

one minute sound a gong rapidly for about 5 seconds.

Note.—The master of every vessel to which these Rules relate must observe and cause to be observed the provisions thereof so far as they relate to his vessel, and any such master by his wilful default infringing or causing any infringement of any of the provisions of these Rules is guilty of a misdemeanour.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 9th day of *February*, 1914.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, 1865, it is enacted that it shall be lawful for His Majesty in Council from time to time, by Order in Council, to define the limits of a Dockyard Port for the purposes of that Act, and to make regulations in relation to any Dockyard Port for all or any of the purposes in the said Act particularly mentioned, and for such other purposes as from time to time seem necessary, with a view to the proper protection of His Majesty's vessels, dockyards, or property, or to the requirements of His Majesty's Naval Service:

And whereas by the same Act it is also enacted that in relation to any Dockyard Port, it shall be lawful for His Majesty in Council from time to time, by Order in Council, on the joint recommendation of the Admiralty and the Board of Trade, to make rules concerning the Lights or Signals to be carried or used, and the steps for avoiding collision to be taken by His Majesty's vessels, and other vessels navigating the waters of the Port and of the approaches thereto:

And whereas, in pursuance of the said Act, certain Regulations were made by Order in Council dated the 29th June, 1888, and the 24th October, 1911, with reference to the Dockyard Port of Chatham and Sheerness:

And whereas it appears expedient to make Rules for the said Dockyard Port as hereinafter provided:

And whereas the provisions of section 1 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, have been complied with:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue of the powers in this behalf by the said Act or otherwise in Him vested, on the joint recommendation of the Admiralty and the Board of Trade, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

(1) This Order shall come into force on the 1st March, 1914.

(2) The following Rules are hereby made and shall have effect in relation to the Dockyard Port of Chatham and Sheerness, as defined in the said Order in Council, dated the 29th June, 1888:—

RULES.

1. When one of His Majesty's vessels or other vessel in charge of His Majesty's Officers, under way within the limits of the Dockyard

Port, hoists O flag (International Code—Alphabetical) by day, or a red light by night, at the foremast head, all other of His Majesty's vessels present in the port shall hoist the Pilot Jack by day, or show position lights (two white lights vertical, 8 feet apart, hoisted at the Peak, or if no gaff, hoisted abreast of the main-top in the middle line of the ship or on the *ensign staff*) by night, as a general warning. The Pilot Jack shall also be hoisted by day, or position lights by night, at the Dockyard, Chatham, and Signal Station, Garrison Point Fort, Sheerness, for the same purpose, and all other vessels under way in the Harbour shall keep out of the way of the said vessel flying the O flag, or showing the red light at the foremast head; provided always that the said vessel shall be navigated with due care and at a moderate speed.

His Majesty's vessels rated below the Light Cruiser classes, including Torpedo Boat Destroyers and Torpedo Boats, shall not fly the O flag, or hoist the red light, when under way, unless specially ordered to do so.

When one of His Majesty's vessels or other vessel in charge of His Majesty's Officers is about to enter or leave any of the Docks, Basins, Jetties, &c., at His Majesty's Dockyard at Chatham, the Pilot Jack will be hoisted at the flagstaff at Locks for vessels entering or leaving the Locks.

For vessels docking in Nos. 2, 3 and 4 docks, the Red Burgee will be hoisted on a staff fixed on No. 3 Building Shed, and while either of these flags is hoisted, all vessels under way in the Port shall keep out of the way of the vessel which is being moved, and also of the tugs which may be in attendance on her.

When one of His Majesty's vessels or other vessel in charge of His Majesty's Officers is about to enter or leave the Basins at Sheerness the Red Burgee will be hoisted at the Harbour Sheers, and, while this flag is hoisted, all other vessels under way in the Port shall keep out of the way of the vessel which is being moved, and also of the tugs which may be in attendance on her.

Lights and Signals for Dredgers.

2. A dredger when at work or in position for working shall carry the following Lights and Signals, viz.:—

Lights between Sunset and Sunrise:—

(a) *Forward.*—In the forward part of the dredger, at a height of not less than 20 and not exceeding 40 feet above the hull, a white light in a lantern, so constructed as to show a clear, uniform and unbroken light visible all round the horizon at a distance of at least one mile.

(b) *Amidships.*—Three such white lights placed in a triangular form at least 8 feet apart, at right angles to the keel and with the apex uppermost, the base of the triangle to be at least 10 feet higher than the forward light and to be also higher than and clear of the framework, funnels or other erections upon the dredger. If so moored or working as to make it necessary to prohibit the passage of vessels on one or both sides, a red light or lights in a lantern so constructed as to show a clear, uniform and unbroken light visible all round the horizon at a distance of at least one mile, is, or are, to be