

letter of the licence clearly painted on each side of the bow.

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

(i) 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. G.M.T. on the day of hire. The licence for the boat must be carried by the person hiring it.

(j) Pulling boats are allowed within the area prohibited by paragraph (b) (i.), provided:—

(i.) A licence is obtained in accordance with paragraphs (e) and (f).

(ii.) A separate licence is obtained for each boat.

(iii.) Paragraphs (d), (h) and (i) are complied with.

(iv.) No such boats proceed further than one mile from the shore, and in the area between Margate Coast Guard Station and the North Foreland they must keep within half a mile from the shore.

(k) Pulling boats are forbidden to go alongside or communicate with any vessel lying off the shore.

(l) No pleasure pulling boats are allowed in the Medway to the eastward of Rochester Bridge, nor are they allowed in the area mentioned in paragraph (b) (ii.).

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

4. (a) The cruising of yachts and other pleasure craft under sail, steam, or otherwise mechanically driven, and under oars, in the Colne, Blackwater, Crouch and Roach rivers will be permitted under the following restrictions.

(b) 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.

(c) Pleasure craft using the areas mentioned in paragraphs (j) and (k), in which cruising is permitted, must obtain a licence from the local Police.

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

(e) 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.

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

(g) 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. G.M.T. on the day of hire. The licence for the boat must be carried by the person hiring it.

(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) Cruising is permitted in the area to the west of a line drawn from Colne Point to N.W. Knoll Buoy, and thence to Sales Point; and up these rivers. In the River Blackwater no

craft of any description may anchor, nor may any landing be effected in the areas bounded by a line drawn in a 0° (*N. $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. Mag.*) and a 180° (*S. $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. Mag.*) direction, through Ramsey Stone to the opposite shore, and a line drawn through the Tollesbury and Mersea Oyster Fishery Company's Beacon on Thurslet Spit and the same Company's Beacon on the south side of the river, and extended to the north and south shores of the River.

(k) Cruising is permitted in the Crouch west of a line drawn in a 0° (*N. $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. Mag.*) and a 180° (*S. $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. Mag.*) direction through Nass Point. Cruising is also permitted in the Roach as far as Paglesham Hard, but owners of yachts are to intimate their intention to proceed up the Roach to the Coast Guard, Burnham, before leaving, and report their return.

(i.) In the River Crouch no craft of any description is permitted to anchor in the area bounded by lines drawn in a 0° (*N. $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. Mag.*) and a 180° (*S. $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. Mag.*) direction through Burnham Coast Guard Station and Holliwel Point.

(ii.) Landing in the Roach may be permitted only at Paglesham Hard and permits are to be exhibited to the Military Patrol stationed there.

5. All vessels, other than those of British Nationality or those of the Allied Nations, are prohibited from entering the Medway and Swale rivers.

All Neutral Aliens are prohibited from entering the Medway and Swale rivers in British vessels, and this applies to Aliens carried in British ships or barges as passengers or part of crew; the limits of the prohibited area are defined as from the Outer Bar buoy in the River Medway to Rochester bridge, and the whole of the River Swale from the light on Queenborough spit to Columbine spit buoy. Attention is drawn to the necessity of ship-owners' and charterers satisfying themselves that no Neutral Aliens are on board vessels sent to the Rivers Medway and Swale.

Variation.— 14° W.

Note.—This Notice is a repetition of Notices Nos. 527 and 603 of 1916, with amendments to Section I., Sub-section 6 (c) of the former.

Caution.

This Admiralty Notice to Mariners is issued under the provisions of The Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914, and failure to comply strictly with the directions contained in it will constitute an offence against these Regulations.

Any person found guilty of such an offence is liable to severe penalties both of imprisonment and fine.

Any person aiding or abetting the commission of such an offence is himself guilty of an offence against the Regulations.

Attention is also drawn to the fact that any infringement of the directions contained in this Admiralty Notice to Mariners is liable to result in the detention of the ship or vessel.

Authority.—The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

By Command of their Lordships,

J. F. PARRY,

Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Department, Admiralty,

London,

9th June, 1916.