

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. 14° E. Mag.) and a 180° (S. 14° 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. 14° E. Mag.) and a 180° (S. 14° 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° (No. 14° E. Mag.) and a 180° (S. 14° 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. The use of the Swin and Wallet Channels by sailing barges and small trading vessels engaged in coastwise traffic along the Essex coast is permitted, subject to compliance with the following restrictions:—

(a) Each vessel must obtain from the Customs a special clearance card, which is to be kept available for inspection by the Patrol Officers, on demand.

(b) A red ensign is to be displayed while navigating the Middle Deep and Swin Channel.

(c) No vessel may be under way after dark, except as provided for hereinafter.

(d) When at anchor in the Wallet, Ray Sand, and Whitaker Channels, or in the Rivers Colne, Blackwater, and Crouch, all lights are to be screened so that they will not show outboard.

(e) No vessel may anchor in the Rivers Crouch and Blackwater in the areas indicated in Section II., Sub-section 4.

(f) To enable vessels to save their tides, they will be permitted to navigate the Rivers Colne, Blackwater, and Crouch at night above the following places:—

River Roach above Quay Reach.

River Crouch above Burnham Coast Guard Station.

River Blackwater above Ramsey Island Stone.

River Colne above Brightlingsea Creek.

They are to anchor immediately, should they be ordered to do so by the Naval or Military Authorities.

(g) Vessels are to carry out all instructions received from the Naval Officers in command of vessels patrolling these Channels and Rivers.

(h) No vessels are to enter or pass through the defended area in the Middle Deep and Swin Channels until they have been boarded and examined by the vessels stationed there for that purpose.

(Note.—The Examination Officers will board South-bound vessels in the vicinity of the Whitaker Spit. Those leaving the Thames and Medway will be boarded near the Mouse Light-vessel.)

The Boarding Officers will give Masters of vessels instructions as to the course they are to steer when passing through the defended area.

(i) Vessels reaching the entrance to the defended area within one hour of sunset will not be allowed to pass through till daylight.

6. 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 Notice No. 619 of 1916, with amendments to Section I, Sub-section 6 (c) and Section II, Sub-section 1, and the addition of the information contained in Section II, Sub-section 5.

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,

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Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Department, Admiralty,
London, 6th July, 1916.