ing others between them by easing engines to allow ships with the tide under them to get through first. Smaller vessels outward-bound should pass close to the southward of the buoys marking the south side, and those inward-bound close to the northward of the buoys marking the north side, of the narrow portions or the channel, provided always that their draught of water and the state of the tide will admit.

8a. Sailing vessels of 50 tons register and upwards when entering or leaving the Humber must be towed through Hawke road. Should tugs not be available, inward-bound vessels may anchor north-westward of the No. 2 Lower Middle light-float at a distance of not more than 1½ miles from it, but they must not bring the before-mentioned light-float to bear to the southward of 128° (*S. 36° E. Mag.*).

9. Small craft to and from Grimsby up river are allowed to navigate southward of the Burcom, provided they pass into and out of the main channel to the eastward of No. 6 Upper Burcom B.W.V.S. buoy. They are exempted from communicating with the Examination steamer, but all other vessels leaving Grimsby and passing up the river outside the Burcom must do so.

10. No merchant vessel, except as provided for in paragraphs 8a and 16, shall anchor to the northward of the line of the Killingholme leading lights or to the eastward of a line drawn from the Middle light-vessel through No. 4 light-float and prolonged to the Lincolnshire shore, or within 1½ cables of any of the Admiralty mooring buoys. Anchorage is prohibited for all vessels between two imaginary lines:—

(1) Joining Stone creek Coast Guard flagstaff and the eastern extremity of the eastern jetty at Immingham.

(2) Joining the riverward beacon of the two centre measured mile beacons on Sunk island and the northernmost of two clumps shown southward of Stallingborough on Admiralty chart No. 109. The latter line passes through the position of No. 6 Upper Burcom buoy.

Merchant vessels are not to anchor without special permission between the before-mentioned prohibited anchorage area and the line of transit of the eastern measured mile beacons on Sunk island produced to the Lincolnshire shore.

11. No vessel must approach within a quarter of a mile of the boom defence or within three cables of any of H.M. Ships at anchor in the Humber provided the depth of water and circumstances of navigation will admit of keeping this distance.

12. Vessels at anchor in or above Hull road and in the part of the river that lies between Immingham and Cleethorpes are to exhibit the ordinary riding lights, but reduced so as not to be visible at a distance greater than half-a-mile. They are to show no other lights of any description. Vessels anchored in any other part of the river or secured in any docks or alongside any wharf or pier are to shew no lights of any description. Dredgers may be permitted to work at Hull at night provided all their lights are extinguished within half-an-hour of issue of the general order "Out lights."

13. No tug is permitted to tow more than three craft at one time through a gateway of the boom defence. Owners of tugs may apply to the Humber Conservancy Board for Pilot licences for the masters of their vessels which will enable them to pilot their own vessels and river craft comprising their tow (in certain parts of the river). The number of craft towed will be restricted according to the power of the tug.

14. Humber Rule No. 18 is to be strictly enforced. No sound signals other than navigation signals authorised by the Regulations for preventing Collisions at Sea, and by Humber Rules Nos. 14 to 16 (inclusive) at all times of the day or night, and No. 17 during the day only, are on any account to be used by vessels in any part of the Humber, the Old harbour at Hull, or within any of the docks at Hull, Immingham or Grimsby.

15. Owners of small vessels plying in the vicinity of the Humber are instructed not to paint their craft light grey, and are hereby directed to have any vessels so coloured repainted. They are warned that small vessels painted grey run a great risk of being fired upon in mistake for submarines. Vessels painted black run the least risk.

Regulations Affecting Small Craft in the Vicinity of Cleethorpes.

16. Pleasure boats may ply for hire at Cleethorpes only between the eastern and western sewer outfall beacons, and must keep within a distance of one mile from the shore. Small vessels may anchor off Cleethorpes southward of the prohibited anchorage area shown on Admiralty chart No. 109 and shorewards of the 2 fathom contour line. No vessel is allowed to shrimp or trawl between Grimsby docks entrance and a line drawn across the river three miles below it. Notwithstanding anything in these orders rowing boats may pass along the shore at Cleethorpes, but they must keep within 400 yards of the high water mark of spring tides.

Excursions by Water.

17. Excursions by water are limited to the River Humber above Hull, and Rivers Ouse and Trent. Excursion steamers will not be allowed to ply without a permit from the Admiralty Port Officer, Dock Offices, Immingham, and in no case are they to pass to the eastward of an imaginary line joining Victoria Dock entrance, Hull, and the East beacon on Skitter ness.

Authority.—The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

By Command of their Lordships,

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