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AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR SECURING THE GOOD GOVERNMENT OF AND THE PROPER MAINTENANCE OF ORDER IN THE ROADSTEADS BAYS AND TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE STATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED OR INCIDENTAL MATTERS.

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Roadsteads Regulation Act.

Power to make regulations.

2. The Minister may make and when made may alter or revoke regulations for securing the good government of and the proper maintenance of order in the roadsteads bays and territorial waters of the State.

(Amended by Act 6 of 1976)

Penalties.

3. The Minister may attach penalties not exceeding the sum of three hundred dollars for the breach of any such regulation and every such penalty may be recovered in a summary way before a Magistrate.

(Amended by Acts 6 of 1976, 7 of 1976 and 9 of 1986)

Regulations to have same effect as if they were part of this Act.

4. Every such regulation while it remains in force shall have the same effect as if it were enacted in this Act and shall be judicially noticed.
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SCHEDULE*(Section 2)***ROADSTEADS REGULATIONS****Short title.**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Roadsteads Regulations.

Interpretation.

2. In these regulations "roadstead" includes all bays and territorial waters of the State unless expressly limited to any part thereof.

(Amended by Act 4 of 1974)

Conduct in Roadsteads.

3. No person shall misconduct himself or herself in any of the roadsteads or on board or alongside of any boat or vessel in any of the roadsteads by fighting or making use of profane or obscene language or otherwise conduct himself or herself in a disorderly manner.

Restriction on Anchoring in Roadsteads.

4. No vessel or boat shall anchor in the roadstead of Basseterre or Charlestown within one hundred yards of any mooring laid down in such roadstead for the use of any ferry boat engaged in plying between, or about, the Islands of the State, or any parts thereof.

(Amended by Act 4 of 1974)

Restriction on Throwing of Stones etc. in Roadsteads.

5. No person shall throw any ballast, stone, mud, clay, caddy or other article used for ballast into the waters of any roadstead where there is less depth of water than twenty fathoms.

Stations of Unemployed Passenger Boats.

6. Passenger boats which are unemployed shall remain at the station appointed for them by the Police.

Approach to Vessels to Await Pratique.

7. No boat of any description shall go alongside or approach within one hundred yards of any vessel arriving in any roadstead, until such vessel has been admitted to pratique.

Navigation Lights.

8. All boats when under way in the roadsteads of Basseterre or Charlestown between the hours of sunset and sunrise, shall carry a white light of a globular form not less than four inches in diameter, not lower than two feet above the stern or gunwale of such boat, such light to be always clear and visible from all points of the compass.

Boats to Stop when Hailed by Police etc.

9. All boats shall stop on being hailed by the police or treasury 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.

Mooring Positions to be Fixed by Harbour Master.

10. Boats of all descriptions shall anchor and moor only in such parts or places in any roadstead as the Harbour Master shall direct and appoint, and shall remove from such positions as often as he or she may direct.

Boats Alongside Moored Vessel.

11. (1) No boat of any description shall remain alongside the gangway of any vessel at anchor or moored in any roadstead longer than is necessary for taking in and setting down passengers and their luggage.

(2) Any boat must, however, haul clear of the gangway on being ordered to do so by the Police or any Revenue Officer.

(3) Not more than one boat at a time shall come alongside of any vessel at anchor or moored in any roadstead without the authority of the Police on duty.

(4) Boats shall not be less than 100 yards off and shall only approach when called by the police officer in charge of the gangway:

Provided that if there be no police officer in charge of the gangway then they shall approach in the order of their arrival off the vessel.

Obstructing Approach to Gangway of Moored Vessels.

12. No boat of any description shall be allowed to drift and obstruct the approach to the gangway of any vessel at anchor or moored in any roadstead.

Restriction on Approach to Warship.

13. No boat of any description shall remain within fifty yards of any man-of-war at anchor in any roadstead without the permission of the officer in command.

Boats Plying for Hire Alongside Steamers.

14. Boats plying for fares alongside steamers or vessels in any roadstead shall keep at not less than twenty-five yards distance from such vessels until called alongside.

Making Fast to Moored Vessels.

15. No boat, stage, raft or other craft or thing shall be made fast ahead or astern of any vessel at anchor in any roadstead unless authorised by the Harbour Master or the police to do so.

Penalty.

16. Any person committing a breach of these regulations shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding three hundred dollars.

(Amended by Acts 7 of 1976 and 9 of 1986)