

## II.—PORT OF KIRK WALL AND APPROACHES.

1. The port of Kirkwall shall comprise all enclosed waters of the Wide Firth and Kirkwall bay to westward of Thieves holm.

2. Merchant vessels shall obey all orders given them by the Admiralty Port Officer as regards anchoring or shifting position.

3. No vessel other than H.M. Ships shall enter or leave the Port of Kirkwall during hours of darkness, *i.e.*, between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise, except in special circumstances with special permission from the Admiralty Port Officer.

4. During foggy and thick weather, traffic in and out of the port is stopped, and no vessel shall approach the boom from either direction.

5. No vessel other than H.M. Ships or boat shall move in the harbour during hours of darkness as aforesaid. And no boat other than those belonging to H.M. Ships shall approach the shore or go alongside any pier in the Port of Kirkwall.

6. All vessels other than H.M. Ships entering or leaving the Port of Kirkwall shall be piloted in and out by a Pilot drifter, and are prohibited from entering or leaving harbour unless so piloted, save and except only (1) in the case of such British vessels as have a written exemption therefrom, issued by the Admiralty Port Officer, (2) when a liner is entering the harbour, the Pilot may at his discretion, when circumstances of tide and sea render it advisable, direct such liner to enter the harbour without being piloted, provided always that the gate is open for incoming traffic.

7. Vessels, when cleared, shall wait for the Pilot vessel to conduct them out of port, or proceed as directed by the Naval Authorities.

8. Drifters engaged on pilot duty will fly the pilot flag (white and red, horizontal).

9. Incoming and outgoing traffic will be regulated by signals hoisted at the yardarm of the Boom trawler and repeated at the Hellier holm lighthouse.

10. Traffic signals are to be strictly obeyed, and no vessel shall approach the entrance against the signal.

11. The following Traffic signals will be displayed at the Boom and at Hellier holm:—

Gate "Open for Incoming Traffic":

By day—Two balls, vertical.

By night—A red light.

Gate "Open for Outgoing Traffic":

By day—A cone, point upwards.

By night—A green light.

Gate Closed: By day—Three balls at Hellier holm.

By night—Three red lights at Hellier holm.

12. Vessels entering will, as a rule, be given priority over those leaving.

13. All outgoing vessels shall pass round the Turning buoy (red and white striped, spherical) moored approximately  $285^{\circ}$  (*N.  $56^{\circ}$  W. Mag.*), one mile from the entrance.

14. Incoming vessels will not pass round the Turning buoy, but will shape course as requisite for the anchorage on entering.

15. No outgoing vessel shall pass the Turning buoy, unless the signal for outgoing traffic is up. If the signal is against it, such vessel shall stop and wait in the neighbourhood of the Turning buoy.

16. No incoming vessel shall pass Hellier holm, unless the signal for incoming traffic is

up at Hellier holm. If the signal is against it, such vessel shall wait in Shapinsay sound.

17. Incoming and outgoing vessels shall not pass through the gate simultaneously. If, through any misunderstanding, an outgoing and an incoming ship are approaching the gate simultaneously, then the outgoing ship shall give way, and shall turn round, and return to the Turning buoy and there wait till such time as the entrance is clear.

18. As a rule only one ship will be conducted out at a time, but under exceptional circumstances, in the event of two ships being conducted out, then the pilot will give instructions as to which ship is to go first and the rear ship shall then keep a full half mile directly astern, and is on no account to close or overhaul or attempt to pass the ship ahead.

19. *Caution.*—Caution is necessary when approaching the boom, as the tidal stream does not set fairly through the opening and attains considerable velocity especially on the ebb or west-going stream, which sets in a north-westerly direction.

*Variation.*— $19^{\circ}$  W.

(3) *Shetland Isles—Traffic of Neutral Vessels Prohibited.*

No vessels other than those of British Nationality or those of the Allied Nations, except vessels calling for the purpose of Examination, shall enter any ports or harbours in, or anchor off any part of, the coasts of the Shetland Isles until further notice.

*Note.*—Special traffic regulations for the Port of Lerwick and approaches will be found in Admiralty Notice to Mariners No. 767 of 1917.

*Note.*

This Notice is a re-publication of the former Notices quoted above.

*Caution.*

This Admiralty Notice to Mariners is issued under the provisions of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and failure to comply strictly with the directions contained in it will constitute an offence against those Regulations.

Any person found guilty of such an offence is liable to severe penalties both of imprisonment and fine.

Any person aiding or abetting the commission of such an offence is himself guilty of an offence against the Regulations.

Attention is also drawn to the fact that any infringement of the directions contained in this Admiralty Notice to Mariners is liable to result in the detention of the ship or vessel.

*Authority.*—The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

By Command of their Lordships,

J. F. PARRY,

*Hydrographer of the Navy.*

Admiralty, London,

1st April, 1918.

ADMIRALTY NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 468 of the year 1918.

ENGLAND, WEST COAST—RIVER.  
MERSEY.

*Queens Channel—Regulation with regard to Passage of Vessels.*

Notice is hereby given that, under the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914, the following Regulation has been