

**NAVIGATIONAL RULES****1. Traffic Route**

AKASHI Kaikyo Traffic Route: Vessels shall keep to the right of the centre line.

**2. Compulsory Transit of Traffic Routes**

Vessels of 50m and over in length shall navigate in the traffic routes.

**3. Right of way**

Vessels (except a very large vessel) shall keep out of the way of very large vessels in the traffic routes and vessels navigating along the traffic routes.

**4. Designated Tracks outside the Traffic Routes**

The tracks are described in the Navigation Regulations for each area. (See right.)

**5. Destination information on AIS**

Vessels navigating in the VTS area shall transmit the AIS code of the destination port in order to inform other vessels of their intended route.

**SERVICES AND NAVIGATION REGULATIONS****1. Application of Message Marker**

The following Message Markers are used by OSAKA MARTIS to clarify VHF Communications.

① INFORMATION ② WARNING ③ ADVICE ④ INSTRUCTION

**2. Navigational Advice**

Osaka MARTIS provides advice for specific vessels to take any necessary action when it is found that a vessel is in a dangerous situation or it is deemed necessary to remind a vessel to follow the navigational rules.

**3. Navigational Instructions**

Osaka MARTIS instructs very large vessels, and others, to standby outside the traffic routes when visibility is 2,000m or less.

**4. Use of Designated Tracks outside the Traffic Route****(1) Eastern Area to the Akashi Kaikyo Traffic Route**

(a) Vessels of 50 meters and over in length navigating westward along Akashi Kaikyo Traffic Route should:

- Navigate by crossing Line B and
- Navigate in the area to the north of Line A.

(b) Vessels of 50 meters and over in length navigating eastward along Akashi Kaikyo Traffic Route should:

- Navigate in the area to the south of Line A: and
- Navigate in the area more than 200 meters from the Akashi Kaikyo Traffic Route Eastward Light Buoy.

**(2) Western Area to the Akashi Kaikyo Traffic Route**

(c) Vessels of 5,000 gross tonnage and over, navigating westward along Akashi Kaikyo Traffic Route should navigate in the area to the north of Line C.

(d) Vessels of 5,000 gross tonnage and over navigating eastward along Akashi Kaikyo Traffic Route should navigate in the area to the south of Line C.