13. All outgoing vessels shall pass round the Turning buoy (red and white striped, spherical) moored approximateley 285° (N. 56° W. Mag.), one mile from the entrance.

14. Incoming vessels will not pass round the Turning buoy, but will shape course as re-

quisite for the anchorage on entering.

15. No outgoing vessel shall pass the Turning buoy, unless the signal for outgoing traffic is up. If the signal is against it, such vessel shall stop and wait in the neighbourhood of the Turning buoy.

16. No incoming vessel shall pass Hellier holm, unless the signal for incoming traffic is up at Hellier holm. If the signal is against it, such vessel shall wait in Shapinsay sound.

17. Incoming and outgoing vessels shall not pass through the gate simultaneously. If, through any misunderstanding, an outgoing and an incoming ship are approaching the gate simultaneously, then the outgoing ship shall give way, and shall turn round, and return to the Turning buoy and there wait till such time as the entrance is clear.

18. As a rule only one ship will be conducted out at a time, but under exceptional circumstances, in the event of two ships being conducted out, then the pilot will give instructions as to which ship is to go first and the rear ship shall then keep a full half mile directly astern, and is on no account to close or overhaul or attempt to pass the ship ahead.

19. Caution.—Caution is necessary when approaching the boom, as the tidal stream does not set fairly through the opening and attains considerable velocity especially on the ebb or west-going stream, which sets in a north-

westerly direction.

Variation.—19° W.

(3) SHETLAND ISLES—TRAFFIC OF NEUTRAL VESSELS PROHIBITED.

No vessel other than those of British Nationality or those of the Allied Nations, except vessels calling for the purpose of Examination, shall enter any ports or harbours in, or anchor off any part of, the coasts of the Shetland Isles until further notice.

Note ..

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Caution.

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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, 1st November, 1917. ADMIRALTY.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 1130 of the year 1917.

IRISH CHANNEL—NORTH CHANNEL.

Restriction of Navigation.

Former Notices.—Nos. 137, 1039 and 1170 of 1915; Nos. 8, 132, 230, 352, 458, 584, 704, 838, 970, 1094, 1214 and 1350 of 1916; Nos. 9, 132, 249, 366, 449, 552, 659, 763, 889 and 1025 of 1917.

Mariners are hereby warned that, under the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914, the following Regulations have been made by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty and are now in force:—

The navigation and use of the undermentioned area is entirely forbidden to all ships and vessels of every size and nationality:

Bounded on the North-West by a line joining (a) and (b):

- (a) Latitude 55° $22\frac{1}{2}$ N., Longitude 6° 17' W.
- (b) Letitude 55° 31^{7} N., Longitude 6° 02' W.

Bounded on the South-East by a line joining (c) and (d):

- (c) Latitude 55° $10\frac{1}{2}$ ′ N., Longitude 5° $24\frac{1}{2}$ ′ W.
- (d) Latitude 55° 02' N., Longitude 5° $40\frac{1}{2}$ ' W.

Bounded on the South-West by a line joining (a) and (d).

Bounded on the North-East by a line joining (δ) and (c).

All traffic wishing to proceed through the North Channel must pass to the southward of Rathlin Island between surise and sunset; no ship or vessel is to be within 4 miles of Rathlin Island between sunset and sunrise.

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