

II.—GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING MINES.

1. Mariners are warned that a certain number of mines have sunk without exploding. It is possible that some of these mines lying on the bottom may still be dangerous. Surface vessels navigating these areas should therefore, whenever possible, have a clear depth of at least six feet (1^m8) between their keels and the bottom when in the vicinity of shoal water or in the approaches to ports and harbours which were subjected to mining operations during the war.

2. In regard to vessels trawling, it is pointed out that a risk, although of a diminishing character, still exists.

The attention of all vessels trawling is drawn to the immunity which may be secured by the use of a suitable protective device to prevent mines entering the trawl.

As can be readily understood, it is not possible to predict for how long a period

sunken unexploded mines remain dangerous, and consequently no unnecessary risk should be taken.

3. Dummy mines (British) are distinguishable by the words "Sand-filled" which are stamped on the circumference of the top and bottom annular rings of the mine shell, and also painted in large white letters round the top mouthpiece.

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