

6 ten complaint must be accompanied by a bond in the penal sum of five
 7 hundred (500) dollars for the use of the person, partnership, associ-
 8 ation or corporation against whom a complaint is made, with sureties
 9 to be approved by the commission, conditioned that the person filing
 10 the complaint will pay damages which the person complained of may
 11 sustain by reason of the wrongful complaint.
 12 "In an action on such bond herein the plaintiff may recover, if he
 13 shows that there was no reasonable cause to believe the ground upon
 14 which the complaint was made, the actual damages sustained and
 15 reasonable attorney fees to be fixed by the court."

Approved April 27, 1967.

CHAPTER 123

EMERGENCY VESSELS

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AN ACT relating to the operation of watercraft for emergency purposes and in emergency situations.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section one hundred six point two (106.2), Code 1966,
 2 is hereby amended by adding the following new subsection:

3 " 'Authorized emergency vessel' means any vessel which is desig-
 4 nated or authorized by the state conservation commission for use in
 5 law enforcement, search and rescue, and disaster work."

1 SEC. 2. Section one hundred six point twelve (106.12), Code 1966,
 2 is hereby amended by adding the following new subsections:

3 1. "No person shall operate on the waters of this state under the
 4 jurisdiction of the conservation commission any vessel displaying or
 5 reflecting a blue light or flashing blue light unless such vessel is an
 6 authorized emergency vessel."

7 2. "No person shall operate a vessel and enter into areas in which
 8 search and rescue operations are being conducted unless authorized by
 9 the officer in charge of the search and rescue operation. Any person
 10 authorized in an area of operation shall operate his vessel at a no wake
 11 speed and shall keep clear of all other vessels engaged in the search
 12 and rescue operation."

1 SEC. 3. Chapter one hundred six (106), Code 1966, is hereby
 2 amended by adding the following new section:

3 "Upon approach of an authorized emergency vessel displaying a
 4 blue light or flashing blue light, the operator of every other vessel
 5 shall stop and yield the right of way until the authorized vessel has
 6 passed. The provisions of this section shall not relieve the operator of
 7 an authorized emergency vessel from the duty to operate his vessel
 8 with due regard for the safety of all persons using the waters of this
 9 state, nor shall the provisions relieve the operator of any such vessel
 10 from liability from his negligence."

Approved June 20, 1967.