

Mooring Buoys Regulations

The Federal Private Buoy Regulations specify that buoys must comply with the requirements set out in the Canadian Aids to Navigation System (TP 968), which directs that a mooring buoy is coloured white and orange, with the orange colour covering the top one third of the buoy above the waterline.

No person shall place in any Canadian waters a private buoy that interferes with or is likely to interfere with the navigation of any vessel, or that misleads or is likely to mislead the operator of any vessel.

No person shall place a private buoy in any Canadian waters unless

(a) the part of the buoy that shows above the surface of the water is at least 15.25 cm wide and at least 30.5 cm high;

(b) the buoy displays, on opposite sides, the capital letters "PRIV" that are

- (i) as large as is practical for the size of the buoy, and
- (ii) white when the background colour is red, green or black;
- (iii) black when the background colour is white or yellow;

(c) the buoy complies with the requirements set out in *Canadian Aids to Navigation* (TP 968) published by the Canadian Coast Guard in 1995, as amended from time to time;

(d) the buoy displays, in a conspicuous location and in a permanent and legible manner, the name, address and telephone number of its owner;

Mooring of vessels and removal of works

The owner of the works

(a) must not moor, or permit the mooring of, a vessel that is more than 12 m in length to the works; and

(b) must remove the works if

- (i) any part of the works is removed, or
- (ii) during any two-year period, no vessel has moored to the works.

The Minister of Transport may remove from any Canadian waters a private buoy that does not comply with these Regulations.