

On the south-west the high-water mark of the eastern and northern shores of the Isle of Wight, from Culver Cliff to Old Castle Point.

On the west an imaginary straight line drawn from Old Castle Point to Hill Head Point.

On the north the line of high-water mark between Hill Head and the Coast Guard station near Eastoke Point;

which boundaries are delineated on the chart annexed to this Order.

5. For the purposes of this Order, the seaward boundary of the Harbour of Portsmouth (in this Order called the Harbour) shall be deemed to be as follows; namely:—An imaginary straight line drawn from Gillkicker Point to the Spit Buoy, and thence to Southsea Castle, which boundary is delineated on the said chart.

6. No merchant or other private vessel shall be moored, anchored, grounded, deposited, or run on shore in the fairway of the channel of the Harbour, or the passages leading into that fairway, between the Spit Buoy and Blockhouse Point on the west side, and between the buoy of the Boyne, Southsea Castle, and the Round Tower, on the east side.

7. No merchant or other private vessel shall make fast or lie at any of the buoys marking the Harbour channel.

8. No merchant or other private vessel shall, without licence in writing from the Port Admiral, Captain Superintendent, or Queen's Harbour Master, be moored or fastened to any of Her Majesty's moorings, buoys, piles, or vessels in the Harbour, unless forced there by unavoidable accident.

9. If at any time any merchant or other private vessel hooks any of Her Majesty's moorings, the master of the vessel shall not proceed to unhook the same, but shall forthwith give notice to the Queen's Harbour Master, or to the chief officer of the nearest of Her Majesty's Dockyards, in order that aid may be given for clearing the mooring without damage.

10. All merchant and other private vessels using the Harbour shall anchor, moor, or lie on the shore only at the following places within the Harbour, namely,—

On the Gosport shore, on that part of it which lies between an imaginary straight line drawn true east from the Hard at Gosport, and another such line drawn true east from the north corner of the wharf at Stony Steps, and extending into the Harbour to within 50 fathoms from the centre of any of Her Majesty's moorings:

On the Portsmouth shore, east of an imaginary straight line drawn from the low-water mark of the Point, Portsmouth, to within 30 fathoms from the Ordnance Buoy off the Gun wharf, leaving a passage for vessels to enter or come out of the Gun wharf Camber, and not approaching the piles in front of the Gun wharf nearer than forty feet.

11. Small vessels may discharge by permission of the Queen's Harbour Master between the Common Hard and that part of the Timber Pound called the Logs.

12. Masters of vessels in the service of Her Majesty's Government, or having Government cargoes on board, are, immediately on arrival, to report themselves to the Queen's Harbour Master, and take the berth assigned to them by him.

13. Pilot and fishing boats which frequent the Harbour shall occupy the south side of the first bend in Haslar Creek, or that part of the Gosport shore which lies between Blockhouse Point and

the Gosport pier; provided that they do not interfere with any of Her Majesty's vessels, moorings, or buoys, and that they leave a clear passage for any vessel into or out of the Creek at Haslar.

14. Yachts having the privilege of laying up in Haslar Creek shall so moor as to leave the channel clear, and the anchors by which they are moored shall be buried.

15. Merchant and other private vessels having jibbooms or running bowsprits shall run them in on entering the Harbour within Blockhouse Point, and keep them in until the day of their leaving the Harbour.

16. Any merchant or other private vessel above 5 tons compelled or allowed to anchor in or near any of the navigable channels of the Harbour shall not be left at any time without a ship-keeper.

17. Any merchant or other private steam vessel when within the Harbour inside Blockhouse Point shall not proceed at a greater rate of speed than five knots an hour over the ground.

18. No merchant or other private vessel shall be breamed in any part of the Harbour, except on the beach at Gosport or Blockhouse, at a distance of at least two hundred yards from any of Her Majesty's vessels or moorings.

19. No pitch, tar, rosin, turpentine, grease, tallow, oil, or other combustible matter shall be boiled or heated on board any merchant or other private vessel in the Harbour within two hundred and fifty yards from any of Her Majesty's vessels, or from any hired vessel in Her Majesty's service, or from any of Her Majesty's docks, dockyards, arsenals, powder magazines, or wharfs.

20. No fire shall be kept on board any merchant or other private vessel (except steam vessels) in the Harbour within the last-mentioned distance between eleven o'clock in the evening and five o'clock in the morning from the first of October to the thirty-first of March inclusive, or between eleven o'clock in the evening and four o'clock in the morning from the first of April to the thirtieth of September inclusive.

21. No ship's gun on board any merchant or other private vessel lying in the Harbour within the last-mentioned distance shall be kept loaded, nor shall any such gun on board any such vessel lying there be discharged before sun-rise or after sun-set.

22. No merchant or other private vessel shall come into the Harbour laden with gunpowder, or having on board any quantity of gunpowder exceeding five pounds weight in the whole; and all gunpowder exceeding that weight on board any such vessel coming into the Harbour shall be deposited at Blockhouse Fort, on the western side of the entrance to the Harbour.

23. No vessel laid by or neglected as unfit for sea service shall lie within any part of the Harbour except on the shore between the point lying due east (true) of Whale Island and Kingston Cemetery Wall.

24. The master of every merchant or other private vessel to which this Order relates shall observe and cause to be observed the provisions of this Order as far as it relates to his vessel, and if any master or other person acts in any respect in contravention of any of the provisions of this Order, or fails to observe or cause to be observed in any respect any of those provisions, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

And the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

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