

orders which may be given by the Naval Patrols. Merchant vessels, barges, and boats will be subject to inspection and search, and will be liable to be fired upon in the event of disobedience to the orders given them by the Patrols.

Ordinary Port Regulations.

3. The ordinary regulations of the port, except as affected by this Notice, are to be strictly adhered to.

II.—PROHIBITED AREAS.

4. An obstruction has been placed across Queenstown harbour inside the entrance.

Anchorage is strictly prohibited between the southern limit of Outer Man-of-War roads and a line drawn between the light-buoy exhibiting an *occulding white* light, to the eastward of Spike island and the light-buoy exhibiting a *fixed white* light off Black rock, Corkbeg.

The passage between Spike island and Ringaskiddy point is closed, and no vessel shall approach the area bounded on the south by a line drawn between Golden rock and the southernmost point of Spike island.

No vessel shall use the channels between Haulbowline and Spike island, east of Rocky island, or west of the Military pier on Spike island.

Passage through Obstruction.

5. Vessels entering the port, not being in charge of a pilot, shall not proceed beyond the Examination anchorage. Vessels wishing to leave the port, not being in charge of a pilot, shall not proceed beyond the southern limit of the Outer Man-of-War anchorage. This applies to all craft except boats drawing less than four feet which have obtained special permission from the King's Harbour Master.

It is compulsory for all vessels desiring to pass through the obstruction in either direction to have on board a licensed pilot, or Master holding a pilot's certificate for the port, whose name has been approved by the Vice-Admiral Commanding Coast of Ireland.

Owners, Agents, Masters, or Pilots of vessels wishing to leave the port must advise the office of the Vice-Admiral Commanding Queenstown, stating the time they desire to pass the obstruction. They will then be informed of the time they may proceed.

III.—ENTRANCE TO THE PORT.

Entry Forbidden during Fog.

6. All Mercantile traffic is forbidden to enter the port or to pass beyond the limits of the Examination Anchorage during fog.

Merchant Vessels.

7. Merchant vessels, including fishing vessels, barges, boats, yachts and private vessels of any kind wishing to enter the port, are to proceed to the Examination anchorage south of Spike island (which is marked on the Admiralty charts), and there anchor, unless previously met by the Examination steamer, and given permission to proceed.

Vessels are not to attempt to leave the anchorage under any circumstances, or to communicate with other vessels, or with the shore, without previously obtaining permission from the Chief Examining Officer.

Examination Steamers.

8. There are two Examination steamers, the Outer and the Inner. They will be distin-

guished in the manner indicated in Admiralty Notice to Mariners No. 1 of 1917.

Position of Examination Steamers.

9. The Outer Examination steamer will be found, weather permitting, midway between Roche's point and Carrig rock; during westerly gales, in Ringabella bay; during northerly gales, under Roche's tower; during southerly and easterly gales, in White bay. The Inner Examination steamer will be found in Examination ground (*see Examination anchorage on chart*) sheltering during southerly gales under lee of Camden.

Instructions as to Entering.

10. Throughout day and night the Outer Examination steamer will close incoming vessels, and the Examining officer will give Masters instructions as to entering, and his orders must be implicitly obeyed. By day the Inner Examination steamer will close certain vessels before their arrival off the Dognose buoy, and the Chief Examining officer will board these vessels and give Masters further important instructions, which must be strictly complied with.

By night the Inner Examination steamer will close *all* vessels before their arrival off the Dognose buoy. The Examining officer will board certain vessels and will give Masters of all vessels further instructions, which must be strictly obeyed.

If, for any reason, by day or night, vessels are not at once attended to by the Inner Examination steamer, they must, if necessary, anchor inside the limits of the Examination anchorage.

(*Note.*—In severe weather all vessels will be dealt with by the Examining officer in the Outer Examination steamer, and Masters are to abide by his orders. The Inner Examination steamer will not be available.)

Advice to Shipowners, etc.

11. Shipowners and shipping agents are advised that, in their own interests, their vessel should arrive at the port during daylight and conform to these regulations.

Notification of Time of Arrival.

12. Shipowners and shipping agents will facilitate the entry of their vessels by giving previous notice of the probable time of arrival to the Shipping Intelligence Officer, Admiralty House, Queenstown (Telegraphic address: "Shipping, Queenstown"), with particulars of appearance, etc., so that they may readily be identified.

Shipowners and shipping agents are requested to co-operate with the Shipping Intelligence Officer to prevent congestion of the port. With this end in view vessels that merely call for orders (without embarking or disembarking passengers or cargo) should not, as a rule, enter the port unless absolutely necessary. Every facility will be given to shipowners and shipping agents for communicating with their vessels passing or making the port through the medium of the signal stations of the south of Ireland, but all messages to and from these vessels must pass through the Shipping Intelligence Officer, or through Lloyd's.

Pilotage.

13. Licensed pilots may be obtained from the Pilot boat off the mouth of the harbour,