

23. All instructions given by Officers in command of H.M. ships, Patrol vessels or Examination steamers, or the duly authorised officers of the Humber Conservancy Board, are to be implicitly and promptly obeyed even should they conflict with these orders.

24. Warning.—Warning is hereby given that vessels disobeying the above regulations will be liable to be fired on.

*Variation.*—16° W.

*Note.*—This Admiralty Notice to Mariners is a revision of the former Notice quoted above.

*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 those 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,

J. F. PARRY,

*Hydrographer of the Navy.*

Admiralty, London,

25th April, 1918.

ADMIRALTY

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 534 of the year 1918.

ENGLAND, SOUTH COAST.

TOR BAY—SHIP PASSAGES

ESTABLISHED.

Two ship passages have been established as undermentioned in the approaches to Tor bay.

The northern ship passage, which is about 600 feet in width, is situated approximately at a distance of about half a mile southward of the Ore Stone (Great rock).

The southern ship passage, which is also about 600 feet in width, is situated approxi-

mately at a distance of about half a mile eastward of Berry head.

Vessels bound for Tor bay will receive instructions from the Patrol vessels stationed in the vicinity of the entrance; these instructions are to be strictly observed.

A further Notice will be issued as required with regard to the traffic regulations.

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By Command of their Lordships,

J. F. PARRY,

*Hydrographer of the Navy.*

Admiralty, London,

26th April, 1918.

ADMIRALTY

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 536 of the year 1918.

NORTH SEA.

CAUTION WITH REGARD TO PROHIBITED AREA.

*Caution.*

In view of the unrestricted warfare carried on by Germany at sea by means of mines and submarines, not only against the Allied Powers, but also against Neutral shipping, and the fact that merchant ships are constantly sunk without regard to the ultimate safety of their crews, H.M. Government give notice that, on and after 15th May 1918, the following prohibited area will be established in the North sea dangerous to all shipping, and should be avoided.

*Prohibited Area.*

The area enclosed by a line joining the following positions:—

- (1) Lat. 59° 12½' N., long. 4° 49' E.
- (2) Lat. 59° 29' N., long. 3° 10' E.
- (3) Lat. 58° 25' N., long. 0° 50' W.
- (4) Lat. 59° 20' N., long. 0° 50' W.
- (5) Lat. 60° 21' N., long. 3° 10' E.
- (6) Lat. 60° 00' N., long. 4° 56' E.

thence along the western limits of Norwegian territorial waters to position (1).

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