**Aids to Navigation**

Aids to Navigation marking the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) display unique yellow symbols to distinguish them from aids marking other waters. Yellow triangles indicate aids should be passed by keeping them on the starboard (right) hand of the vessel. Yellow squares indicate aids should be passed by keeping them on the port (left) hand of the vessel. A yellow horizontal band provides no lateral information, but simply identifies aids as marking the ICW.
VISUAL BUOYAGE GUIDE

REGION B - by day

Preferred Channel
Secondary Channel

REGION-B - by night

Preferred Channel
Secondary Channel
**U.S. AIDS TO NAVIGATION SYSTEM**

**on the Western River System**

**AS SEEN ENTERING FROM SEAWARD**

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**Preferred Channel**

**Mark Junciones and Obstructions**

**Composite Group Flashing (2+1)**

**Preferred Channel to Starboard**

**Topmost Band Green**

**Fi (2+1) G**

**Preferred Channel to Port**

**Topmost Band Red**

**Fi (2+1) R**

**Dayboards Having No Lateral Significance**

**May Be Lettered**

**No** White Light Only

**176.9**

**Mile Board**

**123.5**

**Mile Board**

**Special Marks—May Be Lettered**

**Unlighted**

**NY**

**Lighted**

**Arthur**

**A**

**Shade:** Optional—but selected to be appropriate for the position of the mark in relation to the navigable waterway and the direction of buoyage.

**Yellow Light Only**

**Fixed Flashing**

**Moorings Buoy**

White with blue band

May show white reflector or light

**Typical Information and Regulatory Marks**

**Boat Exclusion Area**

**Swim Area**

Explanation may be placed outside the crossed diamond shape, such as dam, rapids, swim area, etc.

**Danger**

**Rock**

The nature of danger may be indicated inside the diamond shape, such as rock, wreck, shoal, dam, etc.

**Slow**

**No Wake**

**Anchor**

**Controlled Area**

**Information**

For displaying information such as directions, distances, locations, etc.

**Buoy Used to Display Regulatory Markers**

**MAY SHOW WHITE LIGHT MAY BE LETTERED**

**State Waters**

**Inland State Waters Obstruction Mark**

May show white reflector or quick flashing white light

**Black-Striped White Buoy**

Used to indicate an obstruction to navigation, extends from the nearest shore to the buoy. This means "do not pass between the buoy and the nearest shore." This aid is replacing the red and white striped buoy within the USWMS, but cannot be used until all red and white striped buoys on a waterway have been replaced.

**Plate 4**