



## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 45—1945.

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B. E. H. CLIFFORD,

*Governor.*

21st December, 1945.

AN ORDINANCE to make provision for Identification Marks on Ships belonging to the Colony.

[22nd December, 1945.]

Commence-  
ment.

Enactment.

**E**NACTED by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof.

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Marking of Ships Ordinance, 1945.

2. (1) The following requirements shall be complied with by the owner and master of any ship to which this Ordinance applies :—

Marking of  
Ships.

(a) The ship shall have painted on each side of the hull, and if it be a sailing vessel, on each side of the mainsail, the letter " T " and a serial number assigned by the Harbour Master of the harbour of Port-of-Spain, hereinafter referred to as the Harbour Master.

(b) Every letter " T " and serial number painted on the sides and mainsail of any ship under the requirements of the preceding paragraph shall at all times be kept visible.

(2) (i) The letter " T " referred to in the preceding subsection shall be painted as a block letter and the serial number mentioned therein in Arabic numerals.

(ii) The breadth of the outline of the said letter " T " and of each such numeral shall be 6 inches.

(iii) The height and the maximum width of the said letter " T " shall be 30 inches.

(iv) The height of each such numeral shall be 30 inches and the width thereof as follows :—

No. 0	..	24 inches.
No. 1	..	6 "
No. 2	..	24 "
No. 3	..	24 "
No. 4	..	25.8 "
No. 5	..	24 "
No. 6	..	27 "
No. 7	..	21 "
No. 8	..	24 "
No. 9	..	24 "

(v) Each such numeral shall be 12 inches apart from any other such numeral.

(vi) The row of numerals shall be centred 16 inches below the said letter " T " : Provided that where there is insufficient space to admit of the numerals being centred 16 inches below the letter " T ", such numerals may be centred 15 inches abreast and to the right of the said letter " T ".

(vii) The letter " T " and the serial number shall be painted in white or yellow on a dark ground or in black on a light ground.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding subsections, if in the case of any particular ship to which this Ordinance applies there is insufficient space on the hull or mainsail thereof to admit of the letter "T" and the serial number assigned thereto being of the dimensions provided for by this section, the Harbour Master may authorise and require such reduction of such dimensions as he may think fit and every owner and master of any such ship shall comply with such requirement.

Application of Ordinance.

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Ch. 18, No. 8.

3. This Ordinance shall apply to the following ships:—

- (a) sailing vessels belonging to the Colony;
- (b) vessels registered under the Harbours Ordinance;
- (c) vessels registered under the Droghers Ordinance;
- (d) vessels engaged in the fishing industry of the Colony;
- (e) power driven vessels the gross tonnage of which is less than 1,000 tons, belonging to the Colony;

but shall not apply to—

- (i) any vessel owned by the Government; or
- (ii) any vessel privately owned and used solely for pleasure.

Application for number to be made and ship to be marked therewith.

4. The owner or master of any ship to which this Ordinance applies shall—

- (a) immediately after the coming into force of this Ordinance, or, in the case of a ship which is acquired after such coming into force, immediately after being so acquired, apply in writing to the Harbour Master for a number to be assigned to such ship, and such owner or master shall in such application give the name and description of the ship;
- (b) as soon as a number has been assigned by the Harbour Master under the provisions of the preceding paragraph cause the ship to be marked in the manner required by section 2 of this Ordinance if the ship is then in the Colony and if it is not in the Colony immediately as it arrives in the Colony;

Provided that any ship marked in accordance with the provisions of the Defence (Marking of Ships) Regulations, 1943, shall be deemed to be marked in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Power of Harbour Master to grant exemption from requirements of section 2.

5. It shall be lawful for the Harbour Master or for any person authorised by him and acting on his behalf to exempt any ship from all or any of the requirements specified in section 2 of this Ordinance.

6. The owner and master of any ship to which this Ordinance applies shall be liable for any contravention of or failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any requirement imposed thereunder ; but it shall be a good defence to any prosecution against either of them to prove that such contravention or failure occurred without his knowledge or consent and that he could not have prevented the same by the exercise of due diligence. Liability of owners and masters.

7. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any requirement imposed thereunder shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for six months or to a fine of four hundred and eighty dollars. Penalty.

Passed in Council this fourteenth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-five.

W. J. BOOS,  
*Clerk of the Council*