

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 346.

The following Regulations, in lieu of those which came into force on the 24th August, 1880 are published under the provisions of Section 42 of Ordinance 8 of 1879.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th August, 1887.

Regulations for the licensing, management, and control of Boats and Boatmen, made by the Governor in Council, this 26th day of August, 1887, under the provisions of Section 39 of Ordinance 8 of 1879.

These Regulations apply in respect of all boats or vessels and their crews plying for hire within the waters of this Colony, except :

- (a.) Boats or vessels having British, Colonial, or Foreign registers (not being Chinese registers).
- (b.) Market Boats, or vessels or junks within the meaning of Chapter 1 of Part 3 of Ordinance 8 of 1879.

Cargo boats and Cargo boatmen.

1. Every cargo boat must be duly licensed as required by these Regulations.
2. Cargo boat licences shall be issued by the Registrar General on production of a Certificate from the Harbour Master or his Deputy, stating the particulars required by Form A. hereto annexed: A fee of one dollar shall be payable to the Harbour Master for this Certificate. The applicant must furnish such security for his appearance when required as the Registrar General may demand. Each licence shall be numbered, and shall not be transferable. See Regn 4th March
3. Each licence shall state the length, breadth, depth, and deadweight capacity of the boat, together with the scale of fares, and shall be valid for one year only, from the 1st April.
4. Every boat for which a licence has been granted shall carry on each bow and on her stern, legibly painted upon wood, the number of her licence in figures 2½ inches in height, and no other number. Such number shall not be concealed, and such boat shall, between sunset and sunrise, exhibit a light, visible all round, two feet above the gunwale. See Ordin of 1862.
5. No boat shall have a false bottom.
6. Every person in charge of a licensed cargo boat must show his licence when required to do so by any officer of the Police, Registrar General's, or Harbour Department, or by the employer of such boat, each of whom is hereby empowered to board and examine such boat. See Ordin of 1862.
7. No person shall engage or let out for hire an unlicensed boat or unlicensed cargo boatman for carrying cargo.
8. The following licence fees shall be charged:—

1st Class Boat,.....800 piculs capacity and upwards,	\$20.00
2nd Do., under 800 and not less than 450 piculs capacity,	\$10.00
3rd Do., under 450 and not less than 100 piculs capacity,	\$ 5.00
4th Do., under 100 piculs capacity,	\$ 3.00
9. No licensee shall refuse to let his boat, except for some reasonable cause. Each hirer shall enter his name, with the date and duration (as far as is known) of the job for which the boat is hired, in a book to be supplied by the Registrar General, free of cost, to the Licensee. Such book shall be stamped with the Registrar General's seal or stamp. The Licensee shall allow such book to be inspected by any Officer of Police or intending hirer, when so required. See No. 8 § XVII.

10. The following table indicates the maximum scale of hire for cargo boats:—

	<i>Per day or night of 12 hours.</i>	<i>Per load.</i>
First Class Boat,.....	\$10.00	\$5.00
Second „ „	5.00	3.00
Third „ „	3.00	2.00
Fourth „ „	1.50	1.00

11. Every boatman, or person employed on board any cargo boat, must be duly licensed as a cargo boatman, as required by these Regulations.
12. Licences for cargo boatmen shall be issued by the Registrar General in his discretion, on payment of a fee of 25 cents for each. The applicant shall furnish such particulars as the Registrar General may require, and two copies of his photograph, one to be affixed to the licence.
13. Licences for cargo boatmen shall be numbered, shall be valid for one year only, and shall not be transferable. The licensee shall forthwith notify the Registrar General every time he changes his abode.

14. Every licensed cargo boatman must show his licence ticket when required to do so.

Rowing Boats plying for hire for Passengers only.

15. Every boat must be duly licensed as required by these Regulations, and no person shall ply in or let out for hire an unlicensed boat.

16. Licences for rowing boats shall be issued by the Registrar General on production of a certificate from an Inspector of Police, stating the particulars required by Form B. annexed. The applicant must furnish such security for his appearance when required, or for the production of the boat, as the Registrar General may demand. Each licence shall be numbered, and shall not be transferable.

17. No boat shall carry more than the number of Passengers for which she is licensed.

18. Licences shall state the length and breadth of the boat, together with scale of fares, and shall be valid for one year only, from the 1st July.

19. Every licensed boat shall carry on each bow and on her stern, legibly painted upon wood, the number of her licence in figures at least 2 inches in height, and no other number, and such number shall not be concealed. Such boat shall, between sunset and sunrise, exhibit a light at her bow, visible all round, 2 feet above the gunwale; and shall also keep a lighted lantern with the licence number either painted on the glass or cut in on the frame in figures at least 2 inches in height, to be produced when demanded.

20. No person in charge of a boat shall demand more than the fare provided by these Rules, nor shall he refuse to take a Passenger, except for some reasonable cause, anywhere between the North point of Hongkong and Hunghòm point on the East; Belcher's Bay and West point of Stone Cutters' Island on the West; Shamshuipò and West point of Stone Cutters' Island on the north.

21. No person belonging to a licensed boat shall use abusive language or tout for hire on shore.

22. All boats may be stopped and searched by the Police.

23. Every boat shall go alongside a wharf when ordered to do so by a Police Constable, and shall, when conveying passengers, be carefully steered, and travel with reasonable expedition.

24. The person in charge of the boat shall shew the scale of fares to anyone demanding to see it.

25. The Registrar General is authorised to refuse a licence, or, if a licence has been granted, to withdraw the same and cause it to be forfeited, in respect of any boat which has been reported to him by the Police not to be as regards repairs and cleanliness in a state fit for public use; or for any misconduct on the part of the licensee, or any of the crew of the boat.

26. The following licence fees shall be charged in respect of boat licences:—

For 1st Class boats measuring upwards of 40 feet in length,	\$10.00
For 2nd " " " from 30 to 40 feet in length,	\$ 7.00
For 3rd " " " from 20 to 30 feet in length,	\$ 5.00
For 4th " " " from 12 to 20 feet in length,	\$ 3.00
For 5th " " " less than 12 feet in length,	\$ 1.00

27. The following table indicates the maximum scale of hire for rowing boats:—

Per day of 12 hours.

For 1st Class boats,	\$2.00
For 2nd Class boats,	\$1.50
For all other boats,	\$1.00

Per hour with two passengers.

All boats,	20 cents.
Half an hour,	10 "
For each extra passenger 5 cents for half-an-hour, 10 cents per hour.	
Between sunset and sunrise 5 cents extra per passenger.	

28. No cargo-boat or rowing boat shall lie or ply for hire within 300 feet of any ship-of-war without the written permission of the Harbour Master.

29. Any breach of these Regulations shall be punishable with a penalty not exceeding 100 dollars, or, in default of payment, with imprisonment not exceeding 3 months, with or without hard labour.

30. Boats and persons duly licensed under the Regulations which came into force on the 24th day of August, 1880, shall be deemed to be duly licensed under these Regulations; and, on the expiry of the existing licences, licences shall be issued to Cargo Boats which will expire on the 31st March next; and on the 1st April, the whole of these Regulations as to such boats shall come into force; and to Rowing Boats on the expiry of their licences. Licences to expire on the 30th June shall be issued, and on the 1st July the whole of these Regulations as to Rowing Boats shall come into force. In the meanwhile these Regulations shall apply to both classes of boats, as far as may be.

J. M. GUTIERREZ,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 26th August, 1887.

See No. 8 of 1858, § XVII.

See Ordinance 1 of 1862 § XV.

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Form A.

SECTION XXXIX OF ORDINANCE 8 OF 1879.

No. _____

VICTORIA, _____ 188 .

Class _____

Certified that I have examined the Cargo-boat owned by _____ applicant for a licence, and that I find the boat is in all respects fit and proper to be employed in the transmission of cargo.

Length _____

Breadth _____

Capacity, _____ Piculs.

NUMBER AND AGES OF PERSONS ON BOARD.			
MALES.		FEMALES.	
Over 12.	Under 12.	Over 12.	Under 12.

Fee \$1.

Inspector of Cargo-boats.

Form B.

SECTION XXXIX OF ORDINANCE 8 OF 1879.

No. _____

Class.

VICTORIA, _____ 188 .

Certified that I have examined the Passenger boat owned by _____ applicant for a licence, and that I find the boat is in all respects fit and proper to be employed in the conveyance of _____ Passengers.

Length _____

Breadth _____

NUMBER AND AGES OF PERSONS ON BOARD.			
MALES.		FEMALES.	
Over 12.	Under 12.	Over 12.	Under 12.

Inspector of Police.