

include the north coast of Kent from North Foreland to Sheerness, and the coast of Essex from Shoeburyness to the Naze.

4. (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  $0^{\circ}$  (*N.  $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. Mag.*) and a  $180^{\circ}$  (*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) 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., G.M.T., 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 way 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 along-

side or communicate with any vessel lying off the shore.

(c) No pleasure pulling boats are allowed in the Medway to the Eastward of Rochester Bridge, nor are any allowed in the area specified in Sub-Section 3, par. (d).

6. 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 River Crouch in the area bounded by lines drawn in a  $0^{\circ}$  (*N.  $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. Mag.*) and a  $180^{\circ}$  (*S.  $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W. Mag.*) direction, through Burnham Coastguard Station and Holliwel point; or in the River Blackwater in the areas bounded by a line drawn in a  $0^{\circ}$  (*N.  $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. Mag.*) and a  $180^{\circ}$  (*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.

(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. Permission is given, subject to preliminary boarding and examination, for sailing vessels, if they so desire, to pass to the eastward of the Maplin lighthouse, but under no circumstances may they pass to the eastward of any of the conical buoys in the defended area.

(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.