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By His Honor's Command,

W. H. AYLMEER,

Clerk to Superintendent.

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THE following Bye-Laws (Regulations for Licensed Watermen and Boats) for the Bluff Harbor, approved of by the Governor in Council, are published for general information.

E. W. STAFFORD,
(In the absence of Mr Hall.)

BYE-LAWS, BLUFF HARBOR.

Regulations for Licensed Watermen and Boats.

1. If any person shall ply for hire in Bluff Harbor with any boat in the conveyance of passengers, unless both he and the boat which he shall use for that purpose shall be thereto duly licensed in manner hereinafter directed, he shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

2. Before any license shall be granted to any person he shall prove to the satisfaction of the

Harbor Master that he thoroughly understands the management of a boat, and the Harbor Master shall thereupon give him a certificate to that effect upon the presentation of which, and the payment of a fee of ten shillings to the Provincial Treasurer he shall be entitled to receive a Waterman's License in the form hereto annexed, and he shall thereafter be called a licensed waterman.

3. Every such license shall remain in force as long as it shall not be suspended or cancelled in manner hereinafter provided.

4. Every licensed waterman, when employed either on the Jetty or in the harbor, shall be subject to the control of the Harbor Master, and if any such licensed waterman shall fail or neglect to obey any order or instructions given to him by the Harbor Master, in the discharge of his duty as Harbor Master, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

5. The Harbor Master shall inspect every boat for which a Waterman's Boat License shall be desired

and its appurtenances, and he shall give to the owner thereof a certificate in writing, in which shall be stated the name of the boat, the length, breadth, depth, cubic capacity, the name of the owner, and the number of persons which such boat shall be licensed to carry in ordinary weather, and also as hereinafter provided when the tiller shall be hoisted at the stern and the mast high.

6. To assist the Harbor Master to ascertain the number of persons which any boat may safely carry, he shall, in addition to measuring the cubic contents, be authorized to require the person applying for a license in his presence to lade it to its bearings, and to ascertain the absolute weight of such lading.

7. Upon presentation of the certificate hereinbefore mentioned, and upon the payment of one pound to the Provincial Treasurer, he shall issue to the person named therein, and for the boat named in the boat certificate, a license in the form hereto annexed.

8. But no boat shall be licensed under these Regulations unless it shall, by admeasurement inside, be at least four feet six inches in the beam and twenty inches deep, nor unless it shall contain eighty cubic feet of space, nor unless also it shall be in sound condition, properly found, and, in the opinion of the Harbor Master, suitably constructed for the safe conveyance of passengers.

9. No boat shall be licensed under these Regulations which shall not be owned by a licensed waterman, and the license of any licensed boat which shall cease to be owned by the licensed waterman to whom the license shall have been issued, shall thereby become null and void.

10. Every Waterman's Boat License which shall be issued under these Regulations, shall, during the time in which the same may be suspended, or unless it shall be sooner cancelled in manner hereinafter provided, remain in force for one year from the date hereof and no longer.

11. Every licensed waterman shall, in a conspicuous place in the sternsheets or on the back-board of every boat with which he shall ply for hire, have legibly painted in letters not less than two inches long the name of the boat, the number of persons (including the crew) that the boat shall be licensed to carry in ordinary weather, and the name of the owner, and, in default thereof, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

12. Every licensed waterman who shall carry in any boat more passengers or passengers and luggage than by the license for such boat and these Regulations shall be authorized, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than five pounds and not exceeding twenty pounds.

13. It shall be lawful to lade any licensed waterman's boat partly with passengers or partly with cargo or luggage; and for the purposes of these Regulations every one hundred and fifty pounds weight of cargo or luggage, over and above the twelve hereinafter allowed to each passenger, shall be deemed to be equivalent to one passenger.

14. If any licensed waterman shall be convicted of larceny, or of using, while carrying passengers, threatening, abusive, obscene, or profane language, or of being drunk whilst carrying passengers, the Superintendent may, if he shall see fit, by notice in the Provincial Government Gazette declare the license or licenses held by such licensed waterman to be forfeited, and every such license shall

thereupon become null and void.

15. Every licensed waterman who, unless his destination shall render it necessary, shall take a boat carrying passengers into the tide rip when it shall be breaking and dangerous, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

16. If any licensed waterman shall stow, or suffer to be stowed in any boat of which he shall have charge, and in which there shall be any passenger, cargo or luggage, in such a manner as to interfere with the rowing, or to endanger the life of such passenger, he shall be liable to a penalty of not less than five pounds and not exceeding twenty pounds.

17. Every licensed waterman who shall not, when required by the Harbor Master, suffer his licensed boat or boats, and the appurtenances thereof, to be inspected, and who shall not, for that purpose, have it or them ready at the time or place which shall be appointed by the Harbor Master, and render such assistance as may be then and there required from him, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

18. If the Harbor Master, after inspecting any licensed waterman's boat and its appurtenances, shall be of opinion that it is unsound, not properly found, or otherwise unseaworthy, he is hereby authorized to suspend and demand the custody of the license of such boat until he shall be satisfied that it shall have been properly repaired or otherwise rendered seaworthy; and the owner of such boat, who shall fail to deliver to the Harbor Master such license when so demanded, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds for every day during which he shall fail to deliver up the same.

19. Every licensed waterman in charge of a licensed waterman's boat, shall, when required by the Harbor Master or any passenger by such boat, produce his own and boat's license for inspection, and, in default, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two pounds.

20. Any licensed waterman who shall lend his license to any other person shall be liable to a penalty of five pounds.

21. But any licensed waterman who by sickness shall be prevented from plying, shall, on depositing with the Harbor Master a certificate from a duly qualified medical practitioner to that effect, together with his license, be permitted to nominate a substitute in his stead, and if such substitute shall prove to the satisfaction of the Harbor Master that he thoroughly understands the management of a boat, the Harbor Master shall issue to him a certificate which shall authorize him to ply for hire in the conveyance of passengers for a period not exceeding one month, and such certificate may from time to time be renewed during the illness of the licensed waterman whose license shall be so deposited with the Harbor Master.

22. During the currency of every such certificate, and for the purposes of these Regulations, it shall be deemed to be a waterman's license, and every person to whom such a certificate shall be issued, shall be deemed to be a licensed waterman, subject to these Regulations.

23. For the purpose of these bye-laws, the harbor shall be divided into "the Ordinary Anchorage," "the North Channel Anchorage," "the Outer Anchorage," "the Bay," and "the Short Arm."

(a.) "The Ordinary Anchorage" shall be bounded by a straight line produced south-

wards from the black buoy on the point of the southern sandspit to the shore, and northwards to the middle sandspit, thence by a straight line to the red perch buoy, thence in a straight line to the shore at Burial Point.

(b.) "The North Channel Anchorage" shall be all that part of the harbor, exclusively of the ordinary anchorage, which is bounded by a straight line drawn from the shore at Barrack Point to the upper red buoy in the North Channel, thence by a straight line to Rocky Point, thence by the shore to Davies' Point, and thence by a straight line to the shore at Burial Point.

(c.) "The Outer Anchorage" shall be all that part of the harbor bounded by the shore from Starling Point to Burial Point, thence by the North Channel Anchorage to Davies' Point, thence by the shore to East Point, and thence in a straight line to Starling Point.

(d.) "The Bay" shall be all that part of the harbor which lies on the north and north-west of the North Channel Anchorage, and on the west of Short Arm.

(e.) "Short Arm" shall be all that part of the harbor eastward of a straight line drawn in the direction of Dog Island Lighthouse, from the Trig. Station, marked M, near Easy Landing Point, to the south shore.

24. "Tewaewae Point" shall be all that portion of land lying to the westward of a straight line drawn from Trig. Station M, near Easy Landing Point, to Dog Island Lighthouse.

25. The following are the fares which licensed watermen shall be authorised to charge :-

	Passenger.		
	For one	For each, if two	For each, if three or more
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
From the Jetty to—			
Any part of the Ordinary Anchorage ...	1 6	1 6	1 6
Any vessel in the North Channel ditto ...	3 0	2 0	2 0
Any part of the Shore on the South side of the North Channel Anchorage ...	3 0	2 0	2 0
Any part of the Bay ...	5 0	3 6	3 0
From the Jetty, the Ordinary Anchorage, or the North Channel Anchorage, to any part of the Outer Anchorage ...	5 0	3 6	3 0
From the Jetty, Ordinary, North Channel, or Outer Anchorage, to Tewaewae Point ...	5 0	3 6	3 0
From any landing - place below Burial Point to any vessel in the Outer Anchorage ...	3 0	2 0	2 0
From any other part of the Harbor, or any part of Short Arm, the fare shall be such as shall be agreed upon before starting			

26. Every passenger in a licensed waterman's boat shall be entitled, without making any additional payment, to have carried in the same boat with him twelve pounds luggage.

27. Between sunset and sunrise double fares may be charged.

28. When a black ball shall be hoisted by the Harbor Master, or any person deputed by him, at the masthead of the flag-staff near the jetty, the number of persons which may then be lawfully carried in any licensed waterman's boat shall be restricted to that specified in the license at such times to be carried, but at such times treble fares may be demanded and charged.

29. When a black ball shall be hoisted by the Harbor Master, or any one deputed by him, on the flag-staff aforesaid half-mast high, the number of persons which may lawfully be carried in any licensed waterman's boat shall be restricted to that specified in the license at such times to be carried, but at such times the fares shall be regulated by an agreement to be made previously to starting.

30. If any passenger shall be desirous to return in the same boat in which he shall have arrived at his destination, and there should be no other passenger or passengers desirous to proceed to any other part of the harbor, he shall be at liberty to detain it for ten minutes and to return upon payment of half-fare.

31. If any passenger shall detain any licensed waterman's boat more than ten minutes, he shall pay for every half-hour or fraction of half-an-hour in excess thereof, sixpence for every person such boat shall be licensed to carry.

32. Every licensed waterman shall be authorised to demand the payment of his fares before starting.

33. Any licensed waterman who shall demand more than the fare in each case herein authorised, or who, without sufficient reason, shall refuse or neglect to employ his boat when required, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds; but no licensed waterman shall be compelled to employ his boat when a black ball shall be hoisted as aforesaid either at the masthead or halfmast high.

34. In the event of any passenger requiring any licensed waterman's boat to be doubly manned, double the fares herein authorised may be charged.

Waterman's License, Bluff Harbor.

is authorised to ply for hire as a licensed waterman in Bluff Harbor.

Provincial Treasurer.

Waterman's Boat License, Bluff Harbor.

Name of the boat	Build	Length
feet	inches.	feet
inches.	Depth	feet
	inches.	inches.
Cubic capacity	feet	inches.
Number of passengers, including crew, authorised to be carried—		

In ordinary weather ...
When black ball hoisted at masthead ...
When black ball hoisted halfmast high

Name and residence of owner
License granted ... 18 . Expires

Provincial Treasurer.

I, John Parkin Taylor, Superintendent of the Province of Southland, by virtue of all powers in anywise enabling me in this behalf, do hereby make and publish the foregoing By-laws and Regulations for the Bluff Harbor.

Given under my hand this twenty-third day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty six.

JOHN PARKIN TAYLOR,
Superintendent.

The foregoing Rules and Regulations submitted to and approved of by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, this seventeenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty six.

G. GREY,
Governor.

FORREST GOSWICK,
Clerk of the Executive Council.