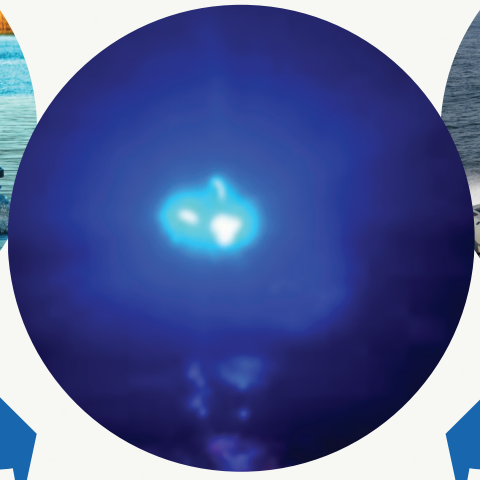
NASBLA urges you not to install law enforcement lighting on pleasure vessels.

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators wants to remind you that improper or unlawful lighting on a watercraft can send the wrong message. Navigation lights have specific meaning, and boat operators may receive a citation or have other enforcement action taken against them if they display an inappropriate or specially designated light when they don't have the authority to do so.



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88.11 Law enforcement vessels

(a) Law enforcement vessels may display a flashing blue light when engaged in direct law enforcement or public safety activities. This light must be located so that it does not interfere with the visibility of the vessel's navigation lights.

(b) The blue light described in this section may be displayed by law enforcement vessels of the United States and the States and their political subdivisions.