

2. No persons shall lay moorings for private vessels, hulks, rafts, pontoons, bathing stages, houseboats, timber, or any floating structures in the Dockyard Ports without the permission in writing of the King's Harbour Master, and all such moorings shall be in such positions as the King's Harbour Master shall deem fit, and shall be forthwith removed on the requisition of the King's Harbour Master to that effect.

3. If at any time the anchor of any merchant or other private vessel hooks any Government moorings, or any electric cables, or moorings of buoys, or any pipe, the master of such vessel shall not proceed to unhook the same, but shall forthwith give notice thereof to the Admiral Superintendent at Chatham, or to the Captain Superintendent at Sheerness, or to the King's Harbour Master, in order that aid may be given for clearing such moorings or cables or pipe without doing damage to the same.

4. No merchant or other private vessel of above five tons, compelled or allowed to anchor in or near any of the navigable channels of the Dockyard Ports, shall be left at any time without a shipkeeper.

5. No fishing from boats shall be carried on within one hundred feet of His Majesty's Dockyards, floating docks or other Government establishments.

No dredging, trawling or fishing by nets whether drift nets or set nets, shall be at any time carried on in navigable channel of the River Medway from the Outer Bar buoy to Rochester bridge.

6. No ballast, stones, earth, clay, refuse, ashes, rubbish, dust, filth of any description, nor refuse from any quarry, mine or pit nor any other matters solid or liquid whatsoever shall be unladen, cast or allowed to fall into the waters of the Dockyard Ports, except with the consent of the Admiralty, or in such places as may be appointed by the King's Harbour Master, or upon the banks or any portion of the shore of the Dockyard Ports where the same may be liable to be washed into the waters of the Dockyard Ports by rain, tide, or otherwise; or into or upon the shores of any rivers or streams discharging into the Dockyard Ports where the same may be liable to be washed into the said rivers or streams by rain, flood, or otherwise.

7. The steam syren shall not be used within the limits of the Dockyard Ports except to prevent collision or in case of fog.

8. No ship's gun on board any merchant or other private vessel shall be kept loaded, nor shall any such gun be discharged except as a signal of distress.

9. Whenever it may be necessary for mining or gunnery operations or experiments, dredging operations, or other naval or military purposes, to reserve any area for such operations or purposes, the area will be marked by buoys coloured green and white, or by posts coloured red, and after twenty-one days' warning notice has been issued by the Admiralty and published in the *London Gazette*, no vessel shall anchor within or pass through the area so marked, unless compelled to do so by stress of weather or to avoid accident; nor when such area is uncovered or nearly uncovered at low water shall any person pass through or remain in it, unless by permission of and under such arrangements as may be found from time to time made by the officer in charge of such operations.

ANCHORAGE.

General.

10. All merchant or other private vessels shall be subject to the direction of the King's Harbour Master.

11. No merchant or other private vessel shall make fast to, or lie at, any of the buoys marking the channels or shoals in the Dockyard Ports.

12. No merchant or other private vessel shall, without licence in writing from the Naval Commander-in-Chief at the Nore, Admiral Superintendent at Chatham, Captain Superintendent at Sheerness, or King's Harbour Master, be moored or fastened to any Government moorings, buoys, piles or vessels in the Dockyard Ports.

13. No vessel shall anchor on the line of any electric cable or pipe laid down in the Dockyard Ports, when such line is indicated by posts or other discernible marks on shore, or when it lies within an area shown on the Admiralty charts as a space in which anchorage is prohibited on account of the presence of telegraph or other electric cables or pipes, and a warning has been conveyed to mariners by notice issued by the Admiralty.

14. All merchant and other private vessels at Sheerness shall anchor in such positions as are assigned to them by the King's Harbour Master.

15. No merchant or other private vessel shall, without licence as aforesaid, be moored or anchored in the Dockyard Ports within two hundred yards from the centre of any of His Majesty's moorings or from any of His Majesty's docks, dockyards, arsenals, wharves, vessels, hulks or powder magazines, or be moored, anchored, or placed in the Dockyard Ports, either in the fairway or across the stream of the Medway, so as to give a foul berth to any vessel already at anchor or at moorings, or to obstruct the passage or entrance into the Dockyard Ports; but nothing in this Order shall prohibit or interfere with the mooring or placing of vessels in any place or manner authorized by or under any Act of Parliament relating to Sheerness or Gillingham piers.

16. No merchant or other private vessel shall lie or be moored so as to impede the free approach to any pier in the Dockyard Ports used for purposes of regular passenger traffic, and when buoys are placed by the King's Harbour Master to mark an approach to such pier, no vessel shall lie within the space so marked.

17. In the event of His Majesty's ships having men at work outboard in such a position as to be endangered by the wash of passing steam vessels, a red flag will be hoisted at the yard-arm or other position in which it can best be seen on the same side of the ship as that on which the men are employed.

All steam vessels approaching and passing one of His Majesty's ships displaying this signal, shall slacken speed or stop engines in order that danger to life may not be occasioned by the wash of the steam vessel.

PREVENTION OF FIRE.

18. No merchant or other private steam vessel when passing between Lower Upnor landing pier and the Castle shall stoke up, and every such vessel shall pass to the south-eastward of the buoys opposite the wharf and piers and proceed