



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, MARINE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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*TO ALL SHIPMASTERS, SHIP'S OFFICERS, SKIPPERS, 2nd HANDS,
ALL FISHERMEN, YACHTSMEN AND SEAFARERS*

SOLO SAILING AND THE REQUIREMENT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTION OF COLLISIONS AT SEA

The Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources wishes to remind all solo sailors of their obligations to fully comply at all times by day and night with the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, as amended. These regulations are "fully applicable to **all** vessels on the high seas and in all waters connected therewith navigable by seagoing vessels".

The International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea are implemented in Irish law by the Collision Regulations (Ships and Water Craft on the Water) Order 1984 (S.I. No. 29 of 1984) as amended by the Collision Regulations (Ships and Water Craft on the Water) Orders 1990 (S.I. No. 36 of 1990) 1993 (S.I. No. 287 of 1993) and 2005 (S.I. No. 47 of 2005). These Statutory Instruments are available from the Government Publications Sales Office, Sun Alliance House, Molesworth Street, Dublin 2. Tel: (01) 6476879. Also available on the web: www.irishstatutebook.ie

All seafarers are required to comply fully with all the requirements of the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, as amended. In this regard, the Minister of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources draws the attention of all concerned to Rule 5 of the Regulations which requires that a proper lookout is maintained by sight and hearing **at all times**.

All the requirements of the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea apply to solo sailors as they do to any other vessel. In avoiding collision situations solo sailors are required to observe fully the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea and to manoeuvre their vessels as required.

Section 419(4) of the 1894 Act on which the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea are based states "Where in a case of collision it is proved to the court before whom the case is tried, that any of the collision regulations have been infringed, the ship by which the regulation has been infringed shall be deemed to be in fault, unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the court that the circumstances of the case made the departure from the regulation necessary."

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