

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 13 OF 1995

Fairway Rules In Victoria Harbour

Masters, coxswains and operators of launches and ferries are reminded to follow strictly the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea while transiting the Victoria Harbour.

2. To ameliorate conflicting traffic situations in the Central harbour, Marine Department has introduced a series of traffic control measures which include the establishment of the "Tsimshatsui Light Buoy" to mark the centre line of the Hung Hom Fairway. This light buoy is laid for the purpose of organizing the traffic flow in the area and assisting mariners to comply with the fairway rule and so avoid end-on or conflicting traffic situations.

3. Although improvements have been witnessed after laying of the light buoy, quite a number of port users are still not complying with the fairway rules while transiting Victoria Harbour.

4. Masters, coxswains and persons-in-charge of vessels using and proceeding along the Hung Hom Fairway are advised to leave the Tsimshatsui buoy to their port sides' thus passing reciprocal traffic port-to-port.

5. Patrol officers of the Marine Department will take enforcement action to ensure safe navigation in the Central harbour. Mariners using principal fairways in the vicinity of Central harbour area are required to follow strictly Rule 9 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at sea, 1972.

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