

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.--No. 784.

The following Regulations are published.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th December, 1902.

REGULATIONS

Made by His Excellency the Governor in Council, under section 39 of The Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance, 1891, this 15th day of December, 1902, in substitution for those contained in Table U to the Schedule to the said Ordinance.

TABLE U.

REGULATIONS FOR THE LICENSING, MANAGEMENT, AND CONTROL
OF BOATS, &c. (Section 39.)

GENERAL.

1. All boats or vessels referred to in these Regulations must be duly licensed as therein directed. No person shall engage or let out for hire any boat or vessel unless it has been licensed according to these Regulations.
2. Every person in charge of a licensed boat or vessel 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 or vessel, each of whom is hereby empowered to board and examine such boat or vessel.
3. All boats or vessels may be stopped and searched by the Police.
4. For any breach of these Regulations the Licensee or owner or any of the crew of a licensed boat or vessel shall be liable to be prosecuted before a Police Magistrate, and, if found guilty, to be punished accordingly.
5. No boat or vessel shall 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.
6. All boats or vessels licensed under these Regulations on leaving or entering any Port within the waters of the Colony, except when actually conveying or in the employ of pleasure parties, shall comply with the provisions of Section 39 of this Ordinance relating to the entry and clearance of Junks.
7. Any breach of these Regulations shall be punishable with a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars or in default of payment with imprisonment for three months with or without hard labour.
8. Whenever any certificate or licence issued under these Regulations has been lost or destroyed, a duplicate thereof may be granted by the proper officer if he is satisfied of such loss or destruction, upon payment of one-tenth of the original fee in no case exceeding \$1.

I. PASSENGER BOATS.

9. 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.
10. The issue of a licence shall be in the discretion of the Registrar General and any licence may be suspended or cancelled by him, if it shall be proved to his satisfaction after due enquiry, that the Licensee, or any of the crew of the boat, has been guilty of any breach of these Regulations, or of misconduct in connection with the requirements thereof.
11. No boat shall carry more than the number of passengers for which it is licensed, and no boat shall carry any cargo except passengers' baggage.
12. 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.

13. Every boat shall, as regards repairs and cleanliness, be kept in a state fit for public use.

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

15. Every 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.

The numbers shall be painted by persons duly authorised in that behalf by the Licensing Officer and for such fees as the Licensing Officer shall from time to time direct.

16. Every 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.

17. 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 Stonecutters' Island on the West; Shamshuipo and West point of Stonecutters' Island on the North.

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

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

| | |
|---|---------|
| For 1st class boats measuring upwards of 40 feet in length, | \$10.00 |
| For 2nd class boats measuring from 30 to 40 feet in length, | 7.00 |
| For 3rd class boats measuring from 20 to 30 feet in length, | 5.00 |
| For 4th class boats measuring from 12 to 20 feet in length, | 3.00 |
| For 5th class boats measuring less than 12 feet in length, | 1.00 |
| Village boats, | 0.50 |

20. The following is the maximum scale of hire for passenger boats:—

Per day of 12 hours.

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|----------------------------|--------|
| For 1st class boats, | \$2.00 |
| For 2nd class boats, | 1.50 |
| For all other boats, | 1.00 |

Per hour with two passengers.

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| 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.

II. CARGO BOATS.

21. 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, if required, 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.

22. The issue of a licence shall be in the discretion of the Registrar General, and any licence may be suspended or cancelled by him, if it shall be proved to his satisfaction, after due enquiry, that the Licensee, or any of the crew of the boat, has been found guilty of any breach of these Regulations or of misconduct in connection with the requirements thereof.

23. Each licence shall state the length, breadth, and measurement in piculs of the boat, together with the scale of fares, and shall be valid for one year only from the 1st April.

24. 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.

The numbers shall be painted by persons duly authorised in that behalf by the Licensing Officer and for such fees as the Licensing Officer shall from time to time direct.

25. Every boat shall, between sunset and sunrise, exhibit a light visible all round at a height not less than two feet above the gunwale.

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

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

28. 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 used, or who may be required or may have been required to assist in loading or unloading.

29. The following licence fees shall be charged:—

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|---|---------|
| 1st class boat, 800 piculs and upwards, | \$ 2.00 |
| 2nd class boat, under 800 and not less than 450 piculs, | 10.00 |

N.B.—A cargo boat exceeding 2,000 piculs shall be deemed to be a “Lighter” under these Regulations.

30. The following is 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 do., | 5.00 | 3.00 |
| Third do., | 3.00 | 2.00 |
| Fourth do., | 1.50 | 1.00 |

III. LIGHTERS.

31. Lighter 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 give such security for his appearance when required as the Registrar General may demand. Each licence shall be numbered, and shall not be transferable.

32. Each licence shall state the length, breadth, and measurement in piculs of the lighter and shall be valid for one year only from the 1st April.

33. Every lighter shall carry on each bow and on its stern, legibly painted, the number of its licence in figures $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height, and no other number. Such number shall not be concealed.

The numbers shall be painted by persons duly authorised in that behalf by the Licensing Officer and for such fees as the Licensing Officer shall from time to time direct.

34. Every lighter shall, between sunset and sunrise, exhibit a light visible all round at the place where it can be best seen, but at a height not exceeding 20 feet above the hull. And if of 150 feet or upwards in length shall exhibit two such lights, one at the bow, and the other at the stern, the former being not less than 20 and not more than 40 feet above the hull, and the latter not less than 15 feet lower than the former.

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

36. Lighters will only be allowed to carry such passengers as may be in charge of goods or baggage for the conveyance of which the lighter is engaged or used, or who may be required or may have been required to assist in loading or unloading.

37. The following licence fees shall be charged:—

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|---|---------|
| 1st class lighter, 10,000 piculs and upwards, | \$45.00 |
| 2nd class lighter, under 10,000 and not less than 6,000 piculs, | 35.00 |
| 3rd class lighter, under 6,000 and not less than 4,000 piculs, | 30.00 |
| 4th class lighter, under 4,000 and not less than 2,000 piculs, | 25.00 |
| 5th class lighter, under 2,000 piculs, | 20.00 |

IV. CINDER BOATS, BUM BOATS, HAWKERS' BOATS AND MARINE-DEALERS' BOATS.

38. 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.

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

40. 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.

The numbers shall be painted by persons duly authorised in that behalf by the Licensing Officer and for such fees as the Licensing Officer shall from time to time direct.

41. Every 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.

42. The following licence fees shall be charged :—

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

V. WATER BOATS.

43. Licences shall be issued by the Registrar General upon the production of a certificate from an Inspector of Police, stating the particulars required by form *C* annexed, and certifying that the said boat is fit and proper to be used as a water boat. The applicant must furnish such security for his appearance when required, or for the production of the boat, as the Registrar General may require.

44. The licence shall state the length and breadth of the boat and shall be valid for one year only, or for such less period as shall be named on the licence.

45. Every licensed water boat shall carry on each bow and on the stern, legibly painted upon wood, the number of its license in figures at least 2 inches in height, and no other number, and such number shall not be concealed.

The numbers shall be painted by persons duly authorised in that behalf by the Licensing Officer and for such fees as the Licensing Officer may direct.

46. The licence fees to be charged for water boats shall be the same as provided for cargo boats and lighters.

47. If the boat is propelled or pumped by steam power the boiler must be surveyed as provided under sub-section (22) of section 38 of the Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance and the certificate must be produced to the Harbour Master.

48. The licence of a water boat propelled or pumped by steam shall be liable to be cancelled or suspended at any time by the Registrar General on the report of the Government Marine Surveyor that in his opinion the boat is not fit for the service for which she is intended.

VI. FISH-DRYING HULKS.

49. Licences shall be issued by the Registrar General on production of a certificate from an Inspector of Police, stating the particulars required by form *D* annexed. 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.

50. Each licence shall state the length, breadth, and measurement in piculs of the hulk, and shall be valid for one year only, from the 1st July.

51. Every hulk shall carry on each bow and on the stern, legibly painted upon wood, the number of its licence in figures 2½ inches in height, and such number shall not be concealed.

The numbers shall be painted by persons duly authorised in that behalf by the Licensing Officer and for such fees as the Licensing Officer shall from time to time direct.

52. Every hulk shall, between sunset and sunrise, exhibit a light at the bow visible all round.

53. The following licence fees shall be charged :—

| | |
|---|---------|
| 1st class hulk, 2,000 piculs and upwards, | \$20.00 |
| 2nd class hulk, under 2,000 and not less than 1,000 piculs, | 15.00 |
| 3rd class hulk, under 1,000 piculs, | 10.00 |

VII. ALL OTHER BOATS OR VESSELS OF ANY DESCRIPTION AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE NOT ALREADY SPECIFIED (EXCEPT *BONA FIDE* PLEASURE BOATS).

54. 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 *E* annexed. A fee of one dollar shall be payable to the Harbour Master for this certificate. The applicant shall give such security for his appearance when required as the Registrar General may demand. Each licence shall be numbered, and shall not be transferable.

55. Each licence shall state the length, breadth and measurement in piculs of the boat, and shall be valid for one year only, from the 1st April.

56. 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 2½ inches in height, and no other number, and such number shall not be concealed.

The numbers shall be painted by persons duly authorised in that behalf by the Licensing Officer and for such fees as the Licensing Officer shall from time to time direct.

57. Every boat shall, between sunset and sunrise, exhibit a light at the bow visible all round not less than two feet above the gunwale.

58. The following licence fees shall be charged :—

| | |
|---|---------|
| 1st class boat, 800 piculs and upwards, | \$20.00 |
| 2nd „ under 800 and not less than 450 piculs, | 10.00 |
| 3rd „ under 450 and not less than 100 piculs, | 5.00 |
| 4th „ under 100 piculs, | 3.00 |
| 5th „ under 50 piculs, | 1.00 |
| 6th „ under 25 piculs, | 0.50 |

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Acting Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
HONGKONG.

Form A.

No. _____ Victoria, _____, 190 .
Class _____

Certified that I have examined the* 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, | NUMBER AND AGES OF PERSONS ON BOARD. | | | |
| | Males. | | Females. | |
| Breadth, | Over 12. | Under 12. | Over 12. | Under 12. |
| Measurement, piculs. | | | | |

Fee \$1.

* State whether Cargo-boat or Lighter.

Inspector of Cargo-boats.

Form B.

No. _____ Victoria, _____, 190 .
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.

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|----------|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Length, | NUMBER AND AGES OF PERSONS ON BOARD. | | | |
| | Males. | | Females. | |
| Breadth, | Over 12. | Under 12. | Over 12. | Under 12. |
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Inspector of Police.

Form C.

No. _____ Victoria, _____, 190 .

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. |
| | | | |

* State whether Bumboat, etc.

Inspector of Police.

Form D.

No. _____ Victoria, _____, 190 .

Class _____
 Certified that I have examined the fish-drying hulk owned by _____ applicant for a licence, and
 that I find the boat is in all respects fit and proper to be employed in that capacity.

Length,

Breadth,

Measurement, Piculs.

| NUMBER AND AGES OF PERSONS ON BOARD. | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Males. | | Females. | |
| Over 12. | Under 12. | Over 12. | Under 12. |
| | | | |

Inspector of Police.

Form E.

No. _____ Victoria, _____, 190 .

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 employed in the conveyance of _____ piculs measurement.

Length,

Breadth,

Measurement, Piculs.

Fee \$1.

| NUMBER AND AGES OF PERSONS ON BOARD. | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Males. | | Females. | |
| Over 12. | Under 12. | Over 12. | Under 12. |
| | | | |

Inspector of Cargo-boats.