

VI. The Company shall examine and enquire into the skill, ability, and character of any person who shall offer himself to be admitted as a Pilot for the Harbours, and within the Pilotage limits, by such ways and means as to them shall seem proper, and if upon such enquiry the person offering himself as a Pilot shall be approved of, a licence may be granted, certifying that such person is duly qualified to act as Pilot within the Pilotage limits, which licence shall be subscribed by two Directors of the Company and the Secretary of the Company, and shall be sealed with the common seal of the Company, provided always that no person shall be appointed Pilot of the said limits unless he shall at least have been three years regularly engaged as Fisherman or Sailor at or frequenting the said Harbours; and the Company, by granting such licence or certificate to any Pilot, shall not be responsible for any accident, damage, or loss sustained, by any vessel, cargo, or person, by or through the inadvertence, negligence, or wilful act of the Pilot so licensed by them, provided that nothing herein contained shall exempt the Harbours from the provisions of any existing or future general Act of Parliament relating to Pilots.

VII. Every person shall, on his first admission as a Pilot, pay for his first licence the sum of 10s. 6d. (ten shillings and sixpence), and for every renewal of the said licence, 5s. (five shillings). Every licence must be renewed annually, but may be recalled as aftermentioned.

VIII. Masters and Mates of vessels may be licensed by the Company, in terms of sections three hundred and forty and three hundred and forty-one of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854." The fees paid by the said Masters and Mates shall be ten shillings and sixpence each upon the granting of certificates, and five shillings upon each renewal thereof, and these fees shall be applied to cover the general expenses connected therewith.

IX. The rates for pilotage services shall be those specified in the table annexed hereto, and must be paid to the Collector of Dues at the Harbour, and to no other person. These rates shall be paid over to the Licensed Pilots by the Collector of Dues, subject to deduction of five per cent. to cover expenses of collection.

X. Any qualified Pilot demanding or receiving, and also any Master offering or paying to any Pilot any other rate in respect to pilotage services, whether greater or less than the rate for the time being demandable by law, shall for each offence incur a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

XI. The Pilots are required to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the signals of the Harbour, the Bye-Laws and Regulations thereof, also with the Harbour itself, the berths therein, the channel and fair-way thereof, the flow and ebb of the tides, and every other circumstance connected therewith, essential for the due performance of their duties with safety and dispatch. They must implicitly obey the directions of the Harbour Master, who will have power to see that all the Pilots execute their duties efficiently, and to report to the Company all failures on their part to do so, and all breaches of these Regulations.

XII. Every Pilot shall have a sufficient boat properly found to the satisfaction of the Company and Harbour Master. Every Pilot boat must be distinguished by the characteristics stated in the three hundred and forty-sixth section of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854."

XIII. The Pilots must always be in readiness with their boats fully found and manned, to take charge of any vessel when required. They shall

attend exclusively to the vessel under their charge, until she is berthed, if entering inwards, and so long as their services are required. No Pilot shall leave the vessel under his charge to assist other vessels, except with the consent of the Master, given in cases of great necessity and extreme danger.

XIV. Harbour Pilots, unless they are also Firth Pilots, shall not proceed in search of or board vessels outwith the limits, as defined in Article I hereof.

XV. All Pilots must observe strict sobriety and civility in discharge of their duties, and when a Pilot shall fail to observe or commit any breach of the Regulations, or shall discharge his duties insufficiently, or shall use improper language to any of the Harbour Officials while in discharge of their duties, or shall refuse to take the charge of any vessel upon a proper signal being made, or a gun fired by any vessel inward bound, or upon the application of the Master, Owner, or Agent of any vessel outward bound, or shall fail to attend before any of the Company's Officers, to answer for any misconduct, such an offender shall be punished by temporary suspension or permanent deprivation of licence, or by the infliction of a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds, recoverable in terms of section three hundred and thirty-two of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854." The Company will also enforce the provisions of the three hundred and sixty-fifth, three hundred and sixty-sixth, and three hundred and sixty-seventh sections of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," against any Pilot committing any of the offences therein mentioned. Persons having cause of complaint against any Pilot, are requested to communicate the same, in writing, to the Harbour Master.

XVI. The Master of all vessels desiring the services of a Harbour Pilot shall display and keep flying the usual signal for a Pilot, and shall, by all means consistent with safety, facilitate the getting on board of the first duly qualified Pilot who arrives at his vessel in answer to said signal.

XVII. The Master of every vessel employing a Pilot shall sign and deliver, if so requested, to the Pilot in charge of his vessel, a certificate, stating the registered tonnage and draught of water of his vessel. In case of refusal, or making a false declaration, the Master shall incur a penalty for every such offence not exceeding double the amount of Pilotage.

XVIII. Vessels bound for the Harbour, and requiring a Pilot, must, if necessary, heave to in the roads until a Harbour Pilot is obtained, and vessels waiting for the tide shall be so placed as to be ready to come in immediately on the proper signal being given.

XIX. Vessels not entering the Harbour, but merely passing through the Pilotage limits, shall not be bound to employ a Harbour Pilot. If a vessel bound to Leven or Methil for orders is brought to anchor within the Harbour limits by a Firth Pilot—not licensed as a Harbour Pilot—such Pilot shall be entitled to stay by such ship until orders are obtained, when, if such ship is to proceed to another port, he shall be entitled to take her away; but if she receive orders to unload, or enter the Harbour, he shall cease to act as Pilot, and the Pilotage, if any, shall be undertaken by a Harbour Pilot.

XX. Ship Masters are directed to apply at least four hours before high-water, at the Harbour Master's Office, for Pilots, previous to sailing.

XXI. The Harbour Master shall have power to direct the attendance of a sufficient number of Pilots at his office four hours before high-water,