

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 46.

The following Regulations made by the Governor in Council are published under *The Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance, 1879*.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd February, 1889.

## REGULATIONS

*Made by the Governor in Council under the provisions of Sub-Secs. 3 & 4 of Sec. 7 of The Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance, 1879, (No. 8 of 1879), this 29th day of January, 1889.*

Table F of Ordinance 8 of 1879 is hereby cancelled and the following substituted in lieu thereof:—

## TABLE (F.)

I. The owner of any steam-vessel of less than fifty tons burden desirous of obtaining a licence to carry passengers for hire within the waters of the Colony, or to or from Hongkong and any place outside the waters of the Colony, shall cause the said vessel to be surveyed by a Government Surveyor or Surveyors.

II. A certificate of the Government Surveyor or Surveyors, shall contain statements of the following particulars:—

- (a.) That the hull, length                      breadth                      depth                      =                      tons, is sufficient for the service intended, and in good condition.
- (b.) The number of passengers which the vessel is fit to carry, being, for vessels plying beyond the waters of the Colony, at the rate of ten superficial feet of the upper or weather deck, and at the rate of ten superficial feet of the deck immediately below the upper deck for each passenger and member of the crew; and for vessels plying within the waters of the Colony at the rate of seven superficial feet per passenger and member of the crew.
- (c.) That the master possesses a certificate of qualification recognised by the Board of Trade, or a Certificate of Competency from the Harbour Master of Hongkong.
- (d.) That provision is on board for the shelter of deck passengers, and that there are not less than two approved life buoys on board.
- (e.) That the vessel carrying passengers outside the waters of the Colony has boats sufficient for the accommodation of half of the number of passengers and crew which the vessel is certified to carry.
- (f.) That the vessel is properly fitted with bow and mast-head lights and also a riding light, in accordance with the international regulations.
- (g.) That the vessel is properly found with anchors and chains.
- (h.) That the crew is sufficient for the requirements of the vessel in the opinion of the Harbour Master.

III. A certificate of the Government Surveyor or Surveyors shall contain statements of the following particulars:—

- (a.) That the machinery and boiler of the vessel are sufficient for the service intended, and in good condition, and that the safety valve is so constructed as to be out of the control of the engineer when the steam is up, and is not loaded beyond the pressure permitted by the Surveyor's certificate.
- (b.) The time for which such machinery will be sufficient.
- (c.) That the engineer of the vessel possesses a certificate of qualification recognised by the Board of Trade or a Certificate of Competency from the Harbour Master of Hongkong.

IV. Such certificates shall be in force for a period not exceeding twelve months.

V. On the receipt of the before mentioned certificates, the Harbour Master will cause a licence to be issued to the owner or master empowering the therein described vessel to convey the number of passengers certified to on the Surveyor's declaration for a period not exceeding twelve months.

VI. Every vessel licensed under this Ordinance shall have her name in English and Chinese legibly painted on her stern and on each bow together with the number of passengers she is licensed to carry.

VII. A fee of five dollars for each certificate shall be payable to the Government.

VIII. Vessels plying for hire within the waters of the Colony shall pay a licence fee at the rate of \$5 per annum, and vessels plying for hire outside the waters of the Colony shall pay a licence fee at the rate of \$10 per annum. These fees shall be payable half yearly.

IX. A fee of two dollars and a half for the examination of a Master or Engineer of a steam-launch shall be payable to the Harbour Master for the Government, and such Master or Engineer, shall, if he obtains a certificate, produce three copies of a photograph of himself, one to be attached to his certificate of competency, one to be attached to the licence of any vessel to which he may belong and one for record in the Harbour Office; and when a Master or Engineer is transferred from one steam-launch to another steam-launch, he shall produce a photograph of himself to be attached to the licence of the vessel to which he is to be transferred.

X. The certificate granted by the Harbour Master to the Master or Engineer of a steam-launch may, with the approval of the Governor, be suspended or cancelled by the Harbour Master, if it shall be proved to his satisfaction, after due enquiry held by him, that the said Master or Engineer has been guilty of incompetency or negligence in the performance of his duty as Master or Engineer.

XI. The owner of every licensed steam-launch shall cause the licence to be framed and exhibited in a conspicuous part of the cabin, so as to be visible to all persons on board the said vessel.

XII. If the owner of a licensed steam-launch wishes to employ his vessel for purposes other than for the conveyance of passengers within the waters of the Colony, or to or from Hongkong and places without the waters of the Colony, the licence shall be delivered to the Harbour Master to be retained by him during the period of such employment.

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*Clerk of Councils.*

Council Chamber, Hongkong.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 47.

His Excellency the Governor recommends the following Notice to Public attention:—

#### GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

1. The subject of keeping up a supply of properly equipped "Guard" Boats to assist in the defence of the Colony, and of raising a Volunteer Corps to man them, is receiving the attention of the Government.

2. It is considered that if this corps consisted of 40 or 50 members, these would probably be sufficient to act as a nucleus. On the emergency arising, it is thought that a further supply of Volunteers would be forthcoming who, in a short time, would acquire sufficient proficiency.

3. Briefly stated, the conditions of service in the Volunteer Corps would be that, Members will, for the benefit of the Colony, undertake to attend drills at least once a month, and in the case of threatened war place themselves at the disposal of the Government without reserve.

4. The organization of the Corps would be somewhat on the lines of the "Royal Naval Volunteers" and the "Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers," and they would be required to serve in the special vessels provided for the defence of the Colony.

The officers would receive commissions from the Governor, and an allowance to help towards providing themselves with the authorized uniform. They would be expected to acquire a competent knowledge of their duties, and to give a proper attention to the drills of the Corps. They will receive the pay of their rank when called out on actual service, and provision will also be made for officers and men disabled on service.

The men of the Corps will be provided with uniform at the Government expense, and, when on service, will receive pay according to their rank.

Officers and men will be required to conform to such Regulation as may be made from time to time by the Governor, and, when on actual service, will be subject to the provisions of the "Naval Discipline Act."

Any Volunteer may, except when on actual service, quit the Corps, on giving ten days' notice of his intention, and delivering up any property belonging to the Corps which may be in his possession.

The drills will comprise the working of the machine guns carried by the vessels provided, as well as Rifle, Pistol and Cutlass drill, as carried out in the Royal Navy; in addition to this, the officers and petty officers will be trained with a view to rendering them capable of taking command of any vessel in the service of the Corps.

5. With a view towards ascertaining whether the raising and institution of such a force is practicable, the Government hereby invite offers from Candidates for enrolment in the Corps, the decision as to whether the undertaking is proceeded with or not depending on the number and character of the offers received.

Communications should be addressed to the Colonial Secretary.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 29th January, 1889.