

The bow roller is a mechanism or device of any shape or design for stowing the anchor or for a fare-lead for raising or lowering the anchor or providing a fare-lead for the anchor line while at anchor. It is not included, or a part of the forward deck of the vessel or the overall length of the vessel.

The maximum length of a vessel can simply be measured by measuring the surface length of the deck.

Definitions or examples:

1. The deck incloses the topside of the buoyant envelope of the vessel
2. example of "any shape or design". If a bulbous bow extends 8' beyond the bow stem of the vessel, an anchor roller assembly or mechanism might need to extend 10' beyond the bow stem so the anchor will clear the bulb.

