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Rule B.—The Department may in its discretion relieve a ship of this class which proceeds only for short distances to sea wholly or partially from the operation of these rules.

CLASS XI.

Rules for Steam Fishing-vessels, Steam Fish-carriers, Tugs, Steam Lighters, Dredges, Steam Hoppers, and Hulks, also Cargo-vessels exceeding 40 ft. in Length, which do not proceed to Sea.

Rule A.—A ship of this class shall carry a boat sufficient to accommodate all persons on board, two approved lifebuoys, and one approved life-jacket for each person on board: Provided that it shall not be necessary to carry a lifeboat in the case of fishing and trawling vessels not carrying passengers. Such ships shall carry an ordinary boat suitable and fit to carry the master, seamen, and apprentices, the boat being properly equipped as provided by the said rules, except that it need not be provisioned. Launches and other small boats engaged in fishing and trawling which are themselves little more than boats need not carry boats except when required by the Marine Department to do so.

CLASS XII.

Rules for Barges or Lighters which are towed by other Vessels.

Rule A.—A ship of this class shall carry two approved life-buoys.

Rule B.—A ship of this class shall carry one approved lifebelt for each person on board.

CLASS XIII.

Rule for Vessels used for Pleasure Purposes only.

Vessels of this class shall carry the same life-saving appliances as are required for passenger-vessels of similar type plying in corresponding limits.

GENERAL RULES.

1. Interpretation.

In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“ Person ” means a person over the age of one year :

“ Passenger ” has the same meaning as in section 4 of the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908 :

“ Emigrant ship ” has the same meaning as in section 268 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, as amended by section 14 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906 :

“ Daylight ” shall be reckoned as extending from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset :

“ Approved ” means approved by the Marine Department :

“ Length,” where a ship is referred to, means registered length, if registered, otherwise the tonnage length :

“ Auxiliary-powered vessel ” means a sailing-ship fitted with auxiliary propelling-power other than steam.

2. Power of the Marine Department to accept Alternatives.

The Marine Department shall have power, in general or in any particular case, to accept any boat, raft, buoyant apparatus, or other life-saving appliance or arrangement in lieu of a life-saving appliance or arrangement required by these rules, subject to such conditions as they may impose, if they are satisfied that under those conditions it will be as effective or as reasonable as the appliance or arrangement required by these rules :

Provided that in the case of a foreign-going passenger-steamer launched on or after 1st January, 1925, no life-saving appliance shall be accepted in lieu of a lifeboat required by these rules except some other approved type of lifeboat.