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## 1. Introduction

This SOP describes the procedures for operation of the flybridge searchlights on VMR1

## 2. Reference

Crew Training Handbook Module 1

## 3. Detailed Procedures

The on/off switches for these are located on the dash on the flybridge and are under the red safety covers. To operate;

- This must only be done with the skipper's prior approval or at his request
- Remove the covers on the searchlights (the lights generate a lot of heat)
- Lift the red toggle(s) and turn on the appropriate switch.
- Lights should be directed away from the boat before they are turned on so they do not impact the night vision of the skipper.
- If we are in a search pattern with other vessels, the lights should never be aimed further back than **45 degrees off the bow** to avoid affecting the night vision of other vessels in the search pattern.

## 4. Summary

If we all follow these guidelines the use of the searchlights will be done safely and without affecting the skipper's night vision.

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