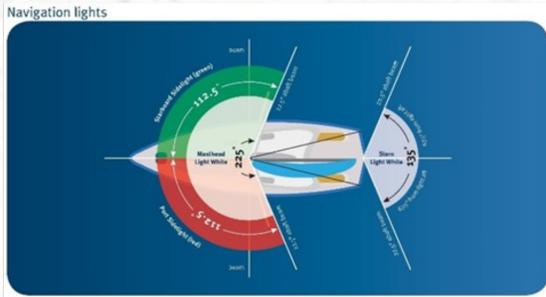


# An Introduction to the Rules of the Road



UCSG Requirements			
Boat Length:	16'	40'	65' 165'
Under Power	Side Lights, Stern Light & Masthead		
Under Sail	Side Lights & Stern Light		
Rowing	Same as Under Sail		
At Anchor	All-Round Light (night) or Black Anchor Ball (day) when outside a designated anchorage		
Visibility Range	1nm Side Lights, 2nm All others	3nm Masthead, 2nm All others	5nm Masthead, 2nm All others

**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2026 **Time:** 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Location:** New Castle Library, Macomber Room (rear of building)

**Presented by:** Captain Dan Gingras & Captain John Sakovits

## Topics Covered:

- Steering and Sailing Rules
- Lights, Shapes, and Sound Signals
- Risk of Collision and Action to Avoid It
- Real-World Case Studies and Scenarios

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**Do you know what these lights mean?**

	Power-driven vessel under way	Sailing vessel	Vessel engaged in fishing - towing	Vessel engaged in fishing - anchor then towing	Vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver	Vessel not under command	Vessel constrained by her draft
Lights	Two white circles	Red over green	Green over white	Red over white	Red over white over red	Red over red	Red over red over red
Shapes	Nil	Black inverted triangle	Black diamond	Black diamond	Black diamond	Black circle	Black rectangle