

Rules for Examination of Masters and Mates.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 24th July, 1918.

WHEREAS by Warrant dated the 29th day of July, 1910, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* No. 74, of the 2nd day of the following month, rules were made for the examination of candidates for certificates of competency as masters and mates:

And whereas it is desirable to make alterations in the said regulations:

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred upon me by section 23 of the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908, and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in that behalf, I do hereby make the following rules for the examination of candidates for certificates of competency as masters and mates, and do hereby order that they shall be embodied in and read with the said rules of the 29th day of July, 1910.

As witness my hand, at Wellington, this 24th day of July, 1918.

THOMAS M. WILFORD,
Minister of Marine.

RULES.

On the 1st October, 1918, the following changes will take place in the days on which examinations are held for certificates of competency for masters and mates:—

Foreign-going Certificates.

Auckland	1st Monday in every month.
Wellington	1st Monday
Lyttelton	2nd Tuesday
Dunedin	3rd Monday or Tuesday

All other Grades of Certificates.

Auckland	2nd and 4th Mondays in every month.
Wellington	2nd and 4th Mondays
Lyttelton	1st and 3rd Mondays
Dunedin	2nd and 4th Mondays

Intending candidates at Dunedin must make application to be examined not later than the second Friday in every month, and ascertain from the Superintendent of Mercantile Marine the day on which the examination will commence.

Notice to Mariners.—No. 45 of 1918.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 30th July, 1918.

THE following Notices to Mariners, which have been received from the Minister of State for Communications, Tokyo, and the Department of Trade and Customs, Melbourne, are published for general information.

GEORGE ALLPORT,
Secretary.

JAPAN.

SHIMONOSEKI STRAIT.

NOTICE is hereby given that, owing to the withdrawal of Naru Se beacon light in near future, the following temporary light was established on Yamozoko-no-Hana, W. entrance to Shimonoseki Strait, and a lighted buoy moored on S.W. of Naru Se Reef. They have been shown since the 22nd of May, 1918.

Yamazoko-no-Hana Temporary Light.

Position.—Lat. 33° 54' 57" N., long. 130° 55' 13" E. (according to Japanese Admiralty Chart No. 135).

Description.—Wooden post painted white.

Height of Light.—30 shaku above the base, 40 shaku above the water.

Character of Light.—Pintsch gas occulting white light, duration of light 4 seconds and of eclipse 2 seconds.

Illuminated Arc.—An arc 244°, from S. 14° W. through W. and N. to N. 78° E. (magnetic bearings taken from seaward).

Power.—200 candles.

Visible Distance.—11½ nautical miles in clear night.

The light being unwatched, should the light go out by accident there may be some delay in relighting it.

Naru Se Lighted Buoy.

Description.—Iron frustum of cone painted black, surmounted by a lattice-work supporting a lantern.

Height of Light.—10 shaku above the water.

Character of Light.—Pintsch gas occulting green light, duration of light 4 seconds and of eclipse 2 seconds.

Illuminated Arc.—The whole horizon.

Visible Distance.—4 nautical miles in clear night.

Depth of Water.—About 3½ fathoms at L.W.S.T.

Magnetic bearings taken from the buoy: The large chimney of Dairi Sugar-refinery, N. 81° 35' E.; the summit of Kirigatani Yama, S. 31° 50' E.; Akasaka Warning Signal-station, S. 29° 15' E.

AUSTRALIA.

SOUTH COAST.—SPENCER GULF.

Jarrold Point.—Bell-buoy replaced by Can Buoy.

Mariners and others are hereby notified that the bell-buoy moored off Jarrold Point has been replaced by a can buoy, painted red, surmounted by a staff and ball.

The bell has been discontinued.

Position.—Lat. 33° 16½' S., long. 137° 46' E.

Description.—Can buoy, painted red, surmounted by a staff and ball.

Wardang Island Light (U).—Intended Alteration in Character.

Mariners and others are hereby notified that the flashing white light on Wardang Island will be replaced by a group-flashing white light on or about 1st August, 1918.

Position.—On the summit of Wardang Island. Lat. 34° 30' S., long. 137° 21' E.

Structure.—Steel skeleton tower painted red, in position of old post. Height, 27 ft.

Details.—The flashing white light will be replaced by a new light having the undermentioned characteristics.

Character.—Group-flashing white light showing three flashes in quick succession every nine seconds, thus—Flash ¼ sec., eclipse 1 sec.; flash ¼ sec., eclipse 1 sec.; flash ¼ sec., eclipse 6 secs.

Elevation.—127 feet.

Visibility.—17 miles.

Power.—1,500 candles.

Remarks.—The light will be unwatched. No further notice will be given.

EAST COAST.—BREAKSEA SPIT.—LIGHT-VESSEL (U)
ESTABLISHED.

With reference to Notice No. 1 of 1918, mariners and others are hereby notified that the light-vessel on Breaksea Spit is now permanently established.

Position.—About three miles to the northward of Breaksea Spit, in 15 fathoms of water. Lat. 24° 22' S., long. 153° 12' E.

Character.—Group-flashing white light showing three flashes in quick succession every fifteen seconds, thus—Flash ¼ sec., eclipse 1½ secs.; flash ½ sec., eclipse 1½ secs.; flash ½ sec., eclipse 10½ secs.

Elevation.—32 feet.

Visibility.—10 miles.

Power.—1,500 candles.

Vessel.—*Description.*—Hull painted red, and marked "Breaksea Spit" on each side in large white letters. The vessel has one steel mast carrying the lantern. A fog-bell is carried, operated by the motion of the vessel.

Remarks.—The light is unwatched.

Notice to Mariners.—No. 46 of 1918.

WESTPORT HARBOUR.—DREDGING.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 30th July, 1918.

THE Westport Harbour Board have notified that dredging operations are being carried out in the Buller River by the bucket dredger "Erskine," abreast of the lower end of Crane Wharf, working upstream. She will be hauled out clear when any vessel or vessels are working to or from the wharf in the daytime, and on and after Friday, 2nd August, 1918, at night-time in fair weather she will remain at her moorings 350 ft. off the wharf.

Charts, &c., affected.—Admiralty Chart No. 2591; "New Zealand Pilot," eighth edition, 1908, Chapter x, page 328; "New Zealand Nautical Almanac," 1918, page 385.

GEORGE ALLPORT,
Secretary.