2. No yachts or pleasure boats under sail or steam, or otherwise mechanically driven, are allowed in the Estuary of the Thames east of a line drawn between the Grain spit and West Shoebury buoys.

The Estuary of the Thames mentioned in the preceding paragraph is to be considered to include the north coast of Kent from North Foreland to Sheerness, and the coast of Essex from Shoeburyness to the Naze.

Pulling boats are not allowed in the waters prohibited above without a licence, which must be obtained by the person to whom the boat belongs from the Chief of the local Police. A separate licence is required for each boat.

IV. RIVER MEDWAY.—No yachts or pleasure boats under sail or steam, or otherwise mechanically driven, or pleasure pulling boats, are allowed in the Medway to the eastward of Rochester Bridge.

Note.—This Notice is a re-publication of Notice No. 479 of 1915.

Authority.—The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

By Command of their Lordships,

J. F. Parry, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Department, Admiralty, London, 12th June, 1915.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 507 of the year 1915.

ENGLAND. SOUTH-EAST COAST.

North Foreland to Dungeness—Regulations respecting Yachts and Pleasure Boats.

Mariners are hereby warned that, under the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914, the following orders have been made, as to cruising of Yachts and Pleasure Boats between the undermentioned areas, and are now in force:—

I .- North Foreland to South Foreland:

- 1. All Yachts and Pleasure Boats are to keep within a distance of half a mile from the shore, except when in the waters between Ramsgate and Deal, when they are to keep inside a line joining North Foreland and Old Stairs Bay.
- 2. Yachts and Boats plying for hire must be duly licensed, and are not to leave the shore without a competent boatman in charge. In places where licences are not

granted by the Local Authorities a permit must be obtained from the Senior Naval Officer, Ramsgate (see par 3).

- 3. Private Yachts and Boats are not allowed to cruise in these waters without a permit from the Senior Naval Officer, Ramsgate. (When applying for a permit state name and address of owner, and name and description of craft.)
- 4. No Yachts or Pleasure Boats are to cruise at night—i.e., between the hours of sunset and sunrise.
- 5. Yachts and Pleasure Boats are strictly forbidden to go alongside or communicate with any Vessel in the Downs.
- 6. Yachts and Pleasure Boats embarking or disembarking passengers at Ramsgate Harbour are to use the steps at inner end of West Pier, and are to keep to the Westward of a line joining outer extremity of East Pier and West gate of basin.

When H.M. Vessels are entering or leaving Harbour, Yachts and Pleasure Boats are to keep clear of the entrance.

7. Infringements of the above regulations are punishable offences under the Defence of the Realm Act.

II.—South Foreland to Dungeness:

- 1. All Yachts and Pleasure Boats plying for hire between Dungeness and St. Margaret's Bay are only allowed to do so by day. They must be supplied with a permit signed by the Chief of the Local Police, and they are to keep within a distance of one mile from the shore. They are to be at their moorings at night—i.e., between the hours of sunset and sunrise.
- 2. Yachts and Pleasure Boats are not allowed to leave shore without a competent boatman in charge and are forbidden to go alongside or communicate with any vessel lying off shore.
- 3. Dover Harbour being a fortified area is subject to special regulations.
- 4. Yachts and Pleasure Boats are forbidden to enter or leave Folkestone Harbour. Boats plying for hire from Folkestone beach may do so subject to paragraphs 1 and 2, but must keep west of the entrance of Folkestone Harbour.
- 5. Infringements of the above regulations are punishable offences under the Defence of the Realm Act.

Authority.—The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

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