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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 529.

The following Regulations, in lieu of those made on the 26th of August, 1887, are published under the provisions of Section 42 of Ordinance 8 of 1879 as amended by Ordinance 24 of 1889.

By Command,

A. LISTER,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 28th December, 1889.

*Regulations for the licensing, management, and control of Boats, made by the Governor in Council, this 21st day of December, 1889, under the provisions of Section 39 of Ordinance 8 of 1879.*

These Regulations apply in respect of all boats or vessels hereinafter mentioned 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.

*General.*

1. All boats referred to in these Regulations must be duly licensed as therein directed, and no person shall engage or let out for hire any such boat unless it has been so licensed.

2. Every person in charge of a licensed boat must show his licence when required to do so by any officer of the Police, Registrar General's, or Harbour Departments, or by the employer of such boat, each of whom is hereby empowered to board and examine such boat.

See Ordinance 1 of 1862. § 15.

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

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. The licensee of every boat will be held responsible for any breach of these Regulations, and for any misconduct on the part of himself or of the crew of his boat.

7. No boat shall lie or ply for hire within 300 feet of any ship-of-war without the written permission of the Harbour Master or of the Officer in command of such ship-of-war.

8. 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.

*Cargo boats.*

See Regulations  
4th March, 1881.

9. 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 shall furnish the Registrar General with his Photograph and shall also give such security for his appearance when required as the Registrar General may demand. Each licence shall be numbered, and shall not be transferable.

10. 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.

See Ordinance 1  
of 1862. § 15.

11. Every boat for which a licence has been granted shall carry on each bow and on its stern, legibly painted upon wood, the number of its 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, not less than two feet above the gunwale.

12. No boat shall have a false bottom, or any other secret compartment for the concealment of goods or persons.

13. No licensee shall refuse to let his boat, except for some reasonable cause.

14. Cargo boats will only be allowed to carry such passengers as may be in charge of goods or baggage for the conveyance of which the boat is hired, or who may be required or may have been required to assist in loading or unloading.

15. 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

16. 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

*Rowing Boats plying for hire for Passengers only.*

17. Licences 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.

18. No boat shall carry more than the number of Passengers for which it is licensed.

19. 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.

Ordinance 1 of  
1862. § XV.

20. Every licensed boat shall carry on each bow and on the stern, legibly painted upon wood, the number of its 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 the bow, visible all round; 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.

21. 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 Hunghom 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. Ordinance 8 of 1868. § XVII.

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

23. 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
Village Boats, .....	\$ 0.50

24. 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.	

*Cinder Boats, Bum Boats, Hawkers' Boats, and Marine dealers' Boats.*

25. Licences shall be issued by the Registrar General on production of a Certificate from an Inspector of Police, stating the particulars required by Form C. 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.

26. Licences shall state the length and breadth of the boat, and shall be valid for one year only, from the 1st July.

27. Every licensed boat shall carry on each bow and on the stern, legibly painted upon wood, the number of its 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 the bow, visible all round; 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. Ordinance 1 of 1862. § XV.

28. The following licence fees shall be charged:—

For 1st Class boats measuring upwards of 40 feet in length, .....	\$5.00
For 2nd        ,,        ,,        from        30 to 40 feet in length, .	\$3.00
For 3rd        ,,        ,,        from        20 to 30 feet in length, .	\$2.00
For 4th        ,,        ,,        from        12 to 20 feet in length, .	\$1.00
For 5th        ,,        ,,        less than 12 feet in length, .....	\$0.50

ARATHOON SETH,  
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG.

**Form A.**  
SECTION XXXIX OF ORDINANCE 8 OF 1879.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

VICTORIA, \_\_\_\_\_ 18

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. \_\_\_\_\_

VICTORIA, \_\_\_\_\_ 18

Class \_\_\_\_\_

**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.*

**Form C.**  
SECTION XXXIX OF ORDINANCE 8 OF 1879.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

VICTORIA, \_\_\_\_\_ 18

Class \_\_\_\_\_

**Certified that** I have examined the \* \_\_\_\_\_ boat owned by \_\_\_\_\_ applicant for a licence, and that I find the boat is in all respects fit and proper to be used in that capacity.

Length \_\_\_\_\_

Breadth \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Inspector of Police.*

\* State whether Dum Boat, etc.