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#### **CHAPTER 4—NAVIGATION RULES FOR GREAT LAKES AND THEIR CONNECTING AND TRIBUTARY WATERS**

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## **CHAPTER 4—NAVIGATION RULES FOR GREAT LAKES AND THEIR CONNECTING AND TRIBUTARY WATERS**

Prior rules for preventing collision prescribed by R.S. § 4233 to be followed by vessels of the Navy and mercantile marine of the United States, applicable originally to all waters, were superseded as to navigation on the high seas and waters connected therewith by the International Rules (act Aug. 19, 1890, ch. 802 [sec. 61 et seq. of this title]) were superseded as to navigation on the Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters as far east as Montreal, by act Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64 (section 241 et seq. of this title); were adopted as special rules for the navigation of harbors, rivers, and inland waters of the United States, except the Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters as far east as Montreal by act of Feb. 19, 1895, ch. 102 (see section 301 et seq. of this title); and were superseded as to navigation of all harbors, rivers, and inland waters of the United States, except the Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters as far east as Montreal and the Red River of the North and rivers emptying into the Gulf of Mexico and their tributaries by act June 7, 1897, ch. 4, § 1, 30 Stat. 96 (section 151 et seq. of this title), leaving them applicable solely to the Red River of the North and rivers emptying into the Gulf of Mexico. See section 2001 et seq. of this title.

## **SUBCHAPTER I—PRELIMINARY**

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### **§§ 241 to 244. Repealed. Pub. L. 96–591, § 8(b), Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3435**

Section 241, acts Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 645; Mar. 28, 1958, Pub. L. 85–350, § 1, 72 Stat. 49, required adoption of rules for navigation of Great Lakes and connecting and tributary waters. See section 2001 of this title.

Section 242, acts Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 645, defined “sailing vessel”, “steam vessel” and “under way”. See section 2003 of this title.

Section 243, acts Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 3, 28 Stat. 649; Feb. 14, 1903, ch. 552, § 10, 32 Stat. 829; Mar. 4, 1913, ch. 141, § 1, 37 Stat. 736; 1946 Reorg. Plan No. 3, §§ 101–104, eff. July 16, 1946, 11 F.R. 7875, 60 Stat. 1097, related to authority of Commandant of the Coast Guard to establish necessary regulations. See section 2071 of this title.

Section 244, acts Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 2, 28 Stat. 649; Mar. 28, 1958, Pub. L. 85–350, § 2, 72 Stat. 49, related to liability of persons and private vessels for violation of provisions. See section 2072 of this title.

#### **Effective Date of Repeal**

Repeal effective Mar. 1, 1983, pursuant to 47 F.R. 15135, Apr. 8, 1982, see section 7 of Pub. L. 96–591, set out as an Effective Date note under section 2001 of this title.

## **SUBCHAPTER II—RULES CONCERNING LIGHTS, ETC.**

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### **§§ 251 to 262. Repealed. Pub. L. 96–591, § 8(b), Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3435**

Section 251, acts Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 645; May 17, 1928, ch. 600, 45 Stat. 592, related to time for lights and exclusivity of prescribed lights, and defined “visible”. See section 2020 of this title.

Section 252, acts Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 645; May 17, 1928, ch. 600, 45 Stat. 592; Feb. 28, 1929, ch. 370, 45 Stat. 1405; May 9, 1932, ch. 175, § 1, 47 Stat. 152; Mar. 18, 1948, ch. 138, §§ 1–3, 62 Stat. 82, related to lights of steam vessels under way. See section 2023 of this title.

Section 253, act Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 646, related to lights of steam vessels having a tow other than a raft. See section 2024 of this title.

Section 254, act Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 646, related to lights of steam vessels having a raft in tow. See section 2024 of this title.

Section 255, act Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 646, related to lights of sailing vessels under way and vessels in tow. See sections 2024 and 2025 of this title.

Section 256, acts Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 646; May 17, 1928, ch. 601, § 1, 45 Stat. 593; 1946 Reorg. Plan No. 3, §§ 101–104, eff. July 16, 1946, 11 F.R. 7875, 60 Stat. 1097, related to lights of small tugs, boats on River St. Lawrence, ferryboats, rafts and canal boats.

Section 257, act Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 646, related to lights of small vessels under way in bad weather.

Section 258, acts Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 647; May 17, 1928, ch. 600, 45 Stat. 592; Apr. 22, 1940, ch. 128, § 2, 54 Stat. 150; Jan. 12, 1983, Pub. L. 97–449, § 2(d)(1), 96 Stat. 2440, related to lights of vessels at anchor. See section 2030 of this title.

Section 259, acts Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 647; 1946 Reorg. Plan No. 3, §§ 101–104, eff. July 16, 1946, 11 F.R. 7875, 60 Stat. 1097, related to lights of produce boats, canal boats, etc., navigating by hand or horsepower or by sail or by current, or at anchor.

Section 260, act Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 647, related to lights of open boats.

Section 261, act Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 647, related to use of torch by sailing vessels on approach of steamer.

Section 262, act Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 647, related to suspension of lights by vessels of war or Coast Guard vessels. See section 2001 of this title.

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**SUBCHAPTER III—SOUND SIGNALS FOR FOG, ETC.; SPEED**

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**§§ 271, 272. Repealed. Pub. L. 96–591, § 8(b), Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3435**

Section 271, acts Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 647; 1946 Reorg. Plan No. 3, §§ 101–104, eff. July 16, 1946, 11 F.R. 7875, 60 Stat. 1097; Mar. 18, 1948, ch. 138, § 4, 62 Stat. 82, related to sound signals in fog, etc., of steam and sailing vessels under way, at anchor or aground. See section 2032 et seq. of this title.

Section 272, act Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 648, related to speed in fog, etc. See sections 2019 and 2035 of this title.

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## **SUBCHAPTER IV—STEERING AND SAILING RULES**

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### **§§ 281 to 293. Repealed. Pub. L. 96–591, § 8(b), Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3435**

Section 281, act Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 648, related to steering and sailing rules for sailing vessels approaching one another. See section 2012 of this title.

Section 282, act Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 648, related to steam vessels meeting end on. See section 2014 of this title.

Section 283, act Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 648, related to steam vessels crossing. See section 2015 of this title.

Section 284, acts Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 648; Nov. 5, 1966, Pub. L. 89–764, § 3, 80 Stat. 1313, related to steam and sailing vessels meeting. See section 2018 of this title.

Section 285, act Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 649, related to maintenance of course and speed by vessel having right-of-way. See section 2017 of this title.

Section 286, act Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 649, related to duty of steam vessel to slacken speed. See section 2017 of this title.

Section 287, act Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 649, related to duty of overtaking vessel to keep out of the way. See section 2013 of this title.

Section 288, act Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 649, related to whistle signals of steam vessels to indicate course. See section 2034 of this title.

Section 289, acts Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 649; Nov. 5, 1966, Pub. L. 89–764, § 4, 80 Stat. 1313, related to right-of-way when steam vessels meet in narrow channels having current and certain rivers, etc. See section 2009 of this title.

Section 290, act Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 649, related to steam vessels passing in narrow channels and slackening speed when meeting in narrow channels. See section 2008 of this title.

Section 291, act Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 649, related to dissent to or misunderstanding of signal given and duty to reduce speed. See section 2034 of this title.

Section 292, act Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 649, related to departure from rules to avert immediate danger. See section 2002 of this title.

Section 293, act Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, 28 Stat. 649, related to usual additional precautions generally required. See section 2002 of this title.

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## **SUBCHAPTER V—ORDERS**

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### **§ 294. Repealed. Pub. L. 96–591, § 8(b), Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3435**

Section, act Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, as added Aug. 21, 1935, ch. 595, § 3, 49 Stat. 669, related to orders to helmsmen.

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**SUBCHAPTER VI—VESSELS NOT UNDER WAY**

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**§ 295. Repealed. Pub. L. 96–591, § 8(b), Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3435**

Section, act Feb. 8, 1895, ch. 64, § 1, as added Mar. 18, 1948, ch. 138, § 5, 62 Stat. 82, related to day and night signals for vessels anchored, not under command, or aground. See section 2035 of this title.

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