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WHEREAS the Range as hereinafter defined is land for the time being appropriated or used by the Admiralty for the purposes of His Majesty's Navy AND WHEREAS the sea area as hereinafter defined abuts on the Range and rifle practice is and can be carried on over such sea area from the Range.

NOW THEREFORE, in pursuance of the powers given them by the Military Lands Acts, 1892 to 1903, and of all other powers them thereunto enabling, the Admiralty hereby make the following Byelaws, namely:—

1. The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply for the interpretation of these Byelaws as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

DEFINITIONS.

2. The expression "vessel" includes any ship, yacht, lighter, boat or craft of any kind and whether navigated by steam, motor, sail, oars or otherwise.

The expression "aircraft" includes all balloons, whether fixed or free, kites, airships, aeroplanes, seaplanes, flying boats, gliders and other flying machines.

The expression "the Range" means all the land and foreshore, known as the Eastney Rifle Range, situate in the Parish of Portsea, bounded as follows:—

Commencing at a pile at low water mark opposite the Eastern end of the Eastney Esplanade and running in a direction N.N.E. to the S.W. angle of the Sea Service Battery and continuing in a North-Easterly direction for 950 yards to a notice board on the South-West side of the roadway known as the New Ferry Road near the point where this road turns in an Easterly direction;

t. in a direction E.S.E. for a distance of one hundred yards to a second notice board and continuing in a North-Easterly direction along the South-East side of the roadway known as the Old Ferry Road to the North-West angle of the 1,000 yards firing point; then along the North-East side of the 1,000 yards firing point and from the angle of this firing point in a South-South-Westerly direction to a mark pile at low water mark eight hundred yards Eastward of the Eastern end of Eastney Esplanade, thence on the seaward side of the line of low water to the starting point.

The expression "the sea area" means the expanse of sea extending into Spithead for 2,300 yards from low water mark on the centre line of the range bounded as follows:—

On the North.—By the line of low water from a pile opposite the Eastern end of the Eastney Esplanade (Lat. $50^{\circ} 47' 4''$ N., long. $1^{\circ} 2' 36''$ W.) in an Easterly direction to a second pile at low water mark (Lat. $50^{\circ} 47' 7''$ N., long. $1^{\circ} 2' 0''$ W.).

On the West.—By a line drawn from the pile at low water mark opposite the Eastern end of the Eastney Esplanade bearing 227° (true) to a point Lat. $50^{\circ} 46' 19''$ N., long. $1^{\circ} 3' 52''$ W., the position of which is marked by a white barrel-shaped buoy.

On the East.—By a line drawn from the pile at low water mark (Lat. $50^{\circ} 47' 7''$ N., long. $1^{\circ} 2' 0''$ W.), bearing 210° (true) to a point Lat. $50^{\circ} 45' 57''$ N., long. $1^{\circ} 3' 4''$ W., the position of which is marked by a second white barrel-shaped buoy.

On the South.—By a line drawn between the points marking the seaward extremities of the East and West Boundaries.

The expression "the danger zone" means the total area comprised in the Range and the sea area.

The expression "the signals" means the signals referred to in the Schedule appearing at the foot of these Byelaws.

3.—(a) During such times as the signals are hoisted or displayed no person other than the Officer-in-charge of the Range unless authorised by him so to do, shall (except as hereinafter provided) enter or bring or take or permit to be brought or taken into the danger zone any vehicle, animal, vessel, or thing and no person unless authorised as aforesaid shall remain or permit to remain therein any vehicle, animal, vessel or thing for a period longer than is essential to enable such person, vehicle, animal, vessel or thing to quit the same.

(b) During such times as the signals are hoisted or displayed no aircraft shall alight on, remain or travel upon, the area comprising the danger zone.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of the last preceding Byelaw :—

- (a) Nothing shall prevent any person using the road known as Old Ferry Road when firing is taking place at ranges of 200 yards and under.
- (b) Nothing shall prevent vehicles which, by reason of their exceeding 5 tons weight, are debarred from using the road known as New Ferry Road, from using the road known as Old Ferry Road during such times as the barriers referred to in the said Schedule are opened by order of the Officer-in-Charge of the Range for the purpose of permitting such vehicles to pass through the same, but all persons in charge of any such vehicles shall obey any directions given to them by the Officer or other person in control of such barriers and shall cause the vehicle or vehicles in their charge to pass out of the danger zone as rapidly as possible.

5. The following persons, viz. :—

- (1) The Commander-in-Chief, H.M. Ships and Vessels, Portsmouth,
- (2) The Officer-in-Charge of the Range,
- (3) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or any Military Policeman for the time being under the command of the said Officer-in-Charge,
- (4) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said Officer-in-Charge, or
- (5) Any Constable

SHALL HAVE POWER and ARE HEREBY AUTHORISED—

- (i) To remove from the danger zone and take into custody without warrant and bring before a Court of Summary Jurisdiction to be dealt with according to law, any person committing an offence under any of these Byelaws.
- (ii) To remove from the danger zone any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft, or other thing found therein in contravention of any of these Byelaws. Any such vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or other thing is liable to forfeiture as mentioned in the Military Lands Acts, 1892 to 1903.

GENERAL.

6. These Byelaws shall not apply to :—

- (a) Any vessel (not being a pleasure boat) passing as rapidly as possible through the sea area in the ordinary course of navigation.
- (b) Any vessel compelled to enter or unable to quit the sea area by reason of the exigencies of navigation.
- (c) Any vessel employed in tending, placing or replacing any of the channel mark buoys or other aids to navigation within the sea area.
- (d) Any yacht when actually engaged in racing provided that fourteen days' notice of the racing fixture has been given to the Commandant at Eastney Barracks.
- (e) His Majesty's Ships of War, His Majesty's Aircraft, or any vessel or aircraft employed under Admiralty, Army Council or Air Council authority.
- (f) Any aircraft compelled to alight on or unable to quit the danger zone.

7. These Byelaws may be cited as "the Eastney Rifle Range Byelaws" and shall come into force at the date hereof.

Dated this 22nd day of November, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Five.

PERCY NOBLE.

M. DUNBAR-NASMITH.

Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The Commissioners of Crown Lands hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Byelaws.

G. P. BEST,

A Secretary of the Office of the Commissioners of Crown Lands.

The Portsmouth Corporation hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Byelaws.

F. J. SPARKS,

Town Clerk.

The Board of Trade hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Byelaws.

WALTER RUNCIMAN,

President of the Board of Trade.

THE SCHEDULE HEREINBEFORE REFERRED TO.

Warning Signals preparatory to and during firing will be given as follows :—

By hoisting signals as hereinafter described at the following positions :—

- A. At each end of the Stop-Butts.
- B. On No. 1 Look-out flagstaff at the Eastern end of the Eastney Esplanade.
- C. On No. 2 Look-out flagstaff 150 yards South-West of the South-West corner of Fort Cumberland.
- D. On No. 4 flagstaff at the junction of the roads known as the Old and New Ferry Roads 100 yards W.S.W. of the 1,000 yards firing point.

And, in addition, when firing is taking place at ranges above 200 yards :—

- E. On No. 3 flagstaff at the junction of the roads known as the Old and New Ferry Roads 100 yards N.N.W. of the Sea Service Battery.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNALS.

BY DAY.

<i>Position.</i>	<i>Preparatory Signal.*</i>	<i>Firing Signal.†</i>
A.	A red flag at half mast.	A red flag close up.
B.	{ A red flag at half mast.	A red flag close up.
C.		
D.	Two red flags (one at half mast, one close up).	A red flag close up.
E.	A red flag at half mast.	A red flag close up.

* Preparatory signals will be flown for half an hour prior to the commencement of firing.

† Firing signals will be flown for the duration of the firing.

NOTE.—While any vessel or aircraft is within the danger zone by day the red flags on No. 1 and No. 2 look-out flagstaffs will be lowered to half mast to notify the Master or Pilot or other person in charge of the vessel or aircraft that he is within the danger zone.

NIGHT.

By a red light displayed at positions B and C for one hour prior to the commencement of firing and for the duration of the firing.

NOTE.—While any vessel or aircraft is within the danger zone by night, a second red light will be displayed below the red lights on the flagstaffs at No. 1 and No. 2 look-outs to notify the Master or Pilot or other person in charge of the vessel or aircraft that he is within the danger zone.

BY DAY AND NIGHT.

When firing is taking place at ranges above 200 yards, road barriers will be placed in the vicinity of Nos. 3 and 4 flagstaffs to indicate that the road known as Old Ferry Road is closed to traffic.

All warning flags and lights will be hauled down immediately the firing is over.

NOTES.

FIRING is liable to take place on the range at any time and no special notice of day firing will be issued.

When night firing is to take place, one week's notice of such firing will, when possible, be given to the following :—

The District Fishery Officer, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The Commander-in-Chief (for King's Harbour Master), Portsmouth.

The Chief of Police, Portsmouth.

The Langstone Harbour Authorities (if such exist).

Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening these Byelaws is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding Five Pounds.

Copies of these Byelaws can be obtained and a large-scale plan showing the Range and the sea area and the positions of the flagstaffs, Notice Boards, piles and buoys, can be inspected at the Office of the Brigade Major, Eastney Barracks.

Fishermen in pursuit of their calling will be afforded every facility consistent with the carrying out of rifle practice.