

and His Majesty is pleased to make in lieu of the Regulations so revoked the Regulations which are set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed, and doth order and direct that the same shall come into force on the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and two.

A. W. FitzRoy.

SCHEDULE.

REGULATIONS for the REGISTRY, LETTERING, and NUMBERING of BRITISH SEA FISHING BOATS, under PART IV of the MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1894, and under the SEA FISHERIES ACTS, 1868 and 1883.

1.—(1.) These regulations shall apply to and be observed in the case of every British sea fishing boat belonging to or hailing from any port or place in the British Islands, except—

- (a.) Yachts or pleasure boats not used for catching fish for profit;
- (b.) Pilot boats, also used as fishing boats and marked and numbered in accordance with a law or regulation requiring the same to be so marked and numbered; and
- (c.) Open and undecked boats navigated by oars only, if such boats are otherwise marked in accordance with Section 176 of the Customs Consolidation Act, 1876. (The expression "undecked boats" shall mean boats not sufficiently decked to afford any sleeping accommodation.)

(d.) Such boats employed in fishing and dredging for scientific purposes as may be exempted by the Board of Trade.

(2.) The boats hereby excepted shall be deemed to be exempted from the provisions of Section 373 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894.

(3.) The expression "boat," when hereafter used in these regulations, shall mean a boat to which these regulations apply.

2. The ports and places set forth in the first column of the First Schedule hereto shall be ports or places of registry for boats, and the letter or letters set forth in the second column of that schedule shall be the distinguishing letter or letters for those ports or places respectively.

3. The officers named in the fourth column of the First Schedule shall be the officers appointed to carry out the work of registration and the provisions of these regulations within the limits set forth in the fifth column, and are hereafter referred to as Registrars.

4. A register in the form set forth in the Second Schedule hereto, or in such other form as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Trade, with a consecutive series of numbers, shall be kept at each port or place of registry.

5.—(1.) The owner of any boat shall make application to have such boat entered in the fishing boat register and shall obtain for every boat belonging to him a certificate of registry in accordance with these regulations.

(2.) The application shall be made in the form set forth in the Third Schedule hereto, and with the particulars therein indicated, or in such other form as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Trade, to the Registrar of the port or place of registry to which the boat belongs or from which she hails or is for the time being employed or nearest thereto, or may be made in duplicate in like form and with like particulars to the officer of Coast Guard or Customs in charge of the nearest station, and in Scotland may also be made in duplicate in like form and with like particulars to any officer of

the Fishery Board for Scotland. Any such officer, other than the Registrar, receiving the application shall forthwith forward one copy of the same to the Registrar and shall retain and file the other copy.

(3.) The Registrar on the receipt of the application and having no reason to doubt the correctness of the particulars contained therein shall cause the boat to be registered and shall appoint a number for the boat, and shall issue the certificate of registry to the applicant. The certificate shall be in the form set forth in the Fourth Schedule hereto, or in such other form as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Trade, and the letter or letters to be inserted in the certificate shall be the distinguishing letter or letters of the port or place of registry.

(4.) A certificate issued under these regulations shall be a certificate of registry or official paper within the meaning of the Sea Fisheries Act, 1868, and Part IV of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and an official document within the meaning of the Sea Fisheries Act, 1883, and as such must at all times be carried on board the boat. Provided that the Board of Trade shall have power to exempt from this requirement boats of any class or boats engaged in any class of fishing.

6. When any boat has not already a port of registry and a port to which she belongs by reason of her registry under Part I of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, the port or place at which that boat is registered under these regulations shall be deemed to be the port or place to which she belongs. But boats belonging to any Customs port by reason of their registry under Part I of the Act must be registered as fishing boats at the same port of registry by the Officer of Customs.

7. For the purposes of these regulations boats shall be divided into three classes, namely:—

1st Class, which shall include all steamers of 15 tons gross tonnage and upwards, and all boats (other than steamers) of 15 tons register tonnage and upwards.

2nd Class, which shall include all steamers of less than 15 tons gross tonnage and all boats (other than steamers) of less than 15 tons register tonnage or of 18 feet keel and upwards.

3rd Class, which shall include all boats under 18 feet keel, other than those navigated by oars only and marked in accordance with Section 176 of the Customs Consolidation Act, 1876.*

Provided that in the case of canoes or other boats built without keels the measurement shall be made from stem to stern over all.

8.—(1.) At least once in every year, and in any case immediately upon a change of skipper, the owner of any boat shall submit the certificate of registry of his boat for examination to a Registrar or other officer empowered by these regulations to receive applications for registry, and shall report the change of skipper, if any, and also any alteration respecting the boat or her employment. Any owner who fails to submit the certificate or to report in accordance with this regulation shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds.

* The Customs Consolidation Act, 1876, Section 176, requires all vessels and boats under 100 tons to have the name of the owner and of the port painted outside the stern, but this does not apply to boats registered as fishing boats.