

ADMIRALTY
NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 619 of the year 1916.

ENGLISH CHANNEL, NORTH SEA, AND
RIVERS THAMES AND MEDWAY, &c.

Pilotage and Traffic Regulations.

Former Notices.—No. 527 of 1916; hereby cancelled. No. 603 of 1916.

Mariners are hereby warned that, under the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914, the following Regulations have been made by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty and are now in force:—

I. ENGLISH CHANNEL AND NORTH
SEA.

1. All ships (other than British ships of less than 3,500 tons gross tonnage, when trading coastwise or to or from the Channel islands and not carrying passengers) whilst bound from, and whilst navigating in the waters from, the Downs Pilot Station to Gravesend or *vice versa*, must be conducted by Pilots licensed by the London Trinity House.

2. All ships (other than British ships of less than 3,500 tons gross tonnage, when trading coastwise or to or from the Channel islands and not carrying passengers) whilst bound from, and whilst navigating in the waters from, Gravesend to Great Yarmouth or *vice versa*, must be conducted by Pilots licensed by the London Trinity House.

3. All ships (other than British ships of less than 3,500 tons gross tonnage, when trading coastwise or to or from the Channel islands and not carrying passengers) whilst navigating in the waters from Gravesend to London Bridge or *vice versa*, must be conducted by Pilots licensed by the London Trinity House.

4. All ships (other than British ships) whilst navigating in the waters between the Downs Pilot Station and Great Yarmouth and *vice versa*, and between those places and the Sunk light-vessel, or any intermediate Pilot station that may hereafter be established, and *vice versa*, must be conducted by Pilots licensed by the London Trinity House.

5. The Trinity House Pilot Station at Dungeness having been discontinued, pilotage is therefore not compulsory between the Downs Pilot Station and Dungeness, except for ships bound into or out of the Harbours of Dover and Folkestone.

6. 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 trading with Netherlands Ports, but *no others*, can obtain Pilots for the River Thames and the Downs.

The Sunk Pilot Steamer will be on her station between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. only, G.M.T.

(d) Pilots can also be obtained at LONDON 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.

II. RIVERS THAMES AND MEDWAY,
&c.

1. 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 a line drawn from London Stone to No. 3 Sea Reach Light-Buoy and thence to Canvey Point on the west, and the Sunk Head Buoy or a line joining the positions of the South Long Sand and East Shingles Buoys, on the east, from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise.

Vessels at anchor within these limits must not exhibit any lights from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise. No merchant or other private vessel is, however, to be at anchor in the Black Deep, Oaze Deep and the Main Channel of the Thames as far west as No. 3 Sea Reach Light-Buoy, to the southward of a line joining East Knock John Buoy, Knob Light-Buoy, West Oaze Buoy, Nore Light-Vessel and No. 3 Sea Reach Light-Buoy, from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise.

All other Channels are closed to navigation.

2. Coasting vessels are not to be under way nor exhibit any lights in the East Swin or Wallet between sunset and sunrise.

3. (a) The cruising of yachts and pleasure craft in the Thames Estuary and River Medway will be permitted under the following restrictions.

(b) No yachts or pleasure boats under sail or steam, or otherwise mechanically driven, are allowed:—

(i.) In the Estuary of the Thames east of a line drawn between the Grain Spit and West Shoebury Buoys.

(ii.) In 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.

(iii.) In the Medway east of Rochester Bridge.

(c) The Estuary of the Thames mentioned above in paragraph (b) (i.) 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.

(d) All pleasure craft of any description are prohibited from being under weigh between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. G.M.T.

(e) Pleasure craft using the waters to the west of the line mentioned in paragraph (b) (i.), in which cruising is permitted, must obtain a licence from the local Police.

(f) If more than one craft is used, a separate licence is required for each.

(g) The name must be marked legibly on every yacht. All open, half-decked and other craft must have the number and distinguishing