

Pilot Station and Dungeness, except for ships bound into or out of the Harbours of Dover and Folkestone.

II. Trinity House Pilot Stations have been established at the undermentioned places, and merchant vessels not under compulsion of pilotage are very strongly advised to take pilots:—

(a) THE DOWNS, where ships proceeding north can obtain pilots capable of piloting as far as Great Yarmouth, and also pilots for the River Thames, and for Folkestone and Dover harbours. The Pilot Steamers attached to the Downs Station will cruise in the vicinity of a position two miles south-east of Deal Pier.

(b) GREAT YARMOUTH, where ships from the North Sea bound for the River Thames or the English Channel can obtain pilots capable of piloting as far as the Downs.

The Pilot Steamer attached to the Great Yarmouth Station will cruise between the Corton Light-vessel and the South Scroby buoy.

(c) THE SUNK LIGHT-VESSEL, where ships crossing the North Sea between the parallels of 51° 40' and 51° 54' North Latitude, but *no others*, can obtain pilots for the River Thames and the Downs.

(d) Pilots can also be obtained at LONDON and HARWICH for the Downs and Great Yarmouth (including the River Thames and approaches).

*Note.*—The pilots referred to in this Notice are the pilots licensed by the London Trinity House and no others.

III. RIVER THAMES.—All traffic into and out of the River Thames must pass through the Edinburgh Channels, or through the Black Deep south of the Knock John and Knob Light-buoys, and through the Oaze Deep, until further notice.

No vessels are to remain under way in the above-mentioned Channels between Chapman Lighthouse on the west, and the Sunk-head Light-buoy or a line joining the positions of the South Long Sand and East Shingles buoys, on the east, between the hours of 11 p.m. and 2 a.m.

Vessels at anchor within these limits must not exhibit any lights between the hours of 11 p.m. and 2 a.m.

All other Channels are closed to navigation.

2. No yachts or pleasure boats under sail or steam, or otherwise mechanically driven, are allowed in the Estuary of the Thames east of a line drawn between the Grain spit and West Shoebury buoys.

The Estuary of the Thames mentioned in the preceding paragraph is to be considered to include the north coast of Kent from North Foreland to Sheerness, and the coast of Essex from Shoeburyness to the Naze.

Pulling boats are not allowed in the waters prohibited above without a licence, which must be obtained by the person to whom the boat belongs from the Chief of the local Police. A separate licence is required for each boat.

3. Yachts and pleasure craft in the River Thames are prohibited from using the area enclosed by a line drawn north and south through the Ovens buoy to a line joining Holehaven point and the Blyth middle buoy.

4. In the rivers Colne, Blackwater, Crouch and Roach, the cruising of yachts and pleasure craft under sail, steam, or otherwise mechanically driven, and under oars, is permitted subject to the following restrictions:—

(a) All pleasure craft of any description are prohibited from being under way between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.

(b) Pleasure craft using the areas mentioned in paragraphs (f) and (g) below, in which cruising is permitted, must obtain a licence from the local Police.

(c) The name must be marked legibly on every yacht. All open, half decked and other craft, must have the number and distinguishing letter of the licence clearly painted on each side of the bow.

(d) The licence must be carried in the craft, and is to be available for inspection.

(e) Boats licensed for hire may be taken out by British subjects other than those in whose names the licences are made out, provided that they be returned to the licensees by 8 p.m. on the day of hire. The licence for the boat must be carried by the person hiring it.

(f) In the rivers Colne and Blackwater and in the Estuaries of these rivers, cruising is permitted in the area to the west of lines drawn from Colne point to N.W. Knoll-buoy and Sales point, to N.W. Knoll-buoy and up these rivers.

(g) In the rivers Crouch and Roach, cruising is permitted in the Crouch river west of a line drawn north and south (True) through Burnham Coastguard station. No pleasure craft are permitted below this line.

Cruising is permitted in the Roach river down to its confluence with the Crouch.

(h) Local craft used for business purposes are subject to the foregoing regulations, but may in certain instances be allowed in prohibited areas, if permission in writing has been previously obtained from the Naval or Military Authorities.

(i) Fishing vessels are governed by the terms of the Notices issued by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

(j) Any infringement of the above regulations will be dealt with under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

IV. RIVER MEDWAY.—No yachts or pleasure boats under sail or steam, or otherwise mechanically driven, or pleasure pulling boats, are allowed in the Medway to the eastward of Rochester Bridge.

*Note.*

This Notice is a re-publication of Notice No. 546 of 1915 with the addition of certain regulations respecting the rivers Thames, Colne, Blackwater, Crouch and Roach, mentioned in Sub-section 4 of Section III.

*Authority.*—The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty,

By Command of their Lordships,

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