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### Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Waiver for Marking Sunken Vessels with a Light at Night

Today, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) announced in the *Federal Register* the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) regarding its regulations affecting 33 CFR part 64 for marking of structures, sunken vessels, and other obstructions.

The USCG proposes to implement section 301 of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2004. This Act authorized the Commandant of the USCG to waive the statutory requirement to mark wrecked vessels with a light at night if the Commandant determines that placing a light would be impractical, and that waiving the requirement would not create an undue hazard to navigation. The USCG believes these changes would reduce the burden associated with marking a submerged vessel without compromising safety.

The NPRM and related materials may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> docket number USCG-2012-0054.

The comment period closes July 29, 2013.

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