

For thirty
persons.

The life boat required to carry thirty persons may be considered of sufficient capacity if made of the following dimensions :—

Length of keel, eighteen feet ; breadth between metal and metal, five feet two inches ; depth from top of keel to top of gunwale, two feet two inches.

Inspector
may direct as
to build of
life-boats
carried.

28. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the immediately preceding section, the life boat or life boats on board of or attached to any steamboat on any of the voyages of such steamboat, may have air-tight metallic compartments at the sides only, or at the ends only, or shall have them at both ends and sides, according to the directions of the Inspector by whom such steamboat was last inspected.

Other boats
to be carried.

29. No steamboat of any registered tonnage whatever shall depart by sea from any port or place in the Dominion of Canada, or depart from any port or place on any of the lakes or rivers mentioned or referred to in section twenty-seven, with passengers, without having on board or attached to such steamboat, a good, suitable and sufficient boat, or good, suitable and sufficient boats, in good condition and properly equipped,—every such boat to be provided with not less than six oars, and other necessary tackle, and to be of sufficient capacity to carry not less than twelve adult persons, exclusive of the crew of such boat, and to be of not less than seventeen feet length of keel ; and the number of such boats to be in the following proportion to the registered tonnage of such steamboat, that is to say :—

Number of
for each
vessel.

For every steamboat of less than fifty tons, one such boat ;

For every steamboat of fifty tons and upwards, but less than one hundred tons, not less than two such boats ;

For every steamboat of one hundred tons and upwards, but less than three hundred tons, not less than two such boats, in addition to the life boat above required ;

For every steamboat of three hundred tons and upwards, not less than three such boats, in addition to the life boat above required :

Provision as
to care and
management
of boats and
their protec-
tion.

All such boats shall be hung in separate davits, with lowering apparatus complete and ready for instant lowering : Provided, that in any case where any such steamboat carries two life boats one of the other boats may be carried on the hurricane deck