

SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

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MOTOR LAUNCHES REGULATIONS

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made under section 15

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Launches Regulations. Citation.

2. In these Regulations the expression “Harbour Master” means the Harbour Master of Port-of-Spain. Interpretation.

3. (1) The Harbour Master shall keep a Register of motor launches in which he shall enter the register number and the name, if any, of the launch, the name and place of residence of the owner, particulars of the hull and machinery, and the dates and particulars of the last survey under the Act. Register of launches.

(2) Licences under section 5 of the Act shall be in Form B in the Schedule. Form B. Schedule.

4. Every launch registered under these Regulations shall have her register number clearly painted on both bows. No. of launch to be shown.

5. Every launch shall be provided with the following equipment: Equipment.

- (a) an efficient bilge pump;
- (b) an efficient anchor and cable with fairlead and anchoring bollard;
- (c) launches under nine metres in length, with at least one, and over nine metres in length with at least two efficient fire extinguishers, or more as the surveyors may direct;
- (d) launches under nine metres in length, with two efficient life buoys;
launches of nine metres but under fifteen metres in length, with four efficient life buoys;
launches of fifteen metres and over in length, with six efficient life buoys;
approved life belts, life rafts, or floating cushions may be substituted for half the above number of life buoys;

life buoys must be carried in racks from which they may be readily lifted, and must not be lashed or tied to the launch;

- (e) two boat hooks;
- (f) launches propelled by single internal combustion engines must carry two oars or sweeps;
- (g) launches steered by a wheel amidships with wire steering ropes shall in addition be fitted with a tiller;
- (h) an efficient sound-signalling apparatus;
- (i) steaming lights as laid down in the Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.*

All the above equipment shall be of a pattern approved by the Harbour Master.

Internal
combustion
engines.

6. Launches driven by internal combustion engines shall be fitted with—

- (a) an efficient fuel tank capable of carrying sufficient fuel for proposed trips, so that refuelling from this when steaming need not be resorted to;
- (b) a safety device for relieving pressure in oil tanks in case of fire;
- (c) a drip tray under the engine and fuel tanks;
- (d) a cock or valve between the fuel tank and the engine;
- (e) a marine clutch;
- (f) a water-cooled exhaust.

Lights.

7. All launches registered under these Regulations shall when under weigh between sunset and sunrise carry the lights prescribed for such vessels by the Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. This regulation shall not apply to launches belonging to the Police or Customs Departments.

* *Vide* "Sea Regulations, 1910" made by Order in Council dated 13th October 1910. S.R. & O. 1910 No. 1113 made under section 418 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 of the United Kingdom (57 & 58 Vic. c. 60).

8. A surveyor may require a launch to be beached for examination out of the water, and the engine to be opened up for internal examination. He must be satisfied the hull is sound and seaworthy and the engine suitable for the boat, and that decked-in spaces housing fuel tanks are suitably ventilated.

Powers and duties of surveyors.

He must certify the maximum number of passengers the boat may be licensed to carry and the minimum crew required to work the boat, and that the equipment required under these Regulations is on board and of approved pattern.

The number of passengers a launch may be licensed to carry shall be determined by dividing the clear area in square metres of space or spaces allotted for passengers by 0.37; provided that—

- (a) this number does not exceed the number for which seating accommodation is provided. This number should be found by dividing the total length, in metres of the seats by 0.45; and
- (b) the surveyor is satisfied that the launch has sufficient stability to carry this number.

Surveyors' reports shall be in Form A in the Schedule.

Form A.
Schedule.

9. All launches when plying for hire shall carry at least such crew as may be directed by a surveyor, and at least one of these shall be a licensed captain, and one a licensed engineer; provided that in the case of open or partially decked boats the captain and engineer may be the same person.

Crew.

10. (1) The fee for an initial survey is \$200.00 per launch and the fee for each annual survey after the initial survey is \$100.00.

Survey and registration fees and expenses.
[125/1964
37/1979
4/1985
148/1996].

(2) In addition to the survey fee the owner of a motor launch is required to pay to a Surveyor any reasonable travelling expenses incurred by the Surveyor in inspecting launches at a greater distance than one mile from the Harbour Master's Office but such expenses shall not exceed the rate set out in the Travelling Allowances Regulations in respect of the grade of vehicle used.

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Examination of
captains and
engineers.

11. (1) Examinations of captains and engineers of launches for Certificates of Competency will be held at the Harbour Master's Office at such time as may be arranged with the Harbour Master.

Forms C, E,
Schedule.

(2) Certificates of Competency shall be in Form C or Form E in the Schedule, as the case may be.

Examination
of captains.

12. Captains of launches will be required to satisfy the examiners that—

- (a) their eyesight is normal as regards form and colour vision;
- (b) by demonstration with models that they have a working knowledge of the Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea;
- (c) they have a thorough knowledge of the different lights carried at night by all types of small craft;
- (d) they understand the effect of the propeller and rudder on a launch when going ahead and astern, and understand how to go alongside piers, jetties, gangways and ladders;
- (e) they understand how to secure their boats alongside vessels and piers, and to pick up mooring buoys;
- (f) they have a thorough knowledge of the Regulations relating to harbours and Port Services;
- (g) they know what action to take in case of fire, man overboard, taking a boat in tow, being taken in tow, losing a rudder, engine breaking down, etc., under conditions pre-supposed by the examiners.

Examination of
engineers—
internal
combustion
engine.

13. An engineer of a launch with internal combustion engines will be required to satisfy the examiners that he—

- (a) understands the construction of his engine, including wiring, order of cylinder-firing,

timing, the lubricating and water cooling systems, adjusting the carburettor, and how to remove cylinders;

- (b) knows how to clean his engine, including decarbonising the engine, adjusting piston rings and adjusting bearings;
- (c) knows how to locate faults in the event of breakdown;
- (d) knows what action to take in emergency such as fire, etc.

14. Engineers of launches with steam engines will be required to satisfy the examiners that they understand —

Examination of engineers — steam engine.

- (a) the construction of the boiler, boiler-mountings and steam pipes, including how to see that water is maintained at the correct level, and what action to take in emergency;
- (b) the construction and action of the safety valve, and casing gear;
- (c) how to fire the boiler and maintain steam under all conditions;
- (d) construction and principle of main engines, auxiliary machinery and shafting with all pipe connections;
- (e) how to locate faults and do minor adjustments and repairs;
- (f) what action to take in emergency such as fire, etc.

15. When a candidate has satisfied the Board of Examiners that he is capable of serving as a captain or an engineer of a launch, the Harbour Master shall issue a licence in Form D or Form F in the Schedule, as the case may be. Such licence shall continue in force, subject to the provisions of the Act, for three years from the date of issue.

Issue of licences to captains and engineers. Forms D, F, Schedule.

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The licence of an engineer shall specify the make and type of engine the holder is licensed to drive, but a candidate may be licensed in respect of as many makes and types of engines as he is certified to be competent to drive, and the licence shall specify all the different makes and types he is qualified to drive.

Board of Examiners may suspend or cancel licences.

16. If at any time it appears to the Harbour Master that any licensed captain or engineer has been guilty of negligence or incompetence, he may call a Board of Examiners appointed under the Act to enquire into the alleged negligence or incompetence, and the Board may, if it thinks fit, suspend or cancel the licence, provided that in no case shall a licence be cancelled or suspended unless the holder is given an opportunity of being present and defending himself at the enquiry.

Production of suspended or cancelled licences

17. A licence so suspended must be produced to the Harbour Master within fourteen days for the purpose of endorsement, and any licence so cancelled must be surrendered to the Harbour Master within fourteen days.

Renewal of Captain's licence.

18. A licence as captain of a launch may be renewed without further examination, provided the application for renewal is made within one month of the expiration of the licence and that—

(a) his eyesight is normal as regards colour and form vision;

(b) his licence is not under suspension.

Renewal of Engineer's licence.

19. A licence as engineer of a launch may be renewed without further examination, provided that the application for renewal is made within one month of the expiration of the licence and that his licence is not under suspension.

Fees: examinations and issue or renewal of licences. [37/1979 4/1985 148/1996].

20. The fee for examination of a certificate of competency as Captain or Engineer of a launch is \$100.00 and the fee for the issue or renewal of a licence is \$100.00.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 8.

FORM A

THE MOTOR LAUNCHES ACT

REPORT BY SURVEYOR

TO THE HARBOUR MASTER,
PORT-OF-SPAIN.

I have the honour to submit that on [date] or [dates].....
I surveyed the launch

THE HULL

General condition
Keel
Planking or plates
Frames
Anchor and cable
Rudder and pintles
Oars
Rowlocks.....
Life buoys and Life belts
Fire Extinguisher
Bilge pump
Sea connections below water
The crew (*minimum*) necessary to handle the boat is

ENGINE, STEAM

Type
Date when new
General condition
N.H.P.
Cylinders, No.
Shaft
Propeller
Boiler (when last surveyed).....

INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES

Maker.....
H.P.
No. of Cylinders
General condition
Fuel (nature)
Clutch, (if any)

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INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES—Continued

- Stern tube and shafting
- Propeller
- Exhaust

Under the Regulations the launch may be licensed to carry passengers and I consider this number may safely be carried without loss of stability.

I consider the launch in all respects complies with Regulations under the Motor Launches Act.

Surveyor

Regulation 3(2).

FORM B

THE MOTOR LAUNCHES ACT

REGISTRATION LICENCE

HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE,
PORT-OF-SPAIN.

(Date)

This is to certify that the launch, belonging to has been surveyed and found seaworthy, and has been registered in this Office as a Motor Launch under the Motor Launches Act.

Registered No.....

Maximum number of passengers allowed

Minimum number of crew allowed

FEE—For a Motor Launch under 7 m—\$100.00

For a Motor Launch 7 m to 15 m—\$200.00

For a Motor Launch over 15 m—\$400.00

Harbour Master.

FORM C

Regulation 11(2).

THE MOTOR LAUNCHES ACT

No.

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY AS CAPTAIN OF
A MOTOR LAUNCH**

[Name] is hereby certified
to be competent to fulfil the duties of Captain of a Motor Launch under the
Motor Launches Act, after an examination held by us in Port-of-Spain on the
.....day of 20.....

Board of Examiners {

Date

FEE—\$50.00.

FORM D

Regulation 15.

THE MOTOR LAUNCHES ACT

LICENCE AS CAPTAIN

[Name] is hereby
licensed as Captain of a Motor Launch.

Harbour Master.

Date

This licence expires on theday of 20.....
FEE—\$100.00.

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FORM E

THE MOTOR LAUNCHES ACT

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY AS ENGINEER OF
A MOTOR LAUNCH**

[Name].....
is hereby, after an examination held by us in Port of Spain on the
..... day of 20....., certified to be competent
to fulfil the duties of Engineer of a Motor Launch under the Motor Launches
Act, when fitted with the following engines, viz—

Board of Examiners {

Date

FEE—\$50.00.

Regulation 15.

FORM F

THE MOTOR LAUNCHES ACT

LICENCE AS ENGINEER

[Name]
is hereby licensed as Engineer of a Motor Launch.

Harbour Master.

Date

This licence expires on the..... day of 20.....

FEE— \$100.00.