

THE MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION
OF THE UNITED STATES

REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON
LIGHTS ON CERTAIN TOWED VESSELS

In 1945, a Committee consisting of Messrs. Lenahan, Erskine and Krusen (Chairman) was appointed by the President to study apparent conflicts in the provisions of the Inland Rules and Local Inspectors' Rules in respect of lights required to be carried by towed vessels, particularly "barges" and "scows". Its report, submitted to the Annual Meeting of the Association in May, 1945, has been printed as Document No. 300.

Following the 1945 meeting, and for the purpose of obtaining an expression of views from sections of the country not theretofore represented, the President enlarged the membership of the Committee. During the year Document No. 300 has been circulated among lawyers and members of the shipping industry, and the Committee has endeavored to correlate the resulting expressions of opinion.

The survey thus obtained could hardly be called comprehensive, but the result indicates a general concurrence in the thought that reform is required, although there has not been unanimity as to the exact nature of the reform.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Association request the United States Coast Guard, or any Government agency to which the appropriate power may be transferred, to consider the problem and recommendations expressed in Document No. 300 of the Maritime Law Association, and, after hearings or other consideration, to take such steps as may be indicated, to submit remedial legislation to Congress.

Respectfully submitted,

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