

From the 15th February until the 28th February, 1917, between 7.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. only.

From the 1st March until the 14th March, 1917, between 7.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. only.

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(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.—TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

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 Ooze 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 to be at anchor in the Black Deep, and the Main Channel of the Thames, to the Southward of a line joining a position in lat. $51^{\circ} 38' N.$, long. $1^{\circ} 21' E.$, D3 Buoy, a position in lat. $51^{\circ} 33' 08'' N.$, long. $1^{\circ} 13' 03'' E.$, Knob Light Buoy, North Knob Light-Buoy, South Shoebury Light-Buoy, a position in lat. $51^{\circ} 29' 15'' N.$, long. $0^{\circ} 49' 45'' E.$, and Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Sea Reach Buoys, from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise, and no vessel is to anchor in the Black Deep Channel between the parallel of lat. $51^{\circ} 40' N.$, and the Sunk Light-Vessel from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise except such South-bound vessels as are unable to proceed further south owing to darkness or thick weather. Anchorage for merchant or private vessels is also prohibited in the West Swin.

All other Channels are closed to navigation.

The Nore Examination Anchorage is reserved for vessels under examination before entry into the Medway, and also for vessels on Government service which have left the Medway and are awaiting orders as to route, &c.

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

2.—(a) Cruising of yachts and pleasure craft is prohibited in the following areas:—

(b) The rivers Colne, Blackwater, and adjoining creeks so far as the tide flows.

(c) That portion of the Estuary of the Thames East of a line drawn between the Grain Spit and West Shoebury buoys.

(d) The area in the River Thames enclosed by a line drawn in a 0° (*N. 14° E. Mag.*) and a 180° (*S. 14° W. Mag.*) direction through the Ovens Buoy to a line joining Holehaven Point and the Blyth Middle buoy.

(e) The River Medway East of Rochester Bridge.

Note.—For the purposes of this Order the

Estuary of the Thames 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.

3. (a) The cruising of yachts and other pleasure craft under sail, steam, or otherwise mechanically driven, and under oars, in those portions of the Estuary of the Thames and the rivers Thames and Medway outside the areas specified in Section 3, and also in the rivers Crouch and Roach, will be permitted under the following restrictions.

(b) 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.) No yachts may anchor in the Crouch between Burnham Coast Guard Station and Nass 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.

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

(d) Owners of boats anchored within sight of Burnham Coastguard Station may go on board their boats up to 10.0 p.m., provided that a permit to do this has been obtained from the Senior Naval Officer, Brightlingsea, and provided also that the boat remains at anchor.

(e) Pleasure craft using the areas mentioned in paragraph (b) of this Sub-Section or the waters to the west of the line mentioned in Sub-Section 3, paragraph (c), 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 craft. 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.

(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 sunset on the day of hire. The licence for the boat must be carried by the person hiring it.

(j) All pleasure craft of any description are prohibited from being under weigh between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

5. (a) Pulling boats are allowed within the prohibited area in Sub-Section 3, par. (c), provided they obtain a licence in accordance with Sub-Section 4, pars. (e) (f) and also comply with Sub-Section 4, pars. (h). (i), (j), and that no such boats proceed more than one mile from the shore. In the area between Margate Coast Guard Station and the North Foreland they must keep within half a mile from the shore.

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

(c) No pleasure pulling boats are allowed in the Medway to the Eastward of Rochester