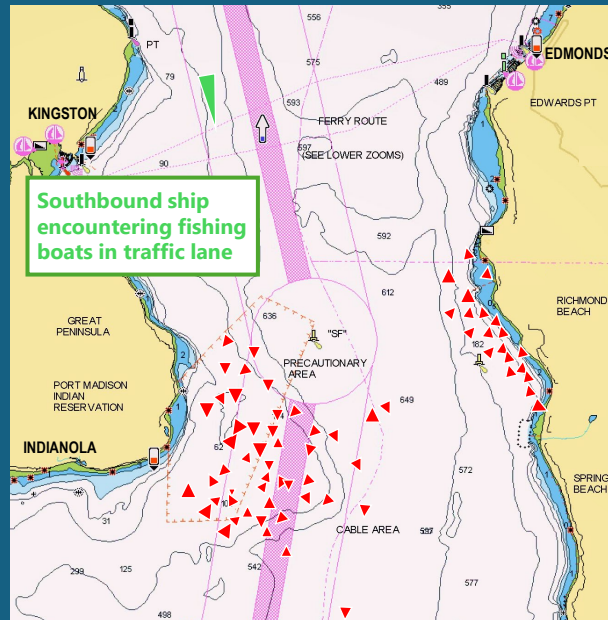


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Fishing is legal in the ship traffic lanes if the lanes are kept clear for ships.

Clear the lanes when ships are 5 minutes away (about 2 miles) to avoid impeding traffic.

Be aware of your surroundings and monitor vessel traffic on VHF channel 14.

In this example, a ship (green) in traffic lanes near Kingston, is 2 miles from fishing boats (red) and will reach the boats in 6 minutes.

U.S. Inland Navigation Rules and COLREGS Rule 10 state:
VESSELS LESS THAN 65 FEET IN LENGTH SHALL NOT IMPEDE THE PASSAGE OF VESSELS TRANSITING THE TRAFFIC LANES.

USCG [Nav Rules Handbook_27OCT2022_85 FR 58268.pdf](#) contains both

- International Navigation Rules = “72 COLREGS”
- U.S. Inland Navigation Rules = “33 CFR 83”