

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,
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ADMIRALTY
NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 556 of the year 1918.

IRELAND, EAST COAST.

Belfast Lough—Traffic Regulations.

Former Notices.—Nos. 155, 321 and 457 of 1918.

A ship-passage has been established on the northern side of the entrance to Belfast lough, about 8 cables south-eastward from Cloghan point. The ship-passage is marked by two light-buoys as shown on the charts.

When making for this ship-passage, vessels must maintain a course of 201° (*S. 40° W. Mag.*) or 21° (*N. 40° E. Mag.*) for a distance of a quarter of a mile on either side of the ship-passage.

The Gobbins head light-and-whistle-buoy, exhibiting a *flashing red* light, situated in lat. $54^{\circ} 48' 10''$ N., long. $5^{\circ} 38' 20''$ W., approximately, serves as an additional aid to vessels.

Vessels approaching Belfast must be careful to look out for and close the Patrol vessels off the port, and strictly observe any instructions communicated to them by the Patrol.

A Drifter will be stationed at a distance of about half a mile north-eastward of the ship-passage.

This Drifter regulates inward-bound and outward-bound traffic. When no signals are exhibited by day or night by this Drifter, inward-bound traffic may proceed to pass through the ship-passage.

Inward-bound vessels will be given priority over outward-bound vessels in respect of passage through the ship-passage.

To indicate that the ship-passage is clear for outward-bound vessels, the Drifter will display by day a black shape and by night two horizontal *white* lights.

During fog three long blasts on the steam whistle, repeated at intervals of five minutes, will indicate that the ship-passage is clear for outward-bound traffic.

Vessels approaching Belfast lough in foggy weather should be careful to sound the regulation fog-signals, and to proceed with great caution when within a depth of 30 fathoms at all states of the tide.

When the ship-passage is clear for inward-bound traffic, no outward-bound vessel may approach within half a mile of the ship passage; and when the signals indicate that outward-bound traffic may pass through the ship-passage, no inward-bound vessel may approach within half a mile of the ship-passage.

During the hours of darkness, all vessels entering or leaving must exhibit their side-lights.

Before attempting to leave Belfast lough, outward-bound vessels must obtain instructions as to the route to be followed.

Note.—This Notice is a re-publication of the former Notices quoted above.

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