

especially cautioned against making use of private signals of any description, either by day or night; the use of them will render a vessel liable to be fired on.

(12) The pilots attached to the ports will be acquainted with the regulations to be followed.

PART III.

Mine-Sweeping Operations.

(1) H.M. Vessels, operating singly or in formation, engaged in mine-sweeping operations or exercises are hampered to a considerable extent in their manœuvring powers.

Such vessels will show the signals hereinafter mentioned to indicate the nature of the work on which they are employed at the time:—

By day.—A black ball at the foremast head and a black ball at the yardarm on the side, or sides, on which it is *dangerous* for vessels to pass.

By night.—All round *green* lights instead of the black balls, and in a similar manner.

CAUTION.—WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT, VESSELS OR FORMATIONS SHOWING THESE SIGNALS SHOULD NOT BE APPROACHED NEARER THAN 500 YARDS ON EITHER BEAM, AND SHIPS SHOULD IN NO CASE CROSS ASTERN AT A LESS DISTANCE THAN 1,000 YARDS.

IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD A SHIP PASS THROUGH A FORMATION OF MINE-SWEEPERS.

(II) *Conduct of Vessels in the vicinity of Mine-sweepers engaged in sweeping.*

(i) It is the duty of any vessel—whether steam or sailing—to take *early* action to keep out of the way of vessels employed in mine-sweeping.

(ii) Mine-sweepers should warn merchant vessels who persist in approaching too close by means of the International Code of Signals.

PART IV.

Other Regulations in force.

Nothing in this Notice is to be taken as overruling such general or local regulations as may be issued by the Public Traffic Regulations at each port, through routing authorities, by Notices to Mariners or other means to meet new dangers or situations which may arise, or to cover local conditions.

Attention is called to Notices to Mariners at present in force as follows:—

(a) Routing and safe channels.

(b) Regulations for Fishing Vessels.

(c) The regulations for shipping brought into force by the issue of Navigation Orders from time to time.

Note.—This Notice is a revision of Notice No. 1 of 1945.

(Notice No. 1 of 1/1/1946.)

Authority.—The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. (H.5435/45.)

By Command of their Lordships,

A. G. N. WYATT, *Rear-Admiral,*
Hydrographer of the Navy.

Admiralty, London,
1st January, 1946.

No. 7.

CAUTION WITH REGARD TO SINGLE SHIPS
APPROACHING SQUADRONS OR AIRCRAFT CARRIERS.

Former Notice.—No. 7 of 1945; hereby cancelled.

(1) The attention of shipowners and mariners is called to the danger to all concerned which is caused by single vessels approaching a squadron of warships or merchant vessels in convoy so closely as to involve risk of collision or attempting to pass ahead of or through such a squadron or convoy.

(2) Mariners are therefore warned that single vessels should adopt early measures to keep out of the way of a squadron or convoy.

(3) The fact that it is the duty of a single vessel to keep out of the way of a squadron or convoy does not entitle vessels so sailing in company to proceed without regard to the movements of the single vessel. Vessels sailing in a squadron or convoy should accordingly keep a careful watch on the movements of any single vessel approaching the squadron or convoy and should be ready, in case the single vessel does not keep out of the way, to take such action as will best aid to avert collision.

(4) Attention is also drawn to the uncertainty of the movements of aircraft carriers, which must

usually turn into the wind when aircraft are taking off or landing.

Note.—This Notice is a repetition of the former Notice quoted above.

(Notice No. 7 of 1/1/1946.)

Authority.—The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. (H.5441/45.)

By Command of their Lordships,

A. G. N. WYATT, *Rear-Admiral,*
Hydrographer of the Navy.

Admiralty, London,
1st January, 1946.

No. 8. WARNING SIGNALS TO DENOTE THE
PRESENCE OF SUBMARINES.

Former Notice.—No. 8 of 1945; hereby cancelled.

1. Attention is drawn to the following warning signal which is in use to denote the presence of Submarines:—

British vessels fly a rectangular *red* flag to denote that Submarines, which may be submerged, are in the vicinity. Vessels are cautioned to steer so as to give a wide berth to any vessel flying such a flag. If from any cause it is necessary to approach her, vessels should proceed at slow speed until warning is given of the danger zone by flags, semaphore or megaphone, &c., a good look-out being kept meanwhile for Submarines whose presence may be only indicated by their periscopes showing above water.

A Submarine submerged at a depth too great to show her periscope, may sometimes indicate her position by releasing a "smoke candle" which gives off a considerable volume of smoke on first reaching the surface.

2. Under certain circumstances warnings that Submarines are exercising in specified areas may be broadcast by a General Post Office W/T station.

3. It must not be inferred from the above that Submarines exercise only when in company with escorting vessels.

(Notice No. 8 of 1/1/1946.)

Authority.—The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. (H.5442/45.)

By Command of their Lordships,

A. G. N. WYATT, *Rear-Admiral,*
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Admiralty, London,
1st January, 1946.

No. 9. NAVIGATIONAL AND GALE WARNINGS, ETC.

Broadcast by W/T and R/T.

This notice is not being issued at present. Arrangements for the reversion to peace-time routine are at present under consideration, and further notice will be given as soon as the information is available.

(Notice No. 9 of 1/1/1946.)

Authority.—Admiralty. (H.6296/45.)

By Command of their Lordships,

A. G. N. WYATT, *Rear-Admiral,*
Hydrographer of the Navy.

1st January, 1946.

Admiralty, London,

H.M. LAND REGISTRY.

The following land is about to be registered. Any objections should be addressed to "H.M. Land Registry, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2," before the 29th day of January, 1946.

FREEHOLD.

- (1) 176, Twickenham Road, E.11, by A. H. Hanscombe, of that address.
- (2) "Dorby," Trafalgar Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, by E. M. Hiscock, Gosden Cottage, Emsworth, Hants.
- (3) 75, Carlisle Road, Manningham, Bradford, York, by Maypole Dairy Co., Ltd.
- (4) Land in Horn Lane, W.3, by W. A. Moore, 95, Percy Road, W.12, and W. W. Hansbaw, 1A, Baldwyn Gardens, W.3.
- (5) 116 and 118, Sutton Common Road, Sutton, Surrey, by E. C. Courcier, 108, Foxley Lane, Purley, Surrey.
- (6) "Cross Keys" P.H., St. John Street, E.C.1, by Watney Combe Reid & Co., Ltd.