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Exemptions.

10. Notwithstanding these Regulations the Governor in Council may, in special circumstances or in respect of any particular occasion, by notice published in the Gazette declare that these Regulations or any part thereof shall not apply to any vessel or boat or class of vessel or boat.

Revocation.

11. Regulation 77 of the Port Regulations is revoked.

Approved in Council this 24th day of January, 1984.

JENNY MANDERSON
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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In exercise of the powers conferred on the Governor in Council by section 13 of the Port Authority Law, the following Regulations are hereby made —

Citation and date of commencement.

1 . These Regulations may be cited as the Port Authority (Safety Equipment on Vessels) Regulations, 1984 and shall come into force on the 1st day of May, 1984.

Application.

2 . These Regulations shall not apply to any vessel which is propelled solely by oars or paddles.

Vessels of 8-20 feet in length.

3 .(1) A vessel of a length of over eight feet but not exceeding twenty feet overall shall carry not less than —

- (a) one life-preserver or buoyant vest for each person on board;
- (b) unless the vessel is a windsurfer or a hobby craft, —
 - (i) two oars and rowlocks, or two paddles;
 - (ii) one bailer or manual pump; and
 - (iii) one anchor with not less than fifty feet of rope attached ,

in effective working condition:

Provided that where the Director is satisfied that any vessel or class of vessel is of such a type that it is not intended, or that it is not necessary, to carry all or any of such equipment, he may by certificate under his hand exempt such vessel or class of vessel from all or any of the provisions of sub-paragraphs (i) to (iii) of paragraph (b).

(2) Any such vessel which is equipped with an inboard motor, fitted with built-in or fixed fuel tanks or equipped with a cooking or heating appliance shall carry not less than —

- (a) one carbon-dioxide fire-extinguisher of not less than four pounds content; or
- (b) one dry-chemical extinguisher of not less than two pounds content,

in effective working condition.

(3) If any such vessel travels —

- (a) beyond the outer reefs of the Islands; or
- (b) if there are no such reefs in that part of the sea in which the vessel is, then one mile off-shore, it shall carry not less than —
 - (a) one hand-held red flare;
 - (b) one pocket mirror; and
 - (c) one water-proof flash-light,

in a watertight container.

Vessels of 20-40 feet in length.

4 .(1) A vessel of a length of over twenty feet but not exceeding forty feet overall shall carry not less than —

- (a) one life-preserver or buoyant vest for each person on board;
- (b) one life-buoy;
- (c) one bailer or manual bilge pump;
- (d) one anchor with not less than seventy-five feet of rope attached;
- (e) one sound-signalling apparatus; and
- (f) three hand-held red flares; one pocket mirror; and either one water-proof flash-light or one hand-held red flare and two parachute flares; all in a watertight container.

(2) Any such vessel which is power-driven or equipped with a cooking or heating appliance shall carry not less than —

- (a) one carbon-dioxide fire-extinguisher of not less than ten pounds content; or
- (b) one dry-chemical extinguisher or not less than six and one-quarter pounds content,

in effective working condition.

Vessels exceeding 40 feet in length.

5 . (1) A vessel of a length of over forty feet overall shall carry not less than —

- (a) one life preserver or buoyant vest for each person on board;
- (b) two life-buoys;

- (c) one anchor with not less than one hundred feet of cable or rope attached;
- (d) one manual bilge pump;
- (e) one sound-signalling apparatus; and
- (f) three hand-held red flares, three parachute flares and one orange smoke signal in a water-tight container.

(2) Any such vessel which is power-driven or equipped with a cooking or heating appliance shall carry not less than —

- (a) one carbon-dioxide fire-extinguisher of not less than ten pounds content; or
- (b) one dry-chemical extinguisher or not less than six and one-quarter pounds content,

in effective working condition.

Vessel travelling beyond territorial waters.

6 . A vessel leaving the territorial waters shall be equipped with a radio telephone or other wireless apparatus, in effective working condition, capable of emitting distress signals.

Miscellaneous.

7 . Notwithstanding any other provision in these Regulations —

- (a) the operator of a jet ski-boat and every person on a boat propelled solely by sail shall wear a life-preserver;
- (b) a boat propelled solely by sail shall carry at least one pocket mirror.

Powers of inspection.

8 . The Director, a constable, and any person duly authorised in writing by the Authority, who has reasonable grounds for believing that there is or has been a contravention of these Regulations, shall have the power to board a vessel to ascertain whether there is or has been any such contravention.

Offences.

9 . (1) The owner of a vessel or boat shall be responsible for compliance with these Regulations in relation to that vessel or boat and, in the event of any contravention thereof, shall be guilty of an offence unless he can show that such contravention was without his knowledge or consent.

(2) For the purpose of sub-regulation (1), the owner shall, while the vessel or boat is being used by another person when he is not on board, be deemed to include the person in charge of the vessel or boat or, if no person is in charge thereof, all persons using it.