

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 21—1926.

I ASSENT,

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H. A. BYATT,
Governor.

29th November, 1926.

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the regulation of
Motor Launches.

[By Proclamation.]

BE it enacted by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago
with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council
thereof as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Motor Launch Short title.
Ordinance, 1926.

2. In this Ordinance—

“Board” means any two persons appointed to be Interpreta-
tion.
Examiners under section 12 ;

“Captain” means the person in charge of a motor
launch ;

“Engineer” means the person in charge of the
engine of a motor launch ;

[Price 6d.]

- “ Motor launch ” means any steam launch, motor boat or other vessel propelled by mechanical power, not exceeding one hundred feet in length ;
- “ Owner ” includes owner, charterer, agent or manager for an owner or charterer, master, and/or other person for the time being having the management or control of a motor launch ;
- “ Passenger ” means any person not being a member of the crew of a motor launch ;
- “ Regulations ” means regulations made under section 15.

Appointment
of surveyors.

3. The Governor may appoint such fit and proper persons to be surveyors of motor launches as he thinks proper.

Survey every
six months.

4. The owner of every motor launch shall cause the same to be surveyed once in every twelve months by a surveyor appointed as aforesaid, and such surveyor, if he is satisfied that the said motor launch is in good condition in hull, machinery and prescribed equipments, shall furnish the Harbour Master of Port-of-Spain with a declaration containing statements of the following particulars :—

- (1) that the hull, machinery and prescribed equipments of the motor launch are in good condition and that she is in all respects fit to be employed as a motor launch ;
- (2) the limits (if any) beyond which, as regards the hull, machinery and equipments, the motor launch is not fit to ply ;
- (3) the crew required for the safe navigation of the motor launch ;
- (4) the number of passengers the motor launch is, in his judgment, capable of carrying with safety ;
- (5) any other particulars which may be prescribed.

Licensing of
motor
launches.

5. The Harbour Master shall, on receipt of the declaration hereinbefore mentioned and on payment to the Treasurer of the prescribed fees, issue a licence under this Ordinance in the prescribed form, and such licence shall be in force for twelve months from the date thereof, unless previously revoked.

6. The Harbour Master may revoke a licence under this Ordinance in any case in which he has reason to believe— Revocation of motor launch licences.

- (1) that the declaration of the sufficiency and good condition of the hull, machinery and equipments of any motor launch has been fraudulently or erroneously made, or
- (2) that such licence has been otherwise issued upon false or erroneous information, or
- (3) that since the making of such declaration the hull, machinery or equipments have sustained any injury or are otherwise insufficient.

And in every such case the Harbour Master may, if he thinks fit, require the owner to have such motor launch again surveyed, and shall require from the surveyor a further declaration of the sufficiency and good condition thereof before issuing a new licence.

7. It shall be lawful for any Harbour Master and for any Assistant Harbour Master or surveyor to go aboard any motor launch at all reasonable times and to inspect the same or any part thereof, and if in consequence of any accident to any such motor launch or for any other reason he considers it necessary so to do, to require the motor launch to be placed in such a position that the whole of her hull may be examined; and any person who hinders any Harbour Master or any Assistant Harbour Master or surveyor from going aboard any such motor launch or otherwise impedes him in the execution of his duty shall be guilty of an offence under this Ordinance. Inspection by surveyors.

8.—(1) A person shall not serve on a motor launch carrying passengers as captain or engineer (if an engineer be required) unless he is duly licensed in that behalf under this section, and a person shall not employ any person as captain or engineer (if an engineer be required) who is not so licensed on a motor launch carrying passengers. If any person acts in contravention of this section he shall be guilty of an offence under this Ordinance. Licensing of captains and engineers.

(2) The Harbour Master of Port-of-Spain shall on payment of the prescribed fee grant a licence as captain or engineer of a motor launch, or a particular description

of motor launch, as the case may be, to any person applying for it, if such person is duly qualified under this Ordinance and under the regulations.

(3) A licence granted under this section shall be in the prescribed form, and shall commence on the date on which the same shall be granted, and shall be valid for three years. Every such licence shall be renewable subject to such re-examination (if any) as may be prescribed.

(4) It shall be lawful for any Harbour Master or any Assistant Harbour Master or any Customs Officer, or any member of the Constabulary Force in uniform, to require any person acting as captain, or engineer (if an engineer be required), to produce his licence for inspection ; and if any such person shall fail to produce his licence when so required, he shall be guilty of an offence under this Ordinance.

Offences.

9. If any motor launch shall be used for carrying passengers—

(a) without being duly licensed under this Ordinance,
or

(b) without a captain and engineer (if an engineer be required), duly licensed under this Ordinance, or

(c) having on board a larger number of passengers than she is licensed to carry,

the owner thereof shall be guilty of an offence under this Ordinance.

Refusing to
give name or
address or
giving false
name or
address.

10. If the captain or engineer of any motor launch who commits an offence under this Ordinance or under the regulations refuses to give his name or address, or gives a false name or address, he shall be guilty of an offence under this Ordinance ; and it shall be the duty of the owner of the motor launch, if required, to give any information which it is within his power to give, and which may lead to the identification and apprehension of such captain or engineer, and if the owner fails to do so he shall also be guilty of an offence under this Ordinance.

11. Every person who is guilty of any offence under this Ordinance, or under the regulations, for which no penalty is prescribed, shall be liable on summary conviction before a magistrate to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds.

Procedure and penalties.

12. The Governor may appoint such fit and proper persons to be examiners of captains and engineers of motor launches as he thinks proper, and any two of such persons shall form a Board.

Appointment of Board of Examiners.

13. The Board shall deliver to every person who has passed the prescribed examination satisfactorily or has otherwise satisfied the Board of his competency to act as captain or engineer of a motor launch, or a particular description of motor launch, a certificate in the prescribed form (hereinafter called a "certificate of competency") to the effect that he is competent to act as captain or engineer of a motor launch, or a particular description of motor launch, as the case may be.

Certificates of competency.

14.—(1) Any Court before which a person is convicted of an offence under this Ordinance or the regulations, or of any offence in connection with the navigation or use of a motor launch under any other Ordinance or any regulation made thereunder or at common law,

Suspension of licence and disqualification.

- (a) may, if the person convicted holds any licence under this Ordinance, suspend that licence for such time as the Court thinks fit, and if the Court thinks fit, also declare the person convicted disqualified for obtaining any licence under this Ordinance for such further time after the expiration of the licence as the Court thinks fit ; and
- (b) may, if the person convicted does not hold any licence under this Ordinance, declare him disqualified for obtaining a licence for such time as the Court thinks fit ; and

(c) shall, if the person convicted holds any licence under this Ordinance, cause particulars of the conviction and of any order of the Court made under this section to be endorsed upon any licence held by him, and shall also cause a copy of those particulars to be sent to the Harbour Master of Port-of-Spain.

(2) Any person so convicted, if he holds any licence under this Ordinance, shall produce the licence within a reasonable time for the purposes of endorsement, and if he fails to do so shall be guilty of an offence under this Ordinance.

(3) A licence so suspended by the Court shall during the term of suspension be of no effect, and a person whose licence is suspended shall during the period of suspension be disqualified for obtaining a licence.

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(4) Any person who by virtue of an order of the Court under this section has his licence suspended or is disqualified for obtaining a licence may appeal against the order, in the same manner as a person may appeal under the provisions of the Summary Conviction Offences (Procedure) Ordinance, and the Court may if it thinks fit, pending the appeal, defer the operation of the order. Provided that in case of such appeal no notice of reasons for appeal shall be necessary.

(5) If any person, who under the provisions of this Ordinance is disqualified for obtaining a licence, applies for or obtains a licence while he is so disqualified, or if any person whose licence has been endorsed applies for or obtains a licence without giving particulars of the endorsement, such person shall be guilty of an offence under this Ordinance, and any licence so obtained shall be of no effect.

Regulations.

15.—(1) The Governor in Executive Council may make regulations :—

(a) providing for the registration and identification of motor launches ;

- (b) prescribing the equipment to be carried by motor launches ;
- (c) prescribing the lights to be carried by motor launches ;
- (d) as to the examination, survey, inspection and measuring of motor launches, and as to the declarations to be made with regard thereto, and as to the notice to be given to the surveyors when surveys are required, and as to the amount and payment of any travelling or other expenses incurred by surveyors in the execution of their duties ;
- (e) prescribing the crew to be carried by motor launches ;
- (f) as to the examination of captains and engineers of motor launches, the conduct of the examinations, and the granting and form of certificates of competency and special certificates ;
- (g) as to the licences to be granted by the Harbour Master of Port-of-Spain under this Ordinance, and in particular as to the qualifications to be required to be possessed by captains and engineers respectively ; and as to the grounds for suspending and cancelling licences and for refusing to grant or renew licences to persons offending against this Ordinance or the regulations, or who have been convicted either summarily or on indictment of any offence whatsoever ; and as to the surrender by holders thereof of suspended or cancelled licences and the manner of dealing with the same ; and as to the registration of such licences and the renewal of licences ;
- (h) prescribing the fees to be paid for any certificate or licence issued, or act done, under this Ordinance ;
- (i) for regulating the conduct of the crew and passengers of motor launches ;

(j) providing for all such matters as are authorized by this Ordinance to be prescribed ;

(k) generally for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Ordinance.

(2) Any person who shall contravene or fail to comply with any regulation made under this section shall be guilty of an offence under this Ordinance.

(3) Regulations made under this section shall not have any force or effect until they have been approved by the Legislative Council, and when so approved by resolution shall, as from the date of such approval, have the same force and effect as if they were contained in and formed part of this Ordinance.

(4) All such regulations shall, after approval, be published in the *Royal Gazette*.

Saving of
other powers.

16. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to affect the provisions of any other law, provided that a person shall not be punished twice for the same offence.

Application.

17. This Ordinance shall not apply to motor launches forming part of the equipment of an ocean-going vessel or to motor launches used solely as private pleasure launches. A motor launch used for conveying passengers for payment in money or in kind shall not be deemed a private pleasure launch.

Commence-
ment.

18. This Ordinance shall commence and come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Governor by proclamation in the *Royal Gazette*.

Passed in Council this nineteenth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

JOHN DE NOBRIGA,
Clerk of the Council.