

REGULATION XXVII

Motor Boats

A motor boat carried as part of the lifesaving appliances of a vessel, whether required by Regulation XXXVI (2) or not, shall comply with the following conditions:—

- (a) It shall comply with the requirements for a lifeboat of Class I, and proper appliances shall be provided for putting it into the water speedily.
- (b) It shall be adequately provided with fuel, and kept so as to be at all times ready for use.
- (c) The motor and its accessories shall be suitably enclosed to ensure operation under adverse weather conditions, and provision shall be made for going astern.
- (d) The speed shall be at least six knots when fully loaded in smooth water.

The volume of the internal buoyancy and, where fitted, the external buoyancy shall be increased in sufficient proportion to compensate for the difference between the weight of the motor, the searchlight, and the wireless telegraph installation and their accessories, and the weight of the additional persons which the boat could accommodate if the motor, the searchlight and the wireless telegraph installation and their accessories were removed.

REGULATION XXVIII

Life Rafts

No type of life raft may be approved unless it satisfies the following conditions:—

- (a) It shall be of approved material and construction;
- (b) It shall be effective and stable when floating either way up;
- (c) It shall be fitted with fixed or collapsible bulwarks of wood, canvas or other suitable material on both sides;
- (d) It shall have a line securely becketed round the outside;
- (e) It shall be of such strength that it can be launched or thrown from the vessel's deck without being damaged, and if to be thrown it shall be of such size and weight that it can be easily handled;
- (f) It shall have not less than 85 cubic decimetres (equivalent to three cubic feet) of air-cases or equivalent buoyancy for each person to be carried thereon;
- (g) It shall have a deck area of not less than 3,720 square centimetres (equivalent to four square feet) for each person to be carried thereon, and it shall effectively support the occupants out of the water;
- (h) The air-cases or equivalent buoyancy shall be placed as near as possible to the sides of the life raft, and such buoyancy shall not be by any means dependent on inflation by air.

REGULATION XXIX

Buoyant Apparatus

Buoyant apparatus, whether buoyant deck seats, buoyant deck chairs or other buoyant apparatus, shall be deemed sufficient, so far as buoyancy is concerned, for a person or number of persons to be ascertained by dividing the num-