

(iii) The number of men employed in the whole operation must not exceed the total number of boat hands that will be carried on the vessel under normal service conditions.

(iv) Each boat when being lowered must have on board at least two men, and its full equipment as required by these rules.

The Department may, in their discretion, impose as a condition of such exemptions as aforesaid, in respect of a ship in Class I, Home Trade, launched before the 1st March, 1913, that the boats carried shall be of a required capacity greater than the minimum capacity prescribed in General Rule 9.

(2) After the date on which these regulations come into operation, a new boat for a seagoing vessel carrying only one boat, and on which it is impracticable to carry a boat of the minimum capacity prescribed by General Rule 9 will not be approved unless it is of the minimum capacity of 79 cub. ft. when the number of the vessel's crew does not exceed five, 92 cub. ft. for a number of crew not exceeding seven, 101 cub. ft. for a number of crew not exceeding eight, and 113 cub. ft. for a number of crew not exceeding nine.

(3) If it appears to the Department, on the application of the owner of any passenger-steamer in the home trade launched before the 1st March, 1913, that it is not practicable or reasonable to provide in that ship the boats, approved life-rafts, approved buoyant deck-seats, or other approved buoyant apparatus required, the Department may direct that the requirements of these rules may be modified as regards that ship, subject to such conditions as they may impose: Provided always that—

(a) In the case of a ship in Class I or Class V, the total number of persons which can be accommodated by the boats, approved life-rafts, approved buoyant deck-seats, or other approved buoyant apparatus shall not be less than 70 per cent. of the total number allowed to be carried by the ordinary passenger-certificate.

(b) In the case of a ship in Class VII or Class VIII, the total number of persons which can be accommodated by the boats, approved life-rafts, approved buoyant deck-seats, or other approved buoyant apparatus shall not be a lower percentage of the total number of persons which the ship is certified to carry than is required in subsection (1) of Rule 20 for these classes of ships respectively.

(4) If a small ship is unable to carry more than one boat, the Department may, in their discretion, exempt that ship from carrying more than one; but whenever one boat only is carried there shall be proper provision to enable it to be placed readily in the water on either side of the ship.

(5) If it is impracticable in any case for a ship to carry a boat of the minimum capacity prescribed by General Rule 9, the Department may in their discretion allow a boat of smaller capacity to be carried by that ship.

(6) Any boat which has been approved as of sufficient capacity for any vessel before the date on which these regulations come into operation may continue to be passed so long as it remains in good condition.

## 22. References to General Rules.

Where in a rule in any class reference is made to a general rule, that reference shall not be deemed in any way to limit or to derogate from the general force and application of the rule to which reference is made.

## 23. Rules revoked.

The rules dated the 27th day of July, 1914, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of 30th July, 1914, and all amendments made thereto are hereby revoked, except that in respect of steam and motor launches up to 40 ft. in length plying within river and extended river limits, the rules for vessels defined in the rules of the 27th day of July, 1914, as vessels of Class X shall be read with and form part of these rules.