

20. Applications for licenses must be made in writing, in Form No. 1 set out in the Schedule hereto, signed by the owners working the vessel, and addressed to the Department, and shall give full details of the dimensions and description of the vessel and engine, if any.

21. Before any license is issued, the vessel must, unless subject to survey under the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908, and its amendments, be inspected by the Department, which will determine whether the vessel is in a seaworthy condition and properly equipped for the safety and comfort of passengers, or for any other purpose for which the vessel is to be licensed, as the case may require. The license shall also specify the number of passengers and the quantity of cargo the vessel may carry, such number and quantity shall be as provided in the certificate of survey granted by the Marine Department.

22. The license shall be carried at all times on the boat, and shall be open for inspection by the Department, or by any passenger at any time on demand.

23. The license shall be in the Form No. 2 set out in the Schedule hereto.

24. A card shall be supplied with each license giving the name of the vessel, the main dimensions, and the number of passengers and quantity of cargo which it is licensed to carry. This card shall be exhibited at all times in a conspicuous position on the vessel.

25. Every vessel licensed to carry passengers or cargo shall have its name legibly painted in a conspicuous position on the hull.

26. No vessel shall carry more passengers, cargo, ballast, water, or otherwise than the number or quantity allowed in the license.

27. No license under these regulations shall be held to give any right to carry cargo in any vessel until the requirements of the Customs laws and regulations have been duly complied with.

28. A condition of every such license shall be that the applicant shall keep such vessel fully equipped with proper gear and in a seaworthy condition, and properly marked, as required by these regulations.

29. No vessel shall be fumigated or smoked for the extermination of vermin while lying alongside any wharf or other vessel.

30. Proper tarpaulins shall be used in discharging or taking in ballast, coals, rubbish, gravel, earth, or filth of any kind, so as to prevent any part thereof from falling into the lake.

31. Fees for licenses shall be paid to the Department according to the following scale per annum:—

For each vessel or boat plying for hire: 5s. per annum.

Every mechanically propelled boat shall be allowed one dinghy not exceeding 12 ft. in length, and the name of the licensed vessel shall be clearly painted on such dinghy. All other rowing-boats employed for hire, or as ferry-boats, or as watermen's boats shall be licensed as above.

32. All licenses shall be issued for such periods only as shall expire on the 31st December in any year, but these may be renewed year by year at the discretion of the Department.

33. Applications for renewals of licenses must be sent in writing to the Department at least seven days before the expiry of the existing license.

34. Steamships at all times when under way must have a responsible person in charge of the ship, and also a responsible person in charge of and attending to the engine. The utmost care must be taken by the person or persons in charge to prevent accidents to other vessels.

35. If the master of any vessel that is being navigated within the lake neglects to observe any of the "Regulations for preventing Collisions at Sea" which may from time to time be made by His Majesty's Order in Council (which regulations are by section 191 of the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908, brought into force in the Dominion), he shall, in addition to any liabilities he may incur by so doing, be liable to a penalty not exceeding £5.

36. Whenever the hatch of a vessel is open for the purpose of working cargo or otherwise, and there is not sufficient daylight for persons working at or near it or passing near it to see clearly that it is open, then the master of the ship shall place a light or lights at such hatch of sufficient brilliancy to enable persons to see that it is open, and shall maintain such light during the time the hatch is so open and insufficiently lighted.

37. After work has ceased for the day on board of any vessel all hatches shall be put on and properly secured to prevent accidents; and before closing the hatches an officer of the vessel shall go into the hold and into the between-decks and satisfy himself that there are no signs of fire.

38. The officer appointed by the Department may at any time inspect or measure any vessel plying on the lake, or test the accuracy of any measurement, and may appoint the

time, place, and manner when, where, and in which such measurement or inspection shall be made; and, if he finds that these regulations are not duly complied with, he may suspend or cancel the license for any such vessel.

39. The expense of measuring or re-measuring, and of marking, such vessels shall be borne and paid by the owner or owners of such vessels; and if any such expense has been incurred by the Department no license shall be issued until the owner has repaid the same to it.

MASTER BOATMEN AND WATERMEN.

40. No person shall act as master of a steamboat, ferry-boat, tug-boat, or launch unless he is the holder of a master boatman's license issued under these regulations, but this regulation shall not apply to a duly certificated master while acting as master of any vessel subject to survey under the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908, and its amendments.

41. No person shall drive or ply for hire within the lake, nor use any vessel for the conveyance of passengers, cargo, ballast, water, or otherwise, unless he is the holder of a master boatman's license or a waterman's license issued under these regulations.

42. Applications for a master boatman's license or a waterman's license must be made in writing, on Form No. 3 set out in the Schedule hereto, signed by the person seeking to be licensed, and addressed to the Department, and must be accompanied by a full statement of the qualifications and experience of the applicant.

43. The fee for each master boatman's license or waterman's license shall be 2s. 6d. per annum.

44. Before any license is issued to a master boatman or waterman, the applicant must prove to the satisfaction of the Department, or some person appointed for the purpose, that he possesses a competent knowledge of the management of his craft, also that he is a person of respectability and free from intemperate habits.

45. Every license for a master boatman or waterman shall be in the Form No. 4 set out in the Schedule hereto.

There shall be from time to time endorsed on every license by the officer appointed for the purpose the names of the vessels with which the licensee shall ply for hire.

46. Every license issued to any person under these regulations shall expire on the 31st day of December of the year in respect of which it is issued.

47. The fares to be charged by master boatmen or watermen shall not exceed those shown in the table of fares, which the Department is hereby authorized to make and to alter from time to time as it deems expedient.

48. Any licensed master boatman or waterman found guilty of dishonest or improper conduct, or of using abusive or insulting language, or of plying with a boat which the Department shall consider to be not fully equipped with proper gear and not in a seaworthy condition, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £5 and to have his license cancelled or suspended, at the discretion of the Department.

49. Any licensed master boatman or waterman who shall carry in any vessel more passengers or cargo than the vessel has been licensed to carry, and any licensed master boatman or waterman who shall demand more than the proper fare, or who shall without sufficient reason refuse or neglect to take a passenger in his boat when required, or who shall ply for hire with a vessel other than that named in his license or in any endorsement thereon, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £5.

50. Any licensed master boatman or waterman lending his license to any other person shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £5.

GENERAL.

51. Licenses shall be issued by the Department after they have been signed, numbered consecutively, and the particulars thereof entered in a book to be kept for that purpose.

52. The Department is hereby empowered to take such means and to give such orders and directions as it deems necessary for the purpose of preventing risk or accident, confusion, or overcrowding of boats alongside of vessels; and any person wilfully disobeying any orders so given shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £5.

53. Any person obstructing or impeding the navigation of the lake, or obstructing any landing-place, by any vessel, cable, warp, or other article, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £5; and in case such obstruction or impediment be not removed when ordered by the Department, it may cast off, cut, or remove any such obstruction or impediment at the risk and expense of the master or owner thereof.

54. If any person fails, refuses, or neglects to do anything required by these regulations, or in any manner obstructs, impedes, or interferes with the doing of anything enjoined or authorized to be done, or wilfully does anything prohibited by these regulations, or fails to comply with any condition