

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 228.—The following Notices are published with reference to the Public Traffic Regulations for the Port of Hongkong promulgated in Government Notification No. 286 of the 3rd August, 1914:—

Regulations for River Steamers wishing to take shelter in the Port of Hongkong during bad weather.

If the Examination Vessels are withdrawn on account of bad weather River Steamers arriving at the Western Entrance wishing to enter harbour should hoist the International Signal P.D. "Permission is urgently requested to enter harbour". This signal will be acknowledged by the Examination Battery at Stonecutters hoisting the International Answering Pendant.

On the Examination Battery hoisting T.X.A. "Proceed into harbour" the incoming vessel may proceed West of Stonecutters and anchor North of the Island to the Eastward of a line joining the West Point of Stonecutters and the torpedo pier at Lai-chi-kok.

2. Vessels while anchored in the above mentioned position are to hold no communication with the shore.

3. On the weather moderating vessels are to proceed West of Stonecutters to the Examination Anchorage where they are to remain until they have been examined and passed into harbour in the usual manner.

4. Disobedience of any of the above regulations will render the offender liable to be fired on without warning.

Typhoon Signals.

Should the local typhoon signals be hoisted (either red or black) all vessels are to at once raise steam or make other preparations for shifting berth.

Steamers are to shift to Kowloon Bay as soon as possible. All steam launches to proceed to Chin Wan or Mong Kok Tsui Shelter.

All native craft to proceed to either Mong Kok or Causeway Bay Shelter.

Should the typhoon signals be hoisted by night all vessels may proceed to their respective shelters. When the signals are lowered all vessels may return to their respective berths by day.

Western Entrance.

The Channels to the South of Lantao are open to River Traffic and Junks.

Entry of Launches, etc.

The owners of launches and other small craft are informed that the entry of their vessels into the port will be greatly facilitated if they are each supplied with a set of International Code Flags.

No. 229.—It is hereby notified that Government Notification No. 342 of the 29th August, 1914, forbidding launches, junks, boats or other vessels to approach within one hundred yards of any ships lying in Kowloon Bay, without a permit from the Harbour Master, is rescinded as from the 17th May, 1915.

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21st May, 1915.