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**CHAPTER 55**

**THE BOATS REGULATIONS**

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**BOATS REGULATION ACT**

**THE BOATS REGULATIONS, MADE UNDER THE PROVISIONS  
OF SECTION 3 OF THE BOATS REGULATION ACT.**

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**1. SHORT TITLE.** These Regulations may be cited as the Boats Regulations.

**2. INTERPRETATION.** In these Regulations—

“Officer” shall include Harbour Master, Treasury or Revenue Officer, members of the Police Force and a local constable.

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- 3. DISORDERLY CONDUCT.** No person shall misconduct himself on board or alongside of any boat or vessel by fighting or making use of abusive, blasphemous, indecent, insulting, profane or threatening language or otherwise conduct himself in a disorderly manner.
- 4. UNEMPLOYED BOATS TO REMAIN AT STATION APPOINTED.** Passenger boats which are unemployed shall remain at the station appointed for them by any officer.
- 5. BOATS TO STOP WHEN ORDERED TO DO SO.** All boats shall stop on being hailed by any officer, and the coxswain or any member of the crew who shall be requested to do so shall give the name of such boat with its number, if any, and also if required, the names of the men employed at the time in such boat.
- 6. BOATS NOT TO REMAIN ALONGSIDE VESSEL.** No boat of any description shall remain alongside the gangway of any vessel moored or at anchor, or alongside or tied to any public wharf or jetty, longer than is necessary for taking in and setting down passengers, luggage and cargo, and all boats must haul clear of any such gangway, wharf or jetty on being ordered to do so by any officer.
- 7. PROCEDURE.** Not more than one boat at a time shall come alongside of any vessel at anchor, or moored, without the authority of an officer. When the ladder or gangway is already occupied boats shall be not less than 20 yards off and, on the ladder or gangway being clear, shall approach in the order called by any officer in charge of the gangway, then in the order of their arrival off the vessel.
- 8. OBSTRUCTION.** No boat of any description shall be allowed to drift on, to, or otherwise obstruct, the approach to the gangway of any vessel at anchor, or moored.
- 9. DISTANCE FROM SHIPS OF WAR.** No boat of any description shall remain within 50 yards of any ship of war at anchor, without the permission of the officer in command.
- 10. BOATS PLYING FOR HIRE.** Boats plying for fares alongside vessels shall keep at a distance of not less than 25 yards from such vessels until called alongside.

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**11. LIABILITY FOR OFFENCE.** When and where in these regulations it is provided what a boat shall do or shall not do, the person or persons concerned in any manner with the working of such boat, shall be liable to a penalty provided for the breach of any such regulation.

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