

12. *Warning — Mines.* — Fishermen are warned to give mine-sweepers a wide berth, and to exercise the greatest caution when fishing. In particular, a sharp look-out for mines should be kept when hauling gear. Extreme care is necessary in cases where torpedoes, mines, shells or bombs are found in trawl or other nets, as they may still be dangerous after being in the water a long time. (See also General Notices and General Warnings contained in the "Green Book," issued by the Marine Department, Board of Trade.)

13. The fishing permit, made out to the skipper actually in charge and for the boat in question, must at all times be carried by a fishing vessel at sea, and it must be produced on demand to any officer or other authorised person. Failure to comply with this regulation will render the offender liable to prosecution.

In the case of a new skipper taking charge of a boat; or of a skipper taking charge of a boat not specified on his permit, a new permit must be obtained, or the necessary alterations made on the old permit. No alterations to permits will be recognised unless signed and dated by the Permit Issuer.

14. Oil, motor-spirit, petrol, or other goods may not be shipped on board fishing craft of any description, either as stores for the equipment or navigation of the vessel or as merchandise, except at places which are under the supervision of a Customs Officer. Such goods must be properly pre-entered before shipment, and a clearance must be obtained from the Customs Officials in accordance with the Customs War Powers Act, 1915.

Sailing vessels may not have on board a quantity of petrol, motor-spirit, benzine, paraffin, petroleum or similar substances, exceeding four gallons.

#### Notes.

Fishing vessels are only to include bona-fide professional fishing craft, manned by bona-fide fishermen. Doubtful cases for fishing permits are to be referred to the nearest Divisional Coast Watching Officer.

Amateurs and pleasure craft out fishing are to be regarded as coming under section I. of this notice, and must comply with the Regulations contained therein.

Fishing vessels, having a fishing permit and desiring to carry passengers, *i.e.*, persons other than their bona-fide crew, must obtain separate permits in accordance with Section I. of this notice, and when such passengers are on board, the vessel will become strictly subject to the regulations therein laid down. In the event of non-compliance, both permits may be withdrawn by the Divisional Coast Watching Officer or Fishery Officer concerned.

Fishery Officer means an officer of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, or of the Local Sea Fisheries Committee within whose district the fishing port in question lies, or other person duly appointed to issue fishing permits.

Permits may be withdrawn, suspended or endorsed at the discretion of the Divisional Coast Watching Officer or of a Fishery Officer.

Availability of permits. — South-Western Area fishing permits are available over the whole area, when and where fishing is permitted by these regulations, but boats moving from port to port within the area should, in order to avoid delay, notify their arrival and departure to the Local Fishery Officer or Permit Issuer.

Visiting boats from ports outside the South-Western Area must, before fishing in this area, obtain from the local Permit Issuer a South-Western Area fishing permit, either—

(a) In exchange for their former permit (re-exchanging on departure), or,

(b) By previous application through the Local Fishery Officer;

otherwise they will be detained in port until their credentials have been verified. In all cases visiting boats must give up their South-Western Area fishing permits on leaving the South-Western Area.

Charts of the restricted areas off the Devon coast can be seen by Fishermen at the Harbour Master's office, Brixham, the Fish Inspector's office, Plymouth Barbican, and the Fishery Collector's office, Newlyn Harbour.

Complaints on the part of the fishing community, and questions of doubt, should be referred in the first instance to the Local Fishery Officer, or to the Inspector of Fisheries attached to the area.

### III.—PLYMOUTH.

No vessels other than those of British Nationality or those of the Allied Nations are permitted to enter the Port of Plymouth until further notice.

#### PART I.—ENTRANCE TO THE PORT.

##### Notification of Time of Arrival.

1. Shipowners and shipping agents will facilitate the entry of their vessels by giving previous notice of the probable time of arrival to the King's Harbour Master for Plymouth, Longroom, Stonehouse (Telegraphic address: Tidal, Plymouth), with particulars of appearance, etc., so that they may be readily identified.

Instructions for Ships Approaching the Port.

2. All ships may be brought in at night as well as by day. This does not apply to fishing vessels and small craft, as they cannot be allowed to enter at night.

Endeavour will be made to bring vessels in from sea during a fog even though movements inside the port are prohibited (*see* paragraph 11). If, however, the fog is so dense as to make this dangerous, the vessel must wait in the outer examination anchorage (Cawsand bay) or at sea until it lifts sufficiently.

When once ships are anchored they are not to move under any circumstances without previously obtaining permission from the King's Harbour Master for Plymouth.

Vessels of every description, including fishing vessels and small craft, are forbidden to enter or leave the port by the eastern entrance. They may only do so by the western entrance.

The Devil's Bridge is entirely closed.

All orders and instructions given by the Examining Officers are to be implicitly obeyed, otherwise ships will be liable to be fired upon.

##### Distinguishing Signals of Examination Steamers.

3. The Examining Steamer will be found in the neighbourhood of Penlee point, and will *by day* be distinguished by the Examination Flag (white and red horizontal surrounded by blue border), and will fly the Blue Ensign.

*By night* the Examination Steamer will be distinguished by three white lights.