

employed, and in case it shall be proved that he grants such certificate for a greater number than were actually employed he shall be liable in a penalty not exceeding the sum of twenty shillings sterling for each transgression.

4. He is empowered where there may be great difficulty and danger in the Pilots getting out to the assistance of vessels in the bay, to offer them such moderate premium for their attendance in these instances as he shall judge necessary.

5. In case he shall be called upon to furnish boats or men to the assistance of any vessel in want thereof, or in distress, and shall either refuse, absent himself, or neglect to comply with such request, he shall, on proof of such neglect, for the first offence be liable in a penalty not exceeding the sum of two pounds, and for the second offence he shall be discharged from his office.

6. He shall keep a book in which he shall regularly enter a list of the arrival of all vessels at, and their departure from, the Harbour of Thurso, with such other particulars as he shall be directed, excerpts from which he shall deliver weekly at the office of the Clerk to the Trustees.

Captain Pilot's fees payable only for vessels coming into the harbour.

	£	s.	d.
All vessels under 40 tons ... ..	0	0	6
All vessels from 40 tons to 80 tons	0	1	0
All vessels from 80 tons to 120 tons	0	1	6
All vessels from 120 tons to 200 tons	0	2	0
All vessels above 200 tons ... ..	0	2	6

#### Pilots.

7. No person shall act as a Pilot without being licensed by the Harbour Trustees and the licence must be renewed on or before the first Thursday of February in every year.

8. The Pilots must give ready obedience to all the orders of the Captain Pilot, and comply with his directions in every particular.

9. The boats to be used by the Pilots shall be 17 feet keel at the least, and otherwise to the satisfaction of the Captain Pilot, and the crew of each boat must consist of not less than five men, two of whom must be licensed Pilots. The master or chief pilot of each boat must cause his own name and the number of his boat to be painted thereon in large distinct characters.

10. A Master Pilot taking charge of a vessel without his boat being manned to the satisfaction of the Captain Pilot shall be liable in a penalty not exceeding ten shillings for each man deficient.

11. A Master Pilot taking a vessel in tow with a boat not answering the above description shall be liable in a penalty not exceeding two pounds for each offence.

12. The Master or chief Pilot of each boat must, unless with the consent of the Captain Pilot, have his crew in constant readiness during the tide hours to be employed in Piloting; and for their good behaviour he shall be answerable.

13. The Pilots shall attend within the Harbour, when desired, with their boats, two hours before high water, to take charge of vessels going to sea, or having occasion to move from one part of the harbour to another.

14. The Pilots whether at sea or not, shall be obliged to pay proper attention to all vessels in want of their assistance; and after taking charge of them, shall not leave them until brought into proper moorings to the satisfaction of their commanders, or until they are directed by the Captain Pilot.

15. The pilots belonging to one boat shall not have power to take charge of more than one

vessel during each tide unless with the consent of the Captain Pilot.

16. Pilots shall afford assistance to Her Majesty's ships before all others, and shall employ themselves in piloting vessels into and out of the Harbour of Thurso in preference to any other service.

17. In case any vessel after making signal for a Pilot be neglected by the Pilots, the commander of every Pilot boat within the Harbour, who cannot satisfy the Trustees that they were actually engaged as Pilots at the time, shall be liable in a penalty not exceeding twenty shillings unless it was impossible to proceed to sea through stress of weather, and it shall be no excuse for a Pilot that he was engaged in fishing, provided he had intimation given him previous to his leaving the Harbour that his services would be necessary.

18. The Pilots are all furnished with licences, and a copy of these regulations, with the number of their boats marked thereon which they shall carry about them upon all occasions when employed as Pilots, and they shall be obliged to produce them when called upon, otherwise the masters of vessels shall not be obliged to receive them or pay the dues of pilotage.

19. The Pilot who first offers himself to a vessel in want of a Pilot shall be entitled to the dues of pilotage.

20. Any Anchors found in the bay by the Pilots must be delivered to the Receiver of Wreck who will reward them for their trouble.

21. Any Pilot who shall refuse to take charge of a vessel upon a proper signal being made, or on application of the Captain Pilot, or any person concerned, or any one of the said Trustees, or shall refuse on such signal or application to lead the way of any vessel which cannot be boarded without imminent danger, or shall refuse to assist any vessel in distress, or shall misbehave himself in the conduct of any vessel, or the execution of any part of his duty as a Pilot, or shall refuse or neglect to obey any summons either written or verbal, of the Trustees requiring his appearance before them or any one of them, or shall refuse or neglect to obey the orders of the Trustees or the Captain Pilot shall be suspended or forfeit such penalty as the Trustees shall think proper.

22. Any person acting as a Pilot without being licensed, or after his licence has expired or been recalled will be liable in a penalty not exceeding two pounds sterling, besides being otherwise liable to punishment.

23. The boundary of Pilot water seaward is a line from Clairdon Head on the East side to Holborn Head Lighthouse on the West side of Thurso Bay, each Pilot to remain in charge of his vessel until she is berthed according to the orders of the Harbour Master when inward bound, and from her moorings to the above-mentioned seaward boundary when outward bound.

Charge for Pilotage threepence per Reg. Ton in and out inclusive.

For each tides work within the Harbour five shillings to Pilot and two shillings to each other man employed.

For extra boats when required ten shillings and sixpence for each boat and six men.

Pilots going out a greater distance than usual to foreign vessels, which have made signals for them shall be entitled to an additional allowance, at the discretion of the Captain Pilot.

The above rates are, however, only payable to the Pilots when their boats are fully manned with four men each besides the Master Pilot, and