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G.O., No. 956 Marine

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RULES passed by the Government of Madras under the provisions of section 6, clause (k) of Act X of 1889, for licensing and regulating catamarans plying for hire, and flats and cargo, passenger and other boats (not being boats coming into the port from any system of inland navigation) plying whether for hire or not, or whether regularly or only occasionally in, or partly within and partly without, any port, and for determining the quantity of cargo and number of passengers to be carried by any such vessel.

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3. The Registering officer shall, upon the application of the owner or owners of a boat, and upon such boat being brought by him or them to such place as the Registering officer shall appoint for that purpose, survey and measure, or cause to be surveyed and measured, such boat in the presence of the owner or owners thereof or of any other person duly appointed for that purpose by such owner or owners, and, on being satisfied that a boat is seaworthy and fit for the service of owners specifying his or their name or names, occupation or respective occupations and place or respective places of residence and subscribing to a declaration that he or they fully understand these rules, grant a license,* in a form approved by Government, to such owner or owners to use the boat for the purposes of carrying goods and passengers or goods or passengers whether for hire or not, within the limits of the port. Such license shall express the dimensions of the boat, its rig, the equipment and the number of the crew considered necessary by the Registering officer, as well as the number of passengers and quantity of cargo it is to be permitted to carry and whether for hire or not, and every such

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4. Every boat being a steam launch the owner or master of which does not hold a certificate of survey under Act VI or Act VII of 1884 shall, before being licensed as hereinbefore provided, be surveyed by a person holding a certificate of competency as a first-class Engineer, who shall be selected for that purpose by the Registering officer and who shall report to the Registering officer as the condition of the hull and machinery of such boat and the time for which her hull and machinery will be sufficient, and the Registering officer shall not license any such boat until her hull and machinery shall be declared by the person to be so selected to be sufficient for the service intended and in good condition, and the license granted under these rules in respect of such boat shall, unless forfeited as hereinafter provided, be in force for one year from the date of survey if the hull and machinery of such boat shall be reported to the Registering officer as aforesaid as sufficient for so long, otherwise such license shall be granted only for the time for which the hull and machinery of such boat shall be reported sufficient. A fee of Rs. 25 shall be paid by the owner of any such boat in advance to the Registering officer before any such survey shall be made, which fee shall be paid by the Registering officer to the person making the survey on receipt of his report.

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9. So often as the ownership of any registered boat shall be changed, the licensed owner shall, within six days after such change shall have taken place, produce his license to the Registering officer, who will cancel the same, issue a fresh license to the new owner of such boat, and amend the original entry in the register in respect of such boat or make a new entry in respect thereof as the Registering officer shall think fit; the new owner shall subscribe a declaration as provided in rule 3 before a license is issued to him.

10. So often as the tindal of any registered boat, not being a catamaran, shoe dhonie or canoe used for the purposes of fishing, shall be changed or any alteration shall be made affecting any of the particulars contained in the license held by the owner or owners of such boat, such change or alteration shall be reported within 24 hours after the same shall have taken place by the owner or owners of such boat to the Registering officer, who will amend such license and the register accordingly, except in cases where any such alteration affects the carrying capacity of such boat, in which case the boat shall be remeasured and the original license held by the owner or owners thereof shall be cancelled and a fresh license be issued.

11. All owners of registered boats shall submit their boats, when called on to do so, to the inspection of the Registering officer or any person duly authorized by him, and shall execute such repairs to their respective registered boats as the registering officer or such other person as aforesaid shall direct to render them efficient, and no owner or other person shall use any such boat until such repairs shall have been duly executed thereto.

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12. All registered boats shall be manned and provided with such equipment as may be determined on by the Registering officer and noted in the license, and no owner shall allow his registered boat to ply without the requisite complement of men or equipment. Every owner of a boat licensed to ply for hire and the tindal of every such boat shall, if so required, carry in his registered boat such number of passengers and quantity of goods as shall be expressed in the license granted in respect of his registered boat.

13. All men employed as tindals in registered boats at a coast port other than the port of Masulipatam, and all men employed as tindals or as boatmen in registered boats at the port of Madras and Masulipatam, shall be registered in the office of the Registering officer in a book to be kept for that purpose by him, and no others shall ply, or be allowed to ply, in registered boats except on emergency and with the permission of the Registering officer. No person who, in the opinion of the Registering officer, is unaccustomed to the use of boats or is inefficient, shall be registered either as a tindal or as a boatman or shall be employed in any registered boat.

14. The owner or owners of every registered boat at the ports of Madras and Masulipatam shall cause the tindal and every boatman employed in such boat, and the owner or owners of every registered boat at a coast port other than the port of Masulipatam shall cause the tindal employed in such boat, to wear, when afloat in such boat, a metal badge engraved with the registered number of such boat; such badge shall be supplied by the Registering officer of the port free of charge in the first instance.

15. No tindal or boatman serving in any registered boat shall, by wilful neglect of his duty, cause any impediment to the service of such boat.

16. A registered boat shall not ply within the limits of the port between the hours of 6 P.M. and 6 A.M., without the permission of the Registering officer which is to be first obtained, nor shall a registered boat ply between 6 A.M. and 6 P.M., when any signal indicating bad weather or high sea is displayed from the Port flagstaff, without the special permission of the Registering officer.

17. No owner of any registered boat plying regularly for hire shall, without reasonable excuse, of which the Registering officer shall be the sole judge, refuse to allow such boat to ply for hire when required to do so, and, in the event of such owner so refusing, his license in respect of such boat shall be cancelled and no fresh license in respect of such boat shall be issued until the expiration of three calendar months from the date of such refusal.

18. No registered boat shall ply in fine weather if loaded with passengers or cargo beyond the number or quantity specified in the license granted in respect of such boat, or in rough weather with a greater number or quantity than that authorized for the occasion by the Registering officer; all persons shall, on being required so to do by the tindal or owner of a registered boat, leave the boat or, as the case may be, remove therefrom such quantity of cargo which such person shall have placed, or shall have caused to be placed, in such boat as the tindal or owner shall require him to remove if the number of passengers or quantity of cargo then in such boat shall exceed the number or quantity, as the case may be, allowed by this rule.

19. Owners of registered boats will instruct the tindal of such boats to pay immediate attention to the following signals of the Commercial Code when displayed from the Port flagstaff, viz. :—

- to the shore.*
- Flag S—All boats to return *at once to the harbour or landing place*;
 - Flag K—Surf is impassable;
 - Flag M—Communication with the shore dangerous;
 - Flag N—Boats can leave the harbour;
 - Flag F—Boats can enter the harbour.

and also to the boat-muster flag—a square blue flag with four parallel red bars running across-wise when hoisted at the Port flagstaff—which will be displayed on the Port officer desiring to carry out rule 11.

20. No tindal or other person in charge of or navigating any registered boat shall attempt to make such boat fast to, or shall take it alongside of, a vessel approaching an anchorage before such vessel has come to an anchor.

21. All passengers and goods shall be landed or shipped from within the limits, if any, that have been determined by Government, and no person engaged in shipping or landing passengers or goods shall do so beyond such limits unless the sanction of the Chief Customs authority at the port shall have been previously obtained.

22. The rate of hire to be charged for the carriage of cargo and passengers, respectively, will be determined from time to time by Government, and no owner of a registered boat licensed to ply for hire, or person deputed by any owner of such registered boat to carry any cargo or of any such cargo or passengers.

23. Any person who shall be convicted of disobedience of any of these rules shall be liable to forfeit any license which may have been granted to him under any of these rules.

When either of the following signals is hoisted at the port flagstaff at Madras, all boats shall return to the shore at once and shall not again ply without the special permission of the registering officer until the signal is hauled down :—

By day ————— Flag S.
By night ————— One red light.

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24. The decision of the Registering officer upon any matter in connection with these rules shall be open to appeal, which at a coast port shall be made to the Collector of the district, and at Madras to the Presidency Port Officer, provided that such appeal be preferred in writing within three days after the decision of the Registering officer shall have been communicated in writing to the party or parties concerned, and the decision of the Collector of the district or of the Presidency Port Officer, as the case may be, shall be final and conclusive.

25. The following fees shall be leviable for the survey, registration, licensing and inspection of cargo and other boats :—

	RS.	A.	P.
For each survey and measurement as required by the Boat rules, provided the boat is found seaworthy	1	0	0
On each occasion of a boat being found unseaworthy on being surveyed	0	8	0
For registration on each of the occasions prescribed by the Boat rules	1	0	0
For granting a license on each of the occasions prescribed by the Boat rules	1	0	0
For each annual inspection	1	0	0

Half the above rates shall be due and leviable in the case of canoes and shoe dhonies; and in the case of catamarans the existing scale, under which the corresponding fees do not exceed 8 annas, shall continue to be in force.

N.B.—No fee is leviable for amending a license or register.

NOTE.—Attention is called to the provisions of section 54 of Act X of 1889, which is as follows :—

“If any person disobeys any rule or order which a local Government has made in pursuance of this Act and for the punishment of disobedience to which express provision has not been made elsewhere in this Act, he shall be punished for every such offence with fine which may extend to 100 rupees.”

Penalty for disobedience to rules and orders of the local Government.

REGISTER showing the names, age, place of residence and occupation of tindals employed in the port of
in the district of for the year 189 and of tindals and crew in the
ports of Madras and Masulipatam.

Measurement—

FEET.

Length

Breadth

Depth

Quantity of cargo—

In fine weather

In rough weather

Number of Passengers without cargo—

In fine weather

In rough weather

Number of the crew—

In fine weather—

Tindal Lascars

In rough weather—

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Rig and equipment

When built and where

When repaired last and in what condition

Particulars respecting owners—

Name _____

Occupation

Residence

Particulars respecting tindal—

Name _____

Residence

Port of registry

Date of registry

LICENSE granted to _____ owner of the undermentioned boat (canoe or catamaran) measuring _____ feet in length, _____ feet in breadth, _____ feet in depth, to carry goods, passengers or letters to the extent specified below, to and from the shipping at or off the port of _____ Government under date the 18th of December 1890.

[illegible]

Signature of Registering Officer.

Station
Date[illegible]

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.
 " Collectors of Maritime Districts.
 " the Superintendent, Government Press.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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4. Every boat being a steam launch the owner or master of which does not hold a certificate of survey under Act VI or Act VII of 1884 shall, before being licensed as hereinafter provided, be surveyed by a person holding a certificate of competency as a first-class Engineer, who shall be selected for that purpose by the Registering officer and who shall report to the Registering officer as to the condition of the hull and machinery of such boat and the time for which her hull and machinery will be sufficient, and the Registering officer shall not license any such boat until her hull and machinery shall be declared by the person to be so selected to be sufficient for the service intended and in good condition, and the license granted under these rules in respect of such boat shall, unless forfeited as hereinafter provided, be in force for one year from the date of survey if the hull and machinery of such boat shall be reported to the Registering officer as aforesaid as sufficient for so long, otherwise such license shall be granted only for the time for which the hull and machinery of such boat shall be reported sufficient. A fee of Rs. 25 shall be paid by the owner of any such boat in advance to the Registering officer before any such survey shall be made, which fee shall be paid by the Registering officer to the person making the survey on receipt of his report.

5. Every boat being a steam launch having engines of under 50 nominal horse power shall, when plying, whether for hire or not, have on board in charge of her engines a person possessing a certificate of competency as an engine-driver granted under Act VI or under Act VII of 1884.

6. Every boat used for the purpose of fishing shall be registered in the manner hereinafter provided, and the owner or owners of every such boat shall obtain a license for such boat in manner hereinafter also provided, and every such boat shall carry on one of its sails and on each side of such boat a number to be assigned to such boat by the Registering officer when such boat is registered, and no person shall use any boat for the purpose of fishing until such license shall have been obtained and such boat shall have been registered nor without such number being so placed as aforesaid. Nothing in this rule shall apply to catamarans, shoe dhonies or canoes used exclusively for the purpose of fishing.

7. Every owner of a registered boat, not being a catamaran, shall paint upon a white ground in black English figures not less than six inches in length, on a conspicuous part of the bow of such boat on one side and of the quarter on the other, the number of such boat mentioned in the register and in his license. No person shall paint or cause to be painted or counterfeited upon any boat not duly registered any such figures as aforesaid or other mark likely to induce the belief that such boat has been registered.

8. For the better prevention of fraud and omission in painting on registered boats the figures above mentioned, the Registering officer shall cause the number of each boat on its being registered to be cut or branded thereon in the native characters most commonly in use in the port, and the owner or owners of every such boat shall keep cut or branded and painted on his or their registered boat the English and Vernacular figures thereon and shall not hide or obliterate them or any of them. No person, whether an owner of a registered boat or boats or not, shall alter or erase, or shall assist in altering or erasing, any such figures as aforesaid. All numbers painted or branded on a registered boat shall be effaced by the Registering officer on the license granted in respect of such boat being withdrawn.

9. So often as the ownership of any registered boat shall be changed, the licensed owner shall, within six days after such change shall have taken place, produce his license to the Registering officer, who will cancel the same, issue a fresh license to the new owner of such boat, and amend the original entry in the register in respect of such boat or make a new entry in respect thereof as the Registering officer shall think fit, the new owner shall subscribe a declaration as provided in rule 3 before a license is issued to him.

10. So often as the tindal of any registered boat, not being a catamaran, shoe dhonie or canoe used for the purposes of fishing, shall be changed or any alteration shall be made affecting any of the particulars contained in the license held by the owner or owners of such boat, such change or alteration shall be reported within 24 hours after the same shall have taken place by the owner or owners of such boat to the registering officer, who will amend such license and the register accordingly, except in cases where any such alteration affects the carrying capacity of such boat, in which cases the boat shall be remeasured and the original license held by the owner or owners thereof shall be cancelled and a fresh license be issued.

11. All owners of registered boats shall submit their boats, when called on to do so, to the inspection of the registering officer or any person duly authorized by him, and shall execute such repairs to their respective registered boats as the registering officer or such other person as aforesaid shall direct to render them efficient, and no owner or other person shall use any such boat until such repairs shall have been duly executed thereto.

12. All registered boats shall be manned and provided with such equipment as may be determined on by the Registering officer and noted in the license, and no owner shall allow his registered boat to ply without the requisite complement of men or equipment. Every owner of a boat licensed to ply for hire and the tindal of every such boat shall, if so required, carry in his registered boat such number of passengers and quantity of goods as shall be expressed in the license granted in respect of his registered boat.

13. All men employed as tindals in registered boats at a coast port other than the port of Masulipatam, and all men employed as tindals or as boatmen in registered boats at the port of Madras and Masulipatam, shall be registered in the office of the Registering officer in a book to be kept for that purpose by him, and no others shall ply, or be allowed to ply, in registered boats except on emergency and with the permission of the Registering officer. No person who, in the opinion of the Registering officer, is unaccustomed to the use of boats or is inefficient, shall be registered either as a tindal or as a boatman or shall be employed in any registered boat.

14. The owner or owners of every registered boat at the ports of Madras and Masulipatam shall cause the tindal and every boatman employed in such boat, and the owner or owners of every registered boat at a coast port other than the port of Masulipatam, shall cause the tindal employed in such boat, to wear, when afloat in such boat, a metal badge engraved with the registered number of such boat; such badge shall be supplied by the Registering officer of the port free of charge in the first instance.

15. No tindal or boatman serving in any registered boat shall, by wilful neglect of his duty, cause any impediment to the service of such boat.

16. A registered boat shall not ply within the limits of the port between the hours of 6 P.M. and 6 A.M., without the permission of the Registering officer which is to be first obtained, nor shall a registered boat ply between 6 A.M. and 6 P.M., when any signal indicating bad weather or high sea is displayed from the Port flagstaff, without the special permission of the Registering officer.

17. No owner of any registered boat plying regularly for hire shall, without reasonable excuse, of which the Registering officer shall be the sole judge, refuse to allow such boat to ply for hire when required to do so and, in the event of such owner so refusing, his license in respect of such boat shall be cancelled and no fresh license in respect of such boat shall be issued until the expiration of three calendar months from the date of such refusal.

18. No registered boat shall ply in fine weather if loaded with passengers or cargo beyond the number or quantity specified in the license granted in respect of such boat, or in rough weather with a greater number or quantity than that authorized for the occasion by the Registering officer; all persons shall, on being required so to do by the tindal or owner of a registered boat, leave the boat or, as the case may be, remove therefrom such quantity of cargo which such person shall have placed, or shall have caused to be placed, in such boat as the tindal or owner shall require him to remove if the number of passengers or quantity of cargo then in such boat shall exceed the number or quantity as the case may be, allowed by this rule.

19. Owners of registered boats will instruct the tindal of such boats to pay immediate attention to the following signals of the Commercial Code when displayed from the Port flagstaff, viz.:—

- Flag S—All boats to return at once to the harbour or landing place,
- Flag K—Surf is impassable,
- Flag M—Communication with the shore dangerous,
- Flag N—Boats can leave the harbour,
- Flag F—Boats can enter the harbour,

and also to the boat-muster flag—a square blue flag with four parallel red bars running acrosswise when hoisted at the Port flagstaff—which will be displayed on the Port officer desiring to carry out rule 11.

20. No tindal or other person in charge of or navigating any registered boat shall attempt to make such boat fast to, or shall take it alongside of, a vessel approaching an anchorage before such vessel has come to an anchor.

21. All passengers and goods shall be landed or shipped from within the limits, if any, that have been determined by Government, and no person engaged in shipping or landing passengers or goods shall do so beyond such limits unless the sanction of the Chief Customs authority at the port shall have been previously obtained.

22. The rate of hire to be charged for the carriage of cargo and passengers, respectively, will be determined from time to time by Government, and no owner of a registered boat licensed to ply for hire, or person deputed by any owner of such registered boat to carry any cargo or passengers for hire, shall demand a rate beyond that sanctioned by Government for the carriage of any such cargo or passengers.

23. Any person who shall be convicted of disobedience of any of these rules shall be liable to forfeit any license which may have been granted to him under any of these rules.

24. The decision of the Registering officer upon any matter in connection with these rules shall be open to appeal, which at a coast port shall be made to the Collector of the district, and at Madras to the Presidency Port Officer, provided that such appeal be preferred in writing within three days after the decision of the Registering officer shall have been communicated in writing to the party or parties concerned, and the decision of the Collector of the district or of the Presidency Port Officer, as the case may be, shall be final and conclusive.

25. The following fees shall be leviable for the survey, registration, licensing and inspection of cargo and other boats:—

	RS.	A.	P.
For each survey and measurement as required by the Boat rules, provided the boat is found seaworthy	1	0	0
On each occasion of a boat being found unseaworthy on being surveyed	0	8	0
For registration on each of the occasions prescribed by the Boat rules	1	0	0
For granting a license on each of the occasions prescribed by the Boat rules	1	0	0
For each annual inspection	1	0	0

Half the above rates shall be due and leviable in the case of canoes and shoe dhoneis; and in the case of catamarans the existing scale, under which the corresponding fees do not exceed 8 annas, shall continue to be in force.

N.B.—No fee is leviable for amending a license or register.

NOTE.—Attention is called to the provisions of section 54 of Act X of 1889, which is as follows:—

“If any person disobeys any rule or order which a local Government has made in pursuance of this Act and for the punishment of disobedience to which express provision has not been made elsewhere in this Act, he shall be punished for every such offence with fine which may extend to 100 rupees.”

(True Extract.)

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[Appendices

Register showing the names, age, place of residence and occupation of tindals employed in the port of year 189 and of tindals and crew in the ports of Madras and Masulipatam. in the district of for the

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