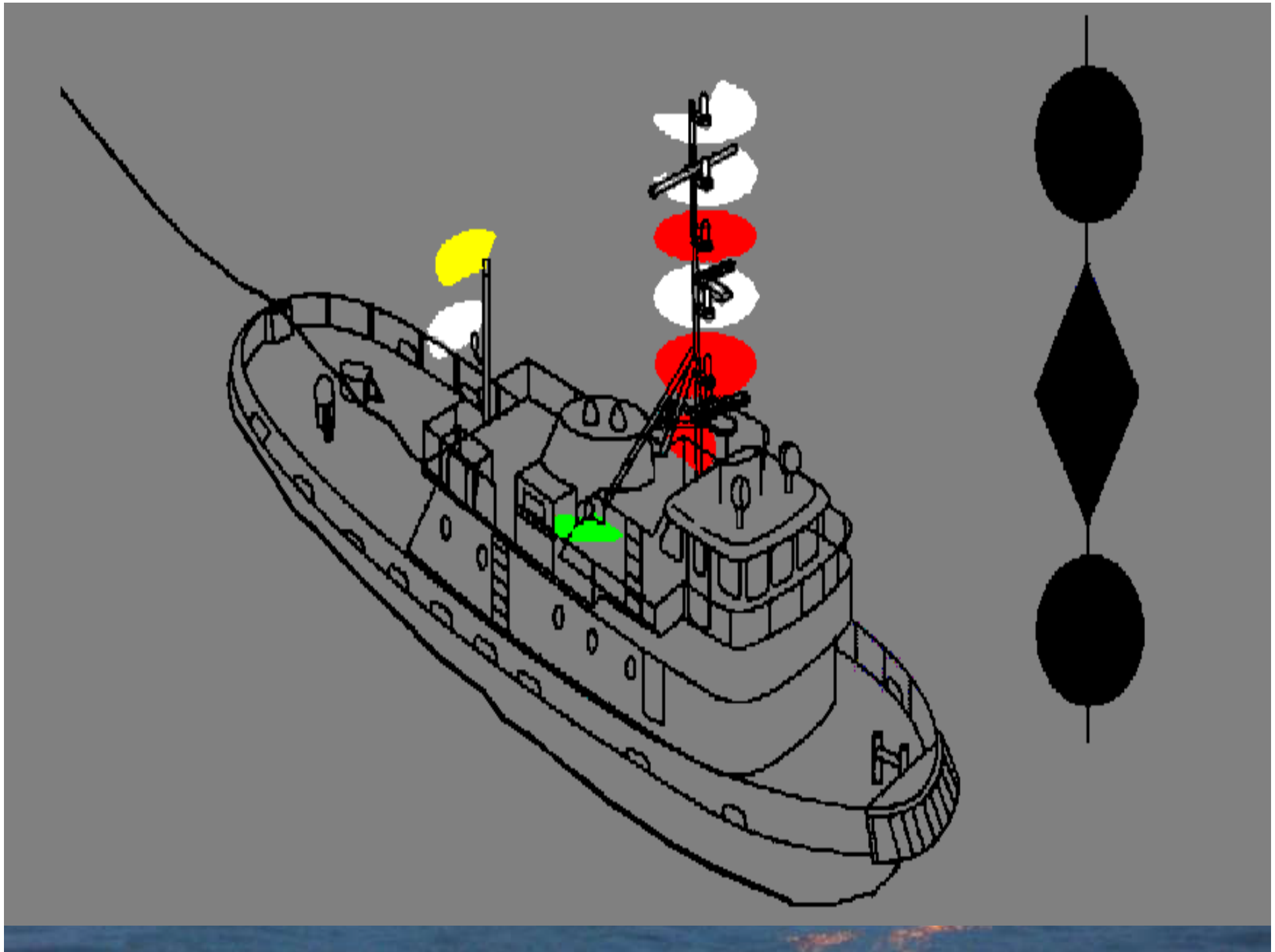
A large ship is at anchor in a body of water during twilight. The ship's lights are on, and their reflection is visible on the water's surface. The sky is a deep blue, and the overall scene is calm and serene.

**(iv) when at anchor, in addition to the lights or shapes prescribed in subparagraphs (i) and (ii), the light, lights or shape prescribed in Rule 30**

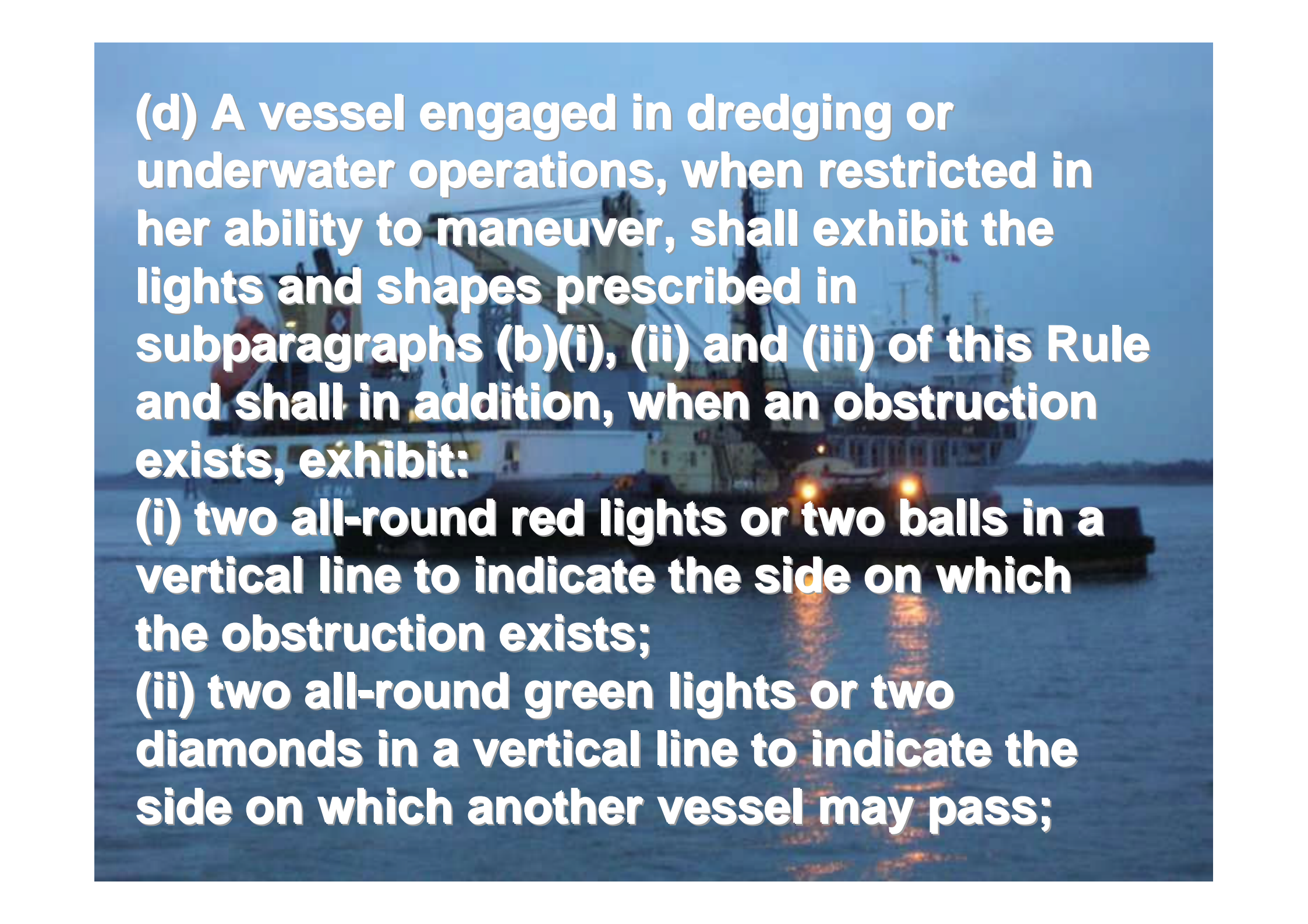




**(c) A power-driven vessel engaged in a towing operation such as severely restricts the towing vessel and her tow in their ability to deviate from their course shall, in addition to the lights or shapes prescribed in Rule 24(a), exhibit the lights or shapes prescribed in sub-paragraphs (b)(i) and (ii) of this Rule,**







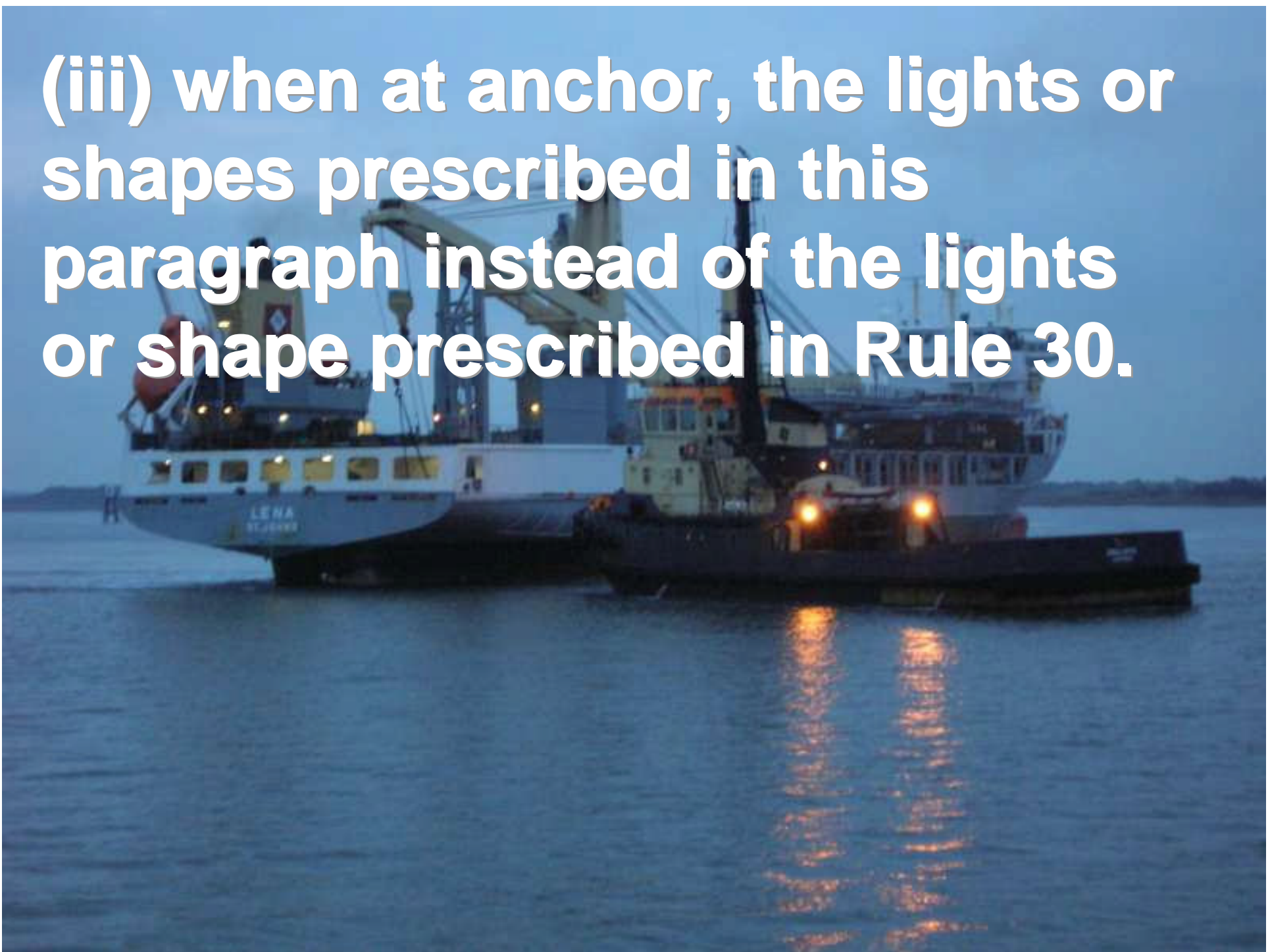
**(d) A vessel engaged in dredging or underwater operations, when restricted in her ability to maneuver, shall exhibit the lights and shapes prescribed in subparagraphs (b)(i), (ii) and (iii) of this Rule and shall in addition, when an obstruction exists, exhibit:**

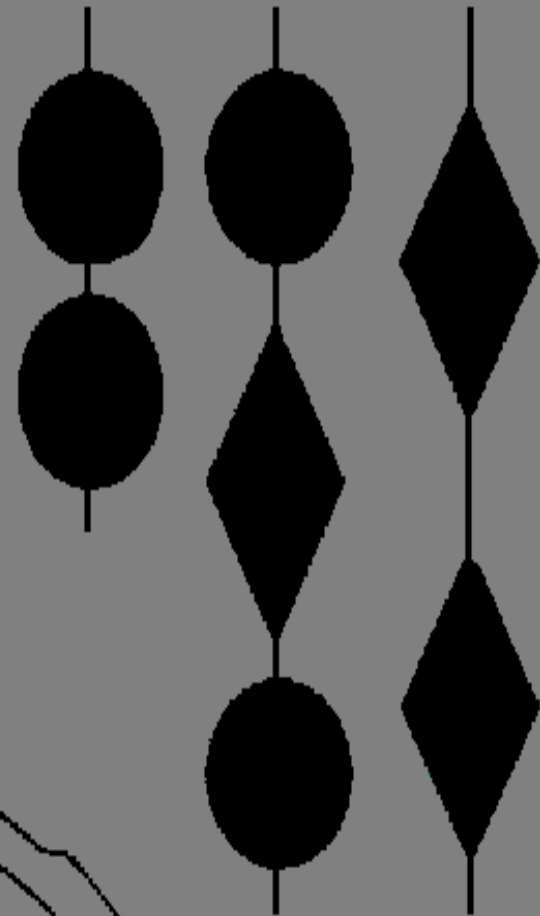
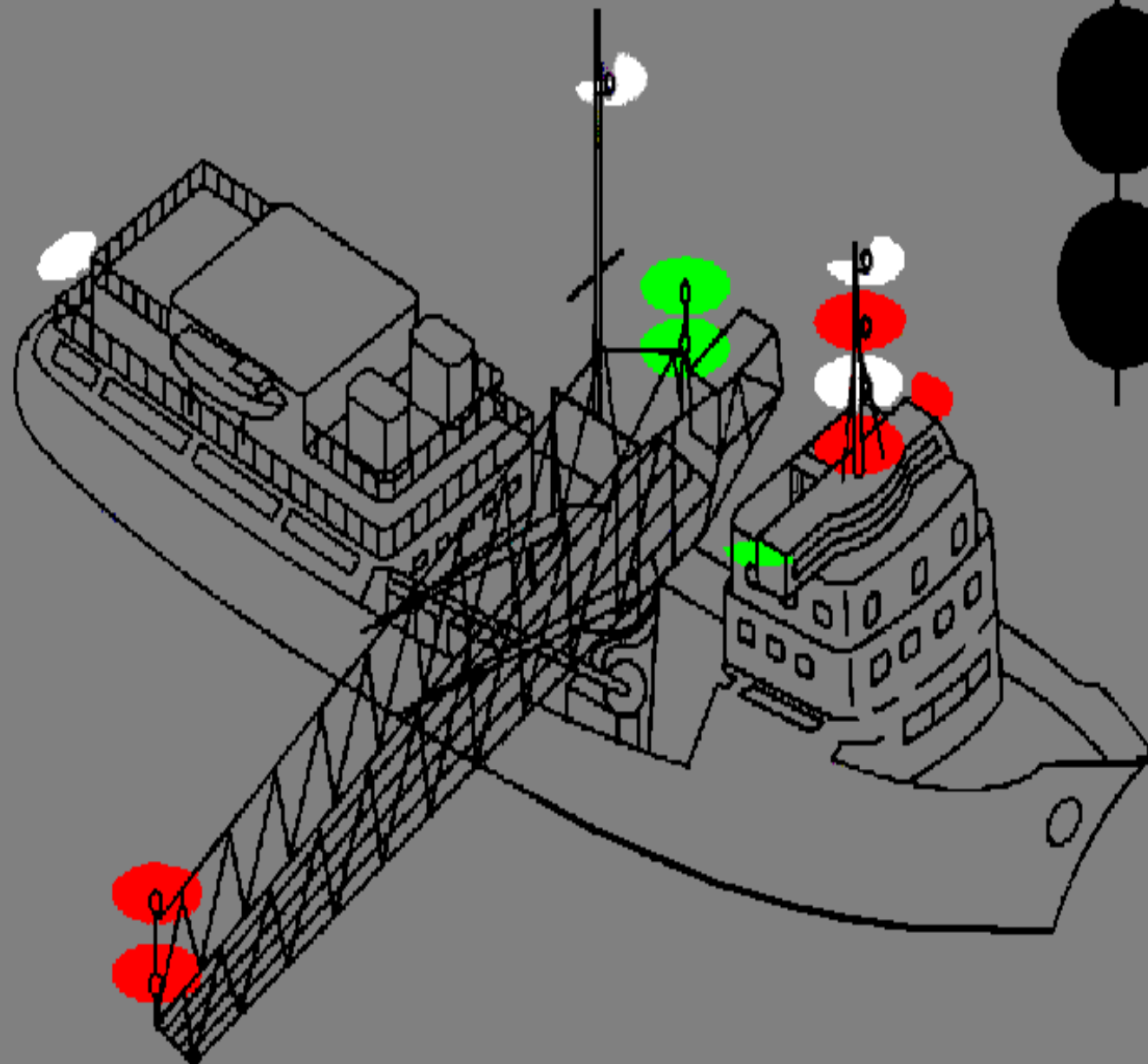
**(i) two all-round red lights or two balls in a vertical line to indicate the side on which the obstruction exists;**

**(ii) two all-round green lights or two diamonds in a vertical line to indicate the side on which another vessel may pass;**

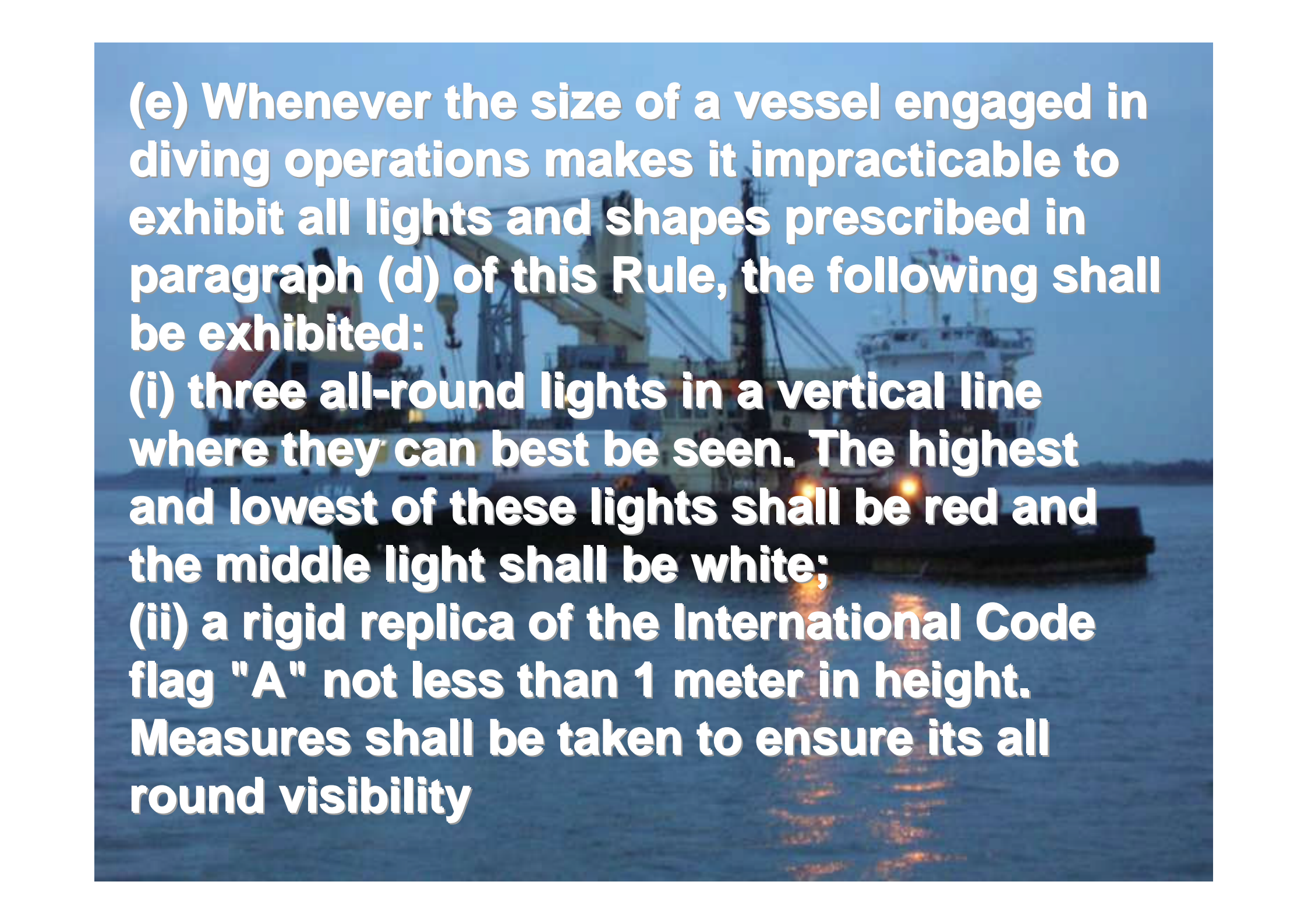


**(iii) when at anchor, the lights or shapes prescribed in this paragraph instead of the lights or shape prescribed in Rule 30.**







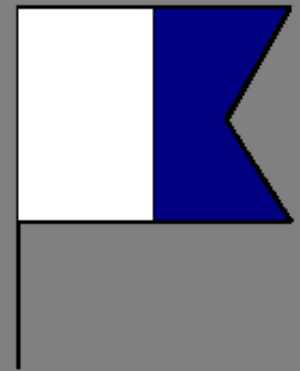
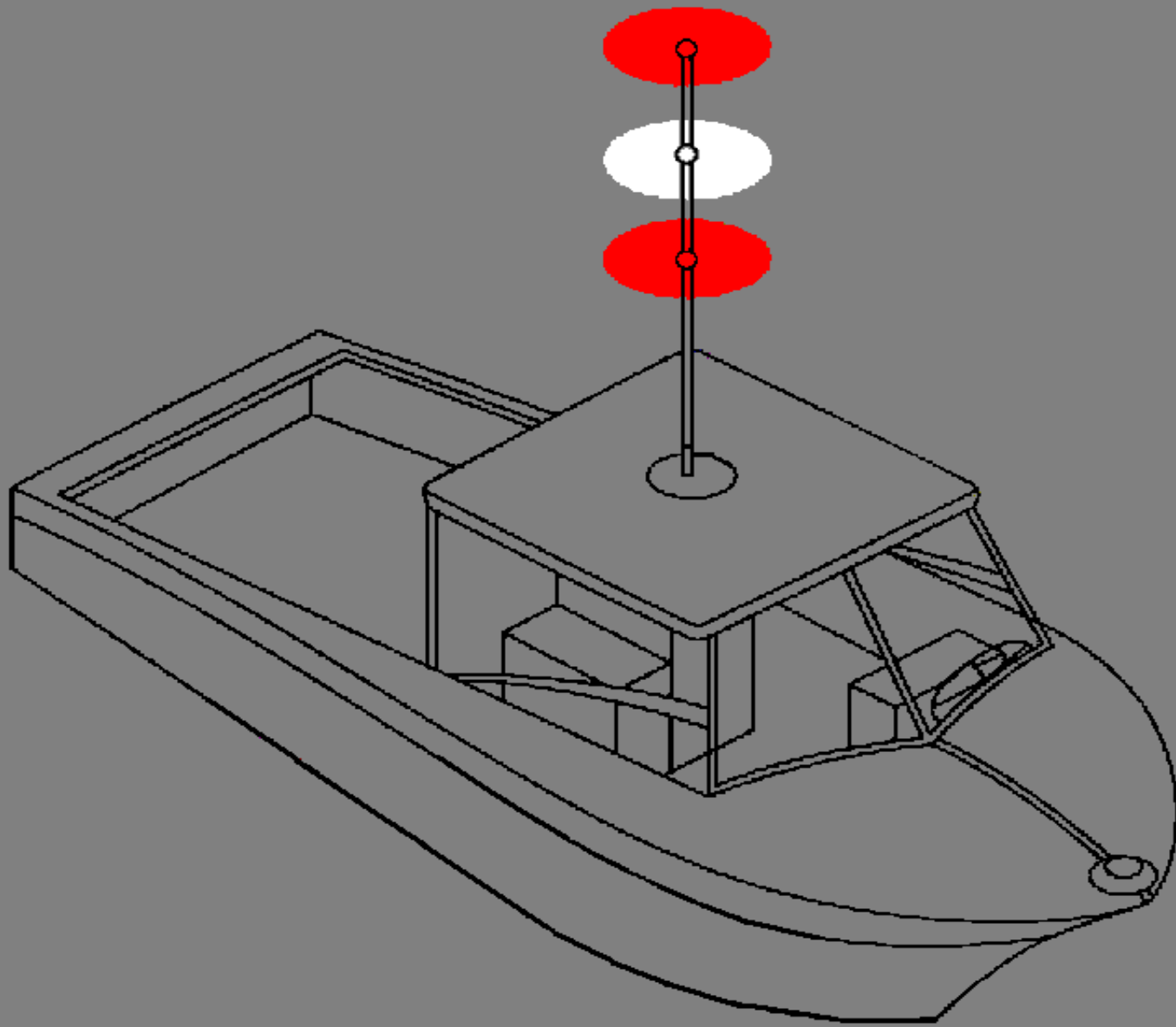
A large vessel, possibly a tugboat or a small offshore supply ship, is shown at sea during twilight. The vessel is dark against the blue sky and water. Several lights are visible on the vessel, and their reflections are seen on the water's surface. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, bold font.

**(e) Whenever the size of a vessel engaged in diving operations makes it impracticable to exhibit all lights and shapes prescribed in paragraph (d) of this Rule, the following shall be exhibited:**

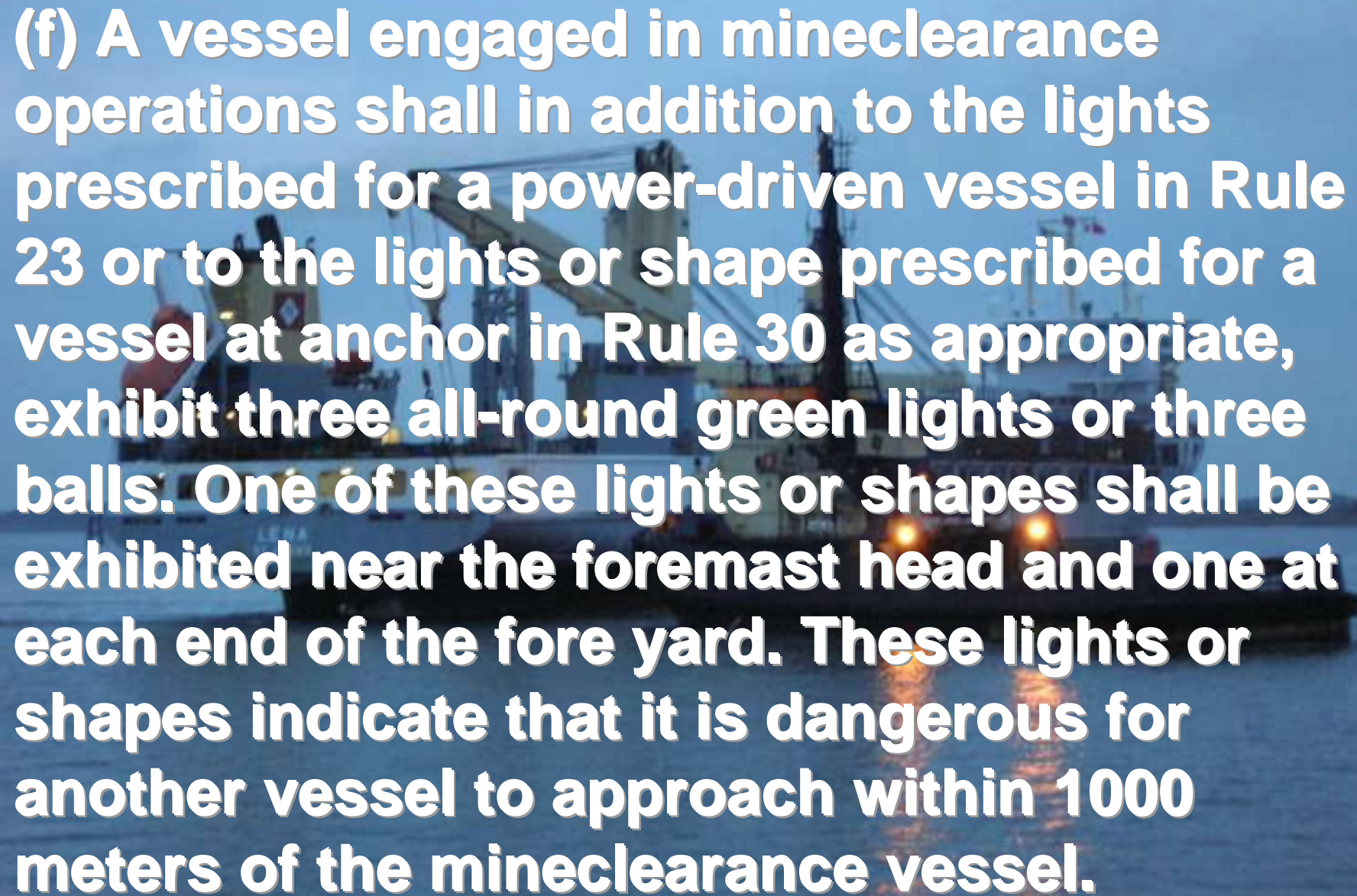
**(i) three all-round lights in a vertical line where they can best be seen. The highest and lowest of these lights shall be red and the middle light shall be white;**

**(ii) a rigid replica of the International Code flag "A" not less than 1 meter in height.**

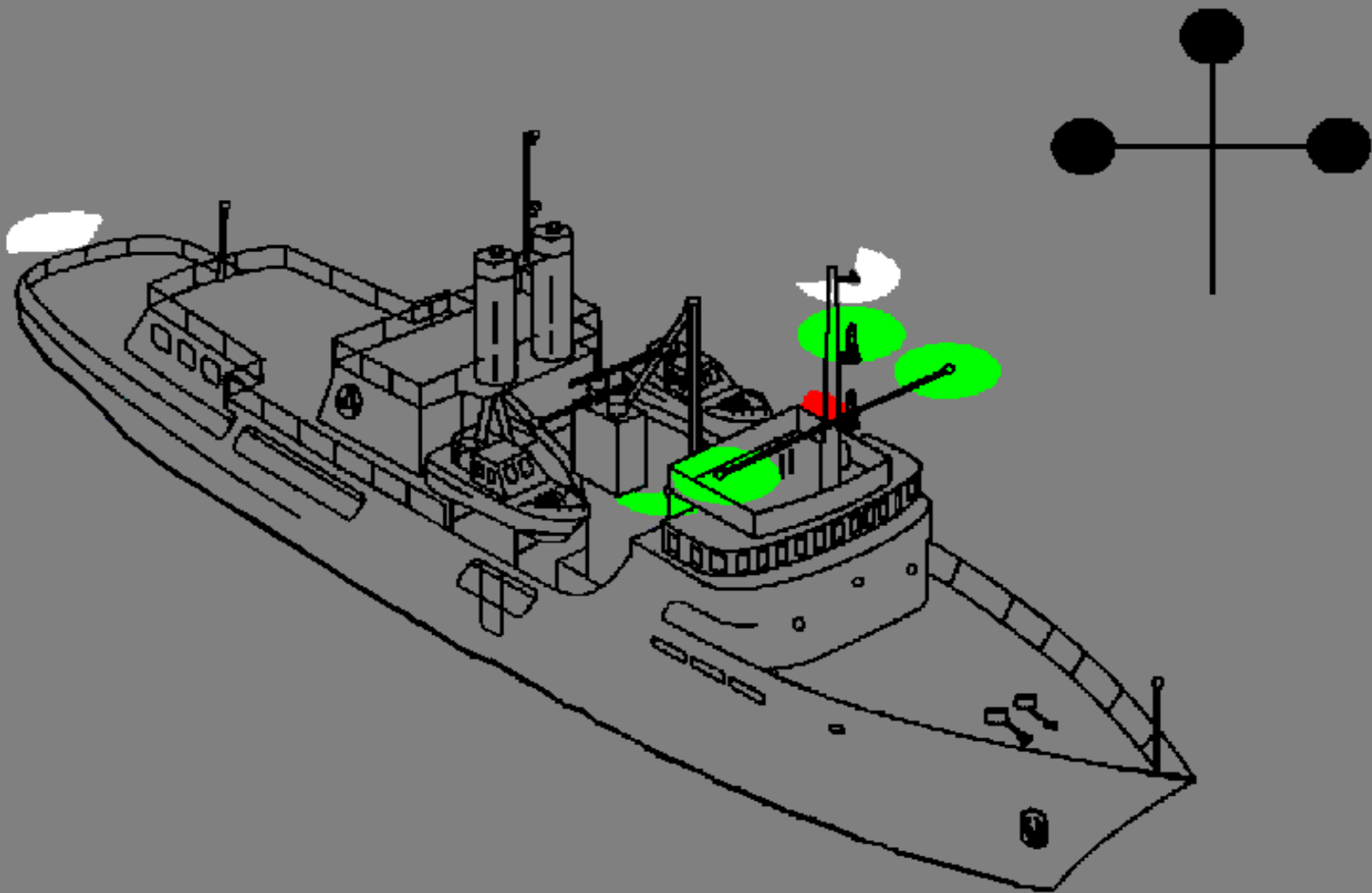
**Measures shall be taken to ensure its all round visibility**





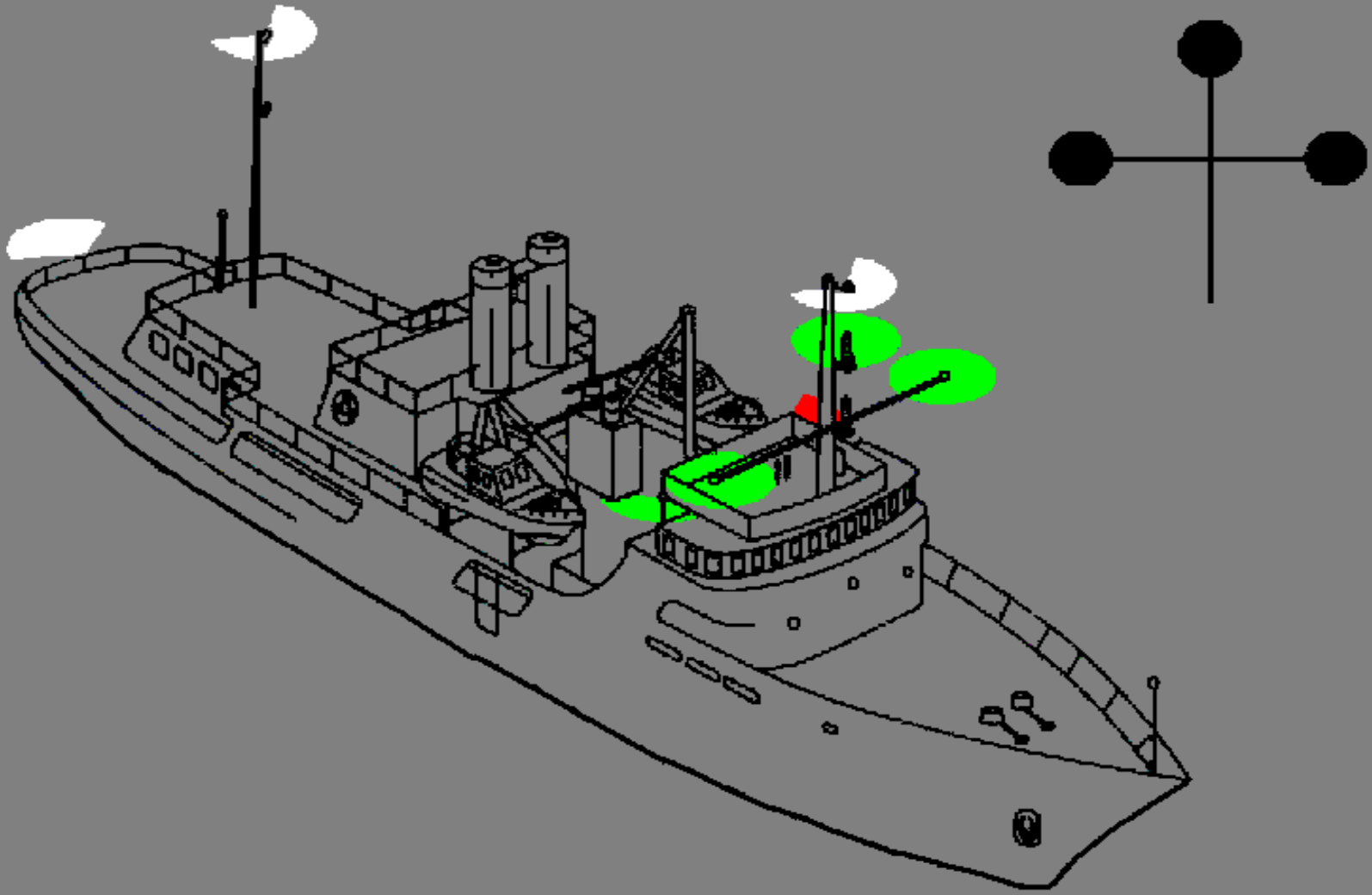
A large vessel, likely a mineclearance vessel, is shown at sea during dusk or dawn. The vessel is illuminated by its own lights, which are reflected on the water's surface. The sky is a deep blue, and the water is dark with shimmering reflections of the vessel's lights. The vessel has a complex structure with various masts and rigging.

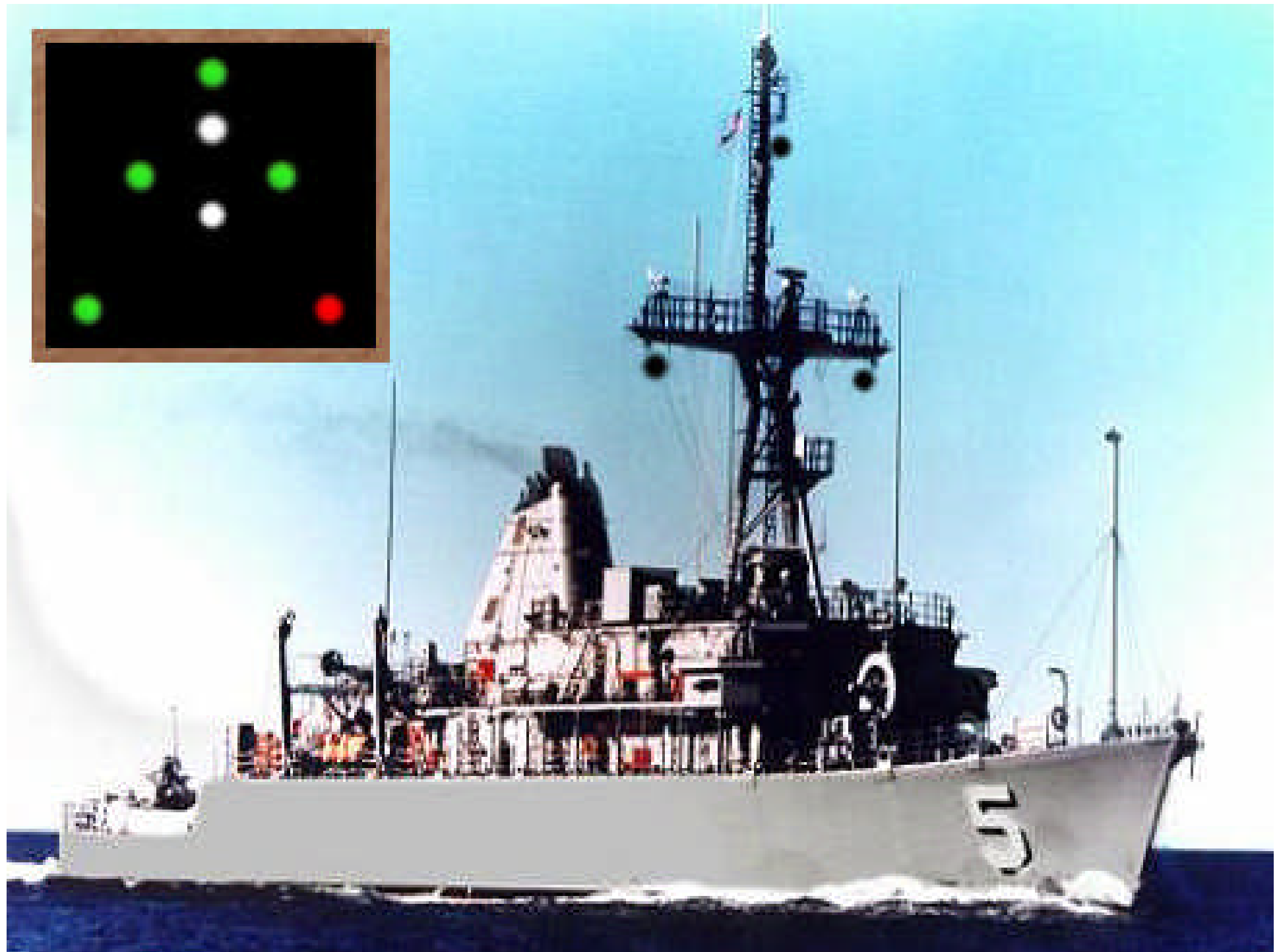
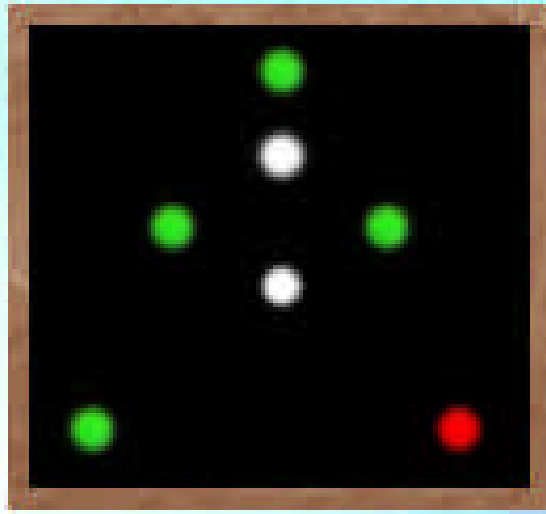
**(f) A vessel engaged in mineclearance operations shall in addition to the lights prescribed for a power-driven vessel in Rule 23 or to the lights or shape prescribed for a vessel at anchor in Rule 30 as appropriate, exhibit three all-round green lights or three balls. One of these lights or shapes shall be exhibited near the foremast head and one at each end of the fore yard. These lights or shapes indicate that it is dangerous for another vessel to approach within 1000 meters of the mineclearance vessel.**

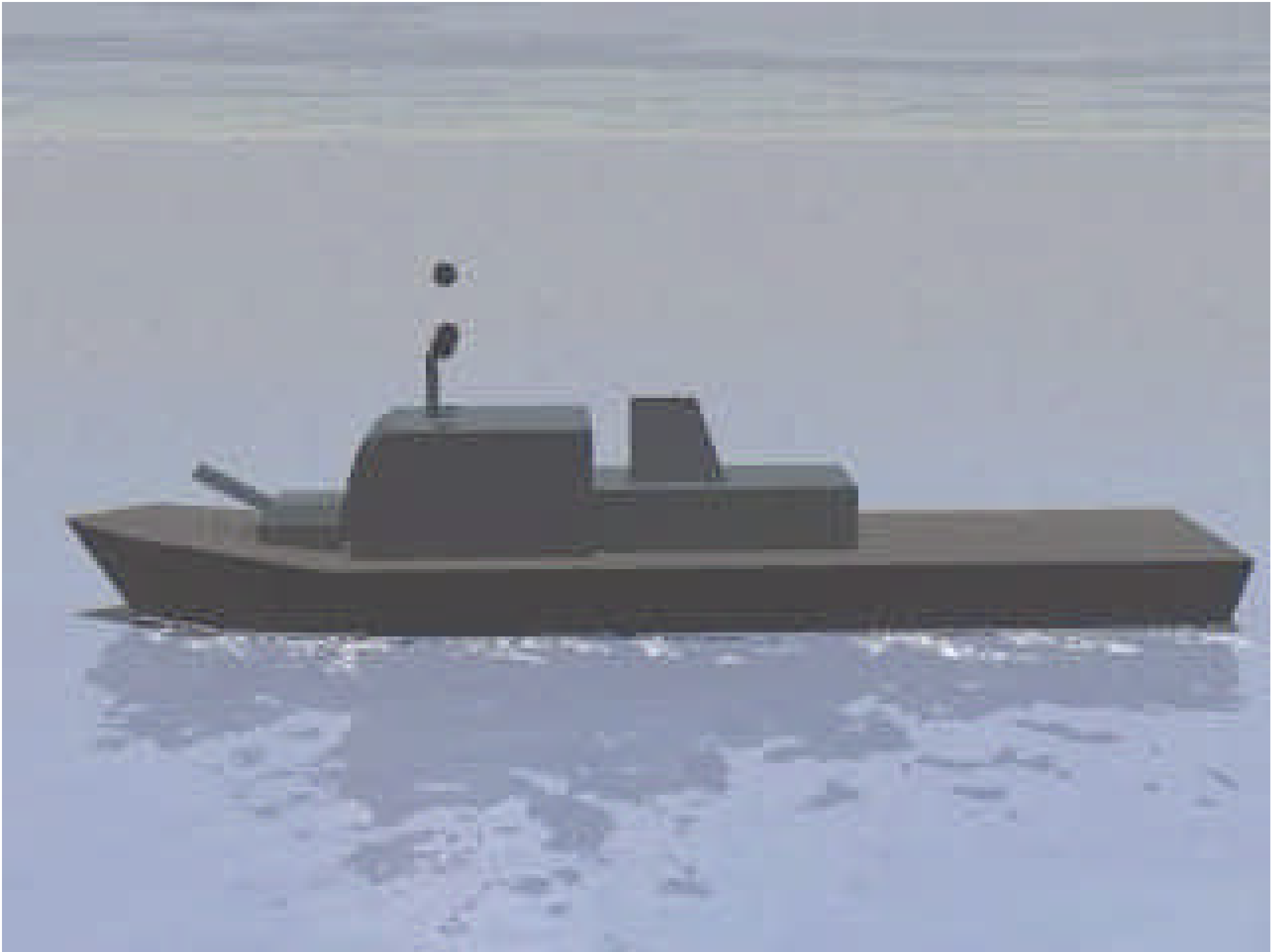


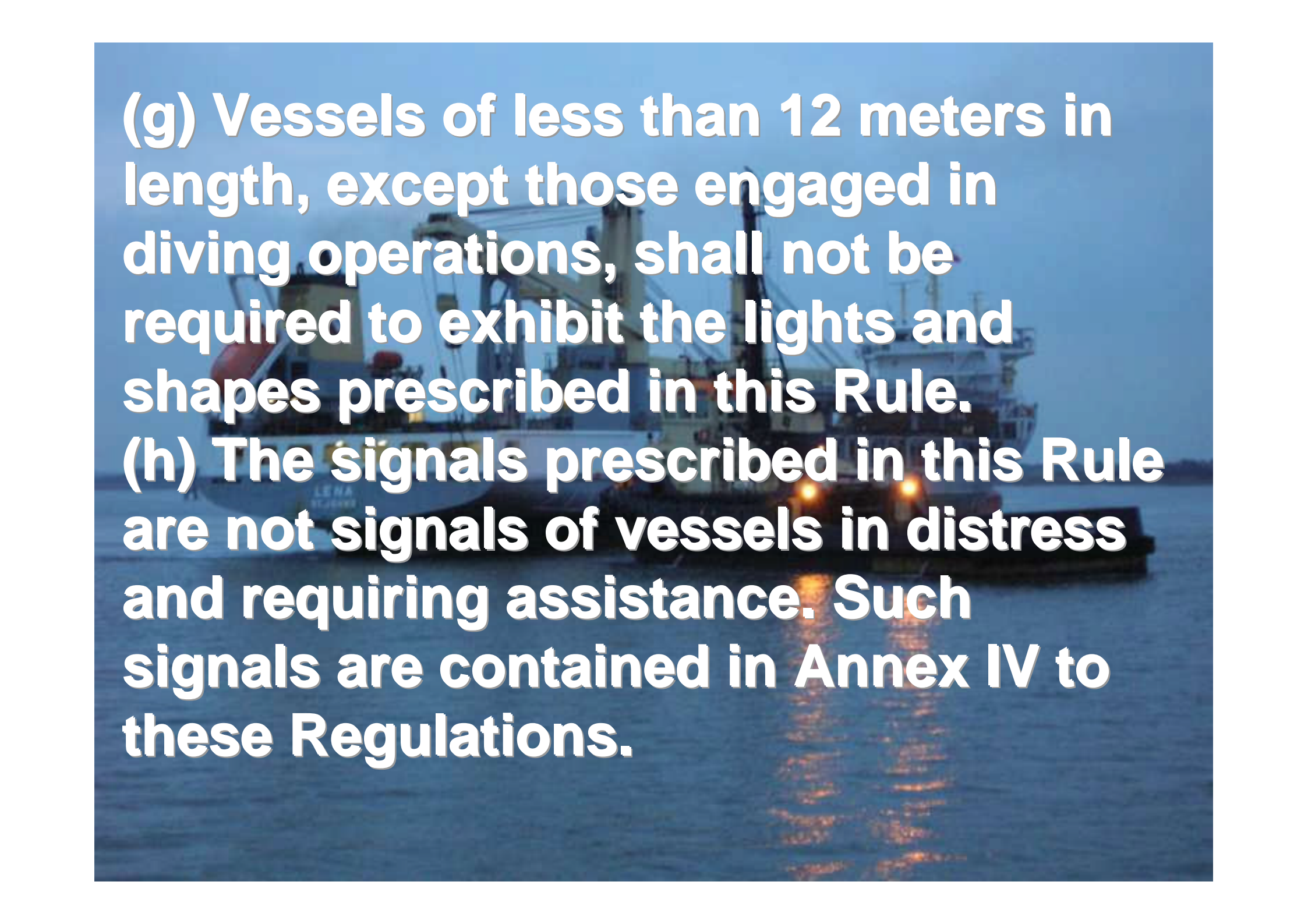


Navigation lights







A large vessel, possibly a fishing boat or cargo ship, is shown at sea during twilight. The vessel has several masts and rigging. The water is dark blue, and the sky is a pale, hazy blue. The vessel's lights are on, and their reflection is visible on the water's surface. The text is overlaid on the image in a large, white, bold font.

**(g) Vessels of less than 12 meters in length, except those engaged in diving operations, shall not be required to exhibit the lights and shapes prescribed in this Rule.**

**(h) The signals prescribed in this Rule are not signals of vessels in distress and requiring assistance. Such signals are contained in Annex IV to these Regulations.**

The image features a large, bold, yellow 3D-style text overlay that reads "END OF RULES?". The text is positioned centrally and has a slight shadow cast onto the water below it. The background is a photograph of a large ship, possibly a fishing vessel or a small cargo ship, on the water at dusk or dawn. The sky is a deep blue, and the water reflects the ambient light and some of the ship's lights. The ship's structure, including masts and rigging, is visible against the sky. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

# END OF RULES?