

Serial Number 24/1936.



**SHIPS AND SHIPOWNERS: REGISTRATION OF SHIPS:
SHIPS' NAMES.**

Enacting authority: The Board of Trade of Great Britain in conjunction with the Commissioners of Customs of Great Britain.

Act pursuant to which the regulations were made: Section 50 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906 (6 Edw. VII, c. 48).

Date on which the regulations were made: 28th day of August, 1907.

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REGULATIONS.

1. Any person who proposes to make application for the registry of a British ship shall give notice in writing of the proposed name of the ship to the Registrar of Shipping at the intended port of registry at least fourteen days before the date on which it is contemplated to effect the registry.

2. Provided that it shall not be necessary to give notice of the name by which it is proposed to register—

(a) A fishing-boat which is only to be entered in the Fishing-boat Register under Part IV of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 :

(b) *A yacht belonging to a recognized club and used for pleasure only.**

3. When it is proposed to register the ship at a port in the British Isles, the Registrar at that port shall transmit the notice to the Registrar-General of Shipping and Seamen.

4. If the proposed name does not appear already as the name of a registered British ship, or if it is not a name so similar to that of a registered British ship as to be calculated to deceive, the Registrar-General of Shipping and Seamen shall issue a certificate to that effect to the Registrar at the port at which the ship is to be registered, and the ship shall be registered under that name provided all requirements for registry have been duly complied with.

5. If the proposed name is found to be already the name of a registered British ship, or a name so similar as to be calculated to deceive, the Registrar-General of Shipping and Seamen shall issue a certificate to that effect and shall transmit the certificate to the Board of Trade, who may refuse the registry of the ship by that name. The Board of Trade will intimate their decision to the Registrar at the intended port of registry and to the applicant for registry.

* Paragraph (b) of Regulation 2 is revoked by the Regulations of 9th April, 1936 : Statutory Regulations, 1936-37, Serial Number 26/1936, page 91.

6. Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing regulations, the Board of Trade may allow the registry of a ship by a name or designation which is already the name or designation of a registered British ship—

- (a) *If they are satisfied that the ship is intended to replace a ship of the same name owned by the same owners, where the British registry of the original ship has been closed, or she has been sold on the condition that her name should be changed ;** or
- (b) If the designation proposed is a number only and the vessel so designated plies only in or about a port or harbour in which no other vessel is designated by the same number ; or
- (c) If they are satisfied that the case is one of urgency and that the ship will be delayed if registration is refused by the name proposed by the owners. In such a case the Board may allow the ship to be registered by the name proposed by the owners upon the owners depositing £100 with the Registrar of Shipping and guaranteeing to change the name of the ship within twelve months to a name allowed by the Board of Trade. The deposit will be returned as soon as the name of the ship has been changed as allowed by the Board of Trade.

Applications for special consideration under the terms of this regulation must be accompanied by a full statement of the circumstances of the case, and in the case of applications under subsection (c) by a remittance of the deposit and by the written guarantee required by that subsection.

7. When it is proposed to register the ship at a port not situated in the British Islands, the Registrar to whom the name is intimated may proceed with the registry of the ship if he satisfies himself that the name does not appear in the current Mercantile Navy List ; but if the name does so appear, the Registrar shall transmit the application to the Registrar-General of Shipping and Seamen, and the case shall be treated in the manner laid down for registry in the British Islands.

* Paragraph (a) of Regulation 6 is revoked and replaced by the Regulation of 23rd June, 1922 : Statutory Regulations, 1936-7, Serial Number 25/1936, page 89.