

18.—(1.) For boats of the first class the letters and numbers shall be, on the hulls, 18 inches in height and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in breadth, and on the sails, one-third larger every way.

(2.) For boats of the second class, the letters and numbers shall be, on the hulls, 10 inches in height and $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches in breadth, and, on the sails, one-third larger every way.

(3.) For boats of the third class, the letters and numbers shall be on the hulls, 6 inches at least in height and $\frac{3}{4}$ inch at least in breadth, and on the sails, one-third larger every way.

(4.) Provided that in boats which have a "bend piece" or "rubbing streak" the letters and numbers shall be as high as the space above it will admit. In boats where the space between the gunwale and water-line is not sufficient for the prescribed height, the letters and numbers shall be as high as the space will admit.

(5.) In all cases, a space equal to one-third of the height of the letters shall be left between every two letters and every two figures forming the number, and the letters shall be separated from the number by twice the same space.

19.—(1.) The names, letters and numbers herein prescribed shall at all times be effectively kept up and renewed when required, and a boat shall not have either on its outside or on its sails any name, letter or number other than those herein prescribed.

(2.) Provided that in the case of any boat only temporarily engaged in fishing for purposes of sale, so much of these regulations as requires that letters and numbers shall be permanently affixed to the hull and sails or funnel, shall not apply if such letters and numbers are temporarily affixed thereto during the whole period of fishing by means of board, canvas, or iron, in a manner otherwise according with these regulations.

20.—(1.) If any boat is not marked with name, letters and number in accordance with these regulations, the owner and the skipper of the boat shall each be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds.

(2.) If any person effaces, alters, makes illegible, covers or conceals in any manner whatsoever the names, letters, or numbers, or is a party or privy to so doing, he shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds.

21.—(1.) All small boats carried by, or attached to, sea fishing boats as tenders or otherwise, and all the buoys, barrels, and principal floats, all other fishing implements, and all grapnels and anchors shall be marked with the same letters and numbers as the boats to which they belong, so as to be easily distinguished. The owners of any small boats, buoys, barrels, floats, implements, grapnels or anchors may further distinguish them by any private marks they think proper.

(2.) Provided that in the case of fishing implements belonging to fishermen who are not the owners of the boat in which they are engaged in fishing, it shall be held sufficient if such implements are marked so as to identify the true owners. It shall lie upon the fishermen to satisfy any sea fishery officer that the implements properly form part of the fishing gear in use on the boats with which they may be found.

(3.) The owner and the skipper of any boat not having the small boat, or the implements used in connection with his boats, duly marked in the manner herein directed, shall each be liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds.

22. The ports and places set forth in the first column of the Fifth Schedule hereto shall henceforth cease to be ports or places of registry for sea fishing boats, and the register of boats kept at these places respectively shall be delivered into the custody of the Registrar of the port or place named in the second column of the said schedule, and no further entries shall be made therein, except such as relate to existing registries. All entries made by the Registrar to whose custody the register is delivered shall have the same effect as if made by the Registrar of the port or place from which the register is transferred.

23. These regulations shall come into operation on the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and two.

24.—(1.) The provisions of the Orders in Council mentioned in the Sixth Schedule hereto are hereby revoked to the extent specified in the last column of that schedule, provided that the revocation shall not affect anything done or suffered under any of the provisions so revoked.

(2.) Provided that any registry, naming, lettering, or numbering of a sea fishing boat already effected in accordance with any regulation contained in the Orders in Council hereby revoked, although not in accordance with these regulations, shall, so long as the prescribed marks on the boat are duly maintained, be deemed sufficient in the case of that boat until the boat is required by these regulations to be registered again.

NOTES.

(1.) The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, section 373, provides as follows: "If a fishing boat required to be entered in the fishing boat register is not so entered and is used as a fishing boat the owner and skipper of such boat shall as such be liable for each offence to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds, and the boat may be detained."

(2.) The Sea Fisheries Act, 1868, section 26, provides that a skipper who fails to have the certificate of registry or official paper on board his boat shall be liable, together with his boat and crew, to be taken into port by any sea fishery officer and to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

(3.) The Sea Fisheries Act, 1883, section 12, provides that when it appears to a British sea fishery officer that any provisions of that Act or of any Order in Council have been contravened, he may take the offender and his boat and crew into port and detain them in order to bring the offender before a Court.