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**PUBLIC BATHS AND SEA BATHING RULES**

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**PART I.—PRELIMINARY.**

**Title.**

1. These rules may be cited as the Public Baths and Sea Bathing Rules.

**Interpretation.**

2. In these Rules—

“attendant” means any attendant, inspector or other person employed by the Government in the management or control of the baths;

“bathing place” means the area of land or water provided for sea bathing by or under the control of the Government at Chatham Counterguard known as Montagu Sea Bathing Pavilion and includes any building or structure erected thereon ;

“bath-keeper” means the person appointed by or on behalf of the Government to manage and control the bathing place and includes any inspector, attendant or ticket-collector ;

“compartment” includes, any bath-room, dressing-room, shower-room or cubicle at the baths or bathing place ;

“the baths” means baths under the management of the Government, other than any bathing places provided for or in connection with swimming or bathing in the sea.

**PART II.—PUBLIC BATHS.**

**Days and hours of opening.**

3. The baths shall be open to the public on such days and during such hours as the Government may from time to time determine and of which notification shall be made by means of a notice exhibited at the entrance to the baths.

**Tickets.**

- 4.(1) Every person resorting to the baths shall before being admitted thereto or to any compartment obtain by payment from an authorized ticket-seller a ticket whereon shall be stated, in addition to such other particulars as the Government may from time to time direct, the class or description of

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bath to which such person shall be entitled to be admitted and the price thereof:

Provided that the Government may authorize any person or group of persons to use the baths without charge or on payment of such fees as the Government may determine and subject to such conditions as they may deem expedient.

(2) A person resorting to the baths shall upon being so required by an attendant deliver his ticket to such attendant.

### **Forcible and other improper intrusion.**

5. A person resorting to the baths shall not-

- (a) by forcible or improper means, enter or seek entrance to any compartment ;
- (b) knowingly use any bath or compartment of a higher class or description than that for which he has obtained a ticket for admission.

### **Privacy.**

6. A person resorting to the baths shall not knowingly intrude upon or interfere with the privacy of any other person using any compartment.

### **Disturbance and disorderly conduct.**

7. A person resorting to the baths shall not by any disorderly improper conduct disturb or interrupt any person in the proper use of the baths or of any compartment or in the execution of any, duty for which he is employed in the management or control of the baths.

### **Infectious or contagious diseases.**

8. No person shall while suffering from any infectious or contagious disease enter or use any bath or compartment.

### **Loitering.**

9. No person shall, without reasonable excuse, loiter or remain in the baths after having made use of any. bath or compartment.

### **Animals.**

10. A person resorting to the baths shall not cause any animal belonging to him or under his control to enter or remain in the baths or in any compartment.

**Damage.**

11. (1) A person resorting to the baths shall not wilfully, carelessly, negligently or improperly break, injure, destroy, soil, defile or remove any part of the baths or any furniture, fittings or conveniences constructed, provided or used in connection with the baths or wilfully, carelessly, negligently or improperly interfere with the due and efficient action of any lock, cock, valve, pipe or work in connection with the baths.

(2) All property damaged or destroyed shall be paid for by the person who damages or destroys the same and the cost of repairing any damage shall be charged to and may be recovered as a civil debt from the person causing such damage without prejudice to the Government's right to institute other legal proceedings.

**PART III.—SEA BATHING.**

**Tickets.**

12. (1) Every person resorting to the bathing place shall, before being admitted to the premises or to any bath or bath-room, obtain by payment from an authorized ticket-seller a ticket whereon shall be stated, in addition to such other particulars as the Government may from time to time direct, the class or description of bath or convenience therein to which such person shall be entitled to be admitted and the price thereof:

Provided that the Government may authorize any person or group of persons to make use of the bathing place without payment of any fees, but subject to such conditions as the Government may deem expedient.

(2) Every person before being allowed to enter or to use such premises or bath shall upon being so required by any bathkeeper, deliver such ticket to such bath-keeper.

**Entrance.**

13. No person resorting to the bathing place shall enter or quit such bathing place otherwise than through the doors, gates, passages or openings appointed by the Government as the authorized means of entrance to or egress from such bathing place.

**Only key holder to enter compartment.**

14. No person, other than the person to whom the key has been issued by a bath-keeper, shall enter any compartment. The bath-keeper will indicate to bathers the compartments they are to occupy.

**Forcible or other improper intrusion.**

15. No person by forcible or improper means shall

- (i) seek admission to the bathing place ;
- (ii) seek admission to any compartment which shall be occupied by any other person using a separate compartment ; or
- (iii) seek admission to any compartment before any person who shall be entitled to prior admission to such compartment.

**Privacy.**

16. No person shall, at any time, after being admitted into the bathing place, enter or seek admission from any compartment to any other compartment when occupied by any other person without the consent of such person, or otherwise knowingly intrude upon, or interfere with, the privacy of any person occupying any other compartment.

**Damage, etc. , to personal property.**

17. No person resorting to the bathing place shall wilfully or improperly remove or displace, or carelessly or negligently injure or destroy, any wearing apparel or other articles belonging to, or in the possession of, or in use by any other person using the bathing place.

**Damage to Government property.**

18. (1) No person resorting to the bathing place shall wilfully, carelessly negligently or improperly break, injure, destroy, remove, soil or defile any building, erection, fence, wall, stage, wicket gate or door, or any path, passage or means of access to the water or any furniture, fittings or conveniences constructed, provided or used in, upon, or in connection with the bathing place, or wilfully, carelessly, negligently, or improperly break or

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injure or improperly interfere with the due and efficient action of any lock, cock, valve, pipe or work in connection with the bathing place.

(2) All property damaged or destroyed shall be paid for by the person who damages or destroys the same, and the cost of repairing any damage done shall be charged to and may be recovered in a summary manner from the person causing such damage, without prejudice to the Government's right to institute any other legal proceedings.

**Life-saving apparatus.**

19. No person shall at any time meddle or interfere with any boats, life buoys or life-saving apparatus or use them except for life-saving purposes.

**Animals.**

20. No person shall cause or allow any animal, being his property or under his control, to enter or remain in the bathing place or any part thereof, or to bathe or swim in the vicinity of the bathing place.

**Disturbance and disorderly conduct.**

21. No person resorting to the bathing place, shall, by any dangerous, disorderly, threatening, improper or indecent conduct disturb, interrupt, molest or annoy any other person in the proper use of the bathing place, or any bath-keeper, officer, servant or person, appointed by the Government, in the execution of his duty.

**Insulting language.**

22. No person resorting to the bathing place shall at any time while using the bathing place use any threatening, indecent, offensive, insulting, improper or abusive words or behave in such a manner as to cause annoyance to any person.

**Loitering.**

23. No person shall, after using any bath or quitting any bath-room, loiter or remain, without reasonable excuse, in any passage leading to and from any bath or bath-room, or remain upon the premises.

**Fishing.**

24. No person shall at any time use the bathing place or any part thereof for fishing.



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**Bathing Costume.**

25. All bathers shall use a bathing costume which shall conform to Bathing the standards of decency and morality.

**Food and drink.**

26. No person resorting to the bathing place shall bring with him any foodstuffs or drink of any kind.

**PART IV.—GENERAL.**

**Undesirable persons.**

27. (1) The Government and any person appointed by or on behalf of the Government to be in charge of the baths of the bathing place may exclude from the baths or bathing place, as the case may be, any undesirable person.

(2) For the purposes of this rule an undesirable person shall include—

- (a) any person who has been convicted under any of these rules ;
- (b) any person who has been convicted of any crime against decency;
- (c) any person who is under the influence of drink or drug;
- (d) any person who suffers from any infectious or contagious disease ; and
- (e) as regards the bathing place, any person who is in a filthy, unclean or dirty condition.

**Waiting.**

28. Every person waiting for admission to a compartment shall remain in the waiting room and shall not stand or loiter in passage ways or importune the attendants or bath-keepers.

**Segregation of sexes.**

29. No male person over the age of seven years shall enter or use any part of the baths or bathing place appointed or appropriated for the exclusive use of any female or child under the age of seven years ; and no female shall enter

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or use any part of the baths or bathing place appointed or appropriated for the exclusive use of males.

**Removal of persons.**

30. Any person appointed by the Government to be in charge of the baths and any bath-keeper may eject or remove from the baths or bathing place, as the case may be for the rest of that day any person contravening any of these rules.

**Penalty.**

31. A person who commits an offence against any provision of these rules is, notwithstanding the provisions of rule 30, liable on summary conviction to a fine of £20.