

Class VI: Steamships certified to carry passengers on short excursions to sea, *i.e.*, beyond partially smooth water limits, during daylight, and in fine weather.

Class VII: Steamships certified to carry passengers in partially smooth water.

Class VIII: Steamships certified to carry passengers in smooth water limits and in lakes, and on rivers and canals.

Class IX: Steam-launches and motor-boats plying for short distances to sea beyond extended river limits.

Class X: Steam fishing-vessels, fish-carriers, tugs, steam lighters, dredgers, steam-hoppers, and hulks which proceed to sea.

Class XI: Steam fishing-vessels, fish-carriers, tugs, steam lighters, dredgers, steam hoppers, and hulks; also, cargo vessels exceeding 40 ft. in length which do not proceed to sea.

Class XII: Barges or lighters which are towed by other vessels.

Class XIII: Vessels used for pleasure purposes only.

The rules relating to steamships shall apply to ships propelled by gas, oil, fluid, electricity, or any mechanical power other than steam, except in so far as other rules for such ships have been made in these regulations.

FOREIGN-GOING.

CLASS I.

Rules for Foreign-going Passenger-steamers, including Emigrant-ships.

Rule A.—A ship of this class shall, subject to the provisions of General Rule 21 (1) be provided, in accordance with its length, with the number of sets of davits specified in column A of the table in Appendix I: Provided that no ship shall be required to have a number of sets of davits greater than the number of boats required to accommodate the total number of persons which is carried, or which the ship is certified to carry, whichever number is the greater, and provided further that the Department may, where it appears to them necessary, having regard to the height at which the boats are carried above the centre of the load-line disc, and to the other circumstances of the case, require a ship of this class to carry, in lieu of or in addition to davits, some other approved form of launching-appliances, or such arrangements for launching boats as may be in their opinion effective.

Rule B.—(1) Each set of davits shall have a lifeboat of Class 1 attached to it, and of these lifeboats at least the minimum number specified in column B of the table in Appendix I shall be open boats.

(2.) Any additional lifeboats which may be required to make up the total lifeboat accommodation required by Rule D may be boats of Class 1 or Class 2.

Rule C.—A ship of this class shall carry, in addition to the lifeboats carried under Rule B, approved buoyant apparatus conforming to the conditions detailed in General Rule 14, sufficient to support 25 per cent of the total number of persons which is carried or which the ship is certified to carry, whichever number is the greater.

Rule D.—(1) Where the lifeboats carried under Rule B (1) do not furnish sufficient accommodation for the total number of persons carried, or which the ship is certified to carry, whichever number is the greater, then arrangements shall be made to the satisfaction of the Department to carry such additional lifeboats as are required to make up the deficiency, in such manner that they can be stowed without in any way impeding the prompt handling of the lifeboats carried under Rule B (1), the buoyant apparatus carried under Rule C, or the marshalling of persons on board at the launching-stations or their embarkation. So far as practicable without creating such impediment, these additional lifeboats shall be distributed as follows:—

- (a) One additional lifeboat under each set of davits.
- (b) Other additional lifeboats, stowed on the deck or bridge or poop, so as to be available as far as practicable for use on either side of the ship, and so secured that they will have the best chance of floating free of the ship if there is no time to launch them.

(2) Where the Department are satisfied that in a ship of this class launched before the 1st January 1925, it is not possible to