

Rules and Procedures

Rule 103-E

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Rule 103-E - POLICE OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO HARBOR PATROL- HARBOR MASTER

This rule is issued to establish the duties of the Harbor Master and to set out the responsibilities and duties of police officers assigned to the Harbor Patrol. It is effective immediately; superseding all previously issued directives concerning these subjects and replacing Rule 19 of the 1950 Department Manual.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS: A police officer assigned to the Harbor Patrol shall adhere to the rules prescribed for such service: shall obey all oral and written directives of the Harbor Master, and shall be subject to all other rules and regulations prescribed for police officers insofar as they are not in conflict with the specific rules which apply to duty with the Harbor Patrol Unit.

Sec. 1 The Police Commissioner shall appoint the Harbor Master and shall assign him/her to the command of the Harbor Patrol Unit. The Harbor Master shall be responsible for the general good order and cleanliness of the department boats and their equipment.

The Police Commissioner will appoint Assistant Harbor Masters from among the police officers assigned to the Harbor Patrol Unit.

Sec. 2 The Harbor Master is especially charged with the enforcement of the "Harbor Regulations," laws of the Commonwealth, and the ordinances of the City of Boston that pertain to his/her specific duties. He/she shall cooperate with the United States Marshal and the officers of the Customs Services in enforcing the laws of the United States.

Sec. 3 The Harbor Master shall supply to all vessels from foreign ports a copy of the "Harbor Regulations."

Sec. 4 The words "Harbor Master" and "Police" shall be displayed on a sign attached to the pilothouse of each Police Department boat.

Sec. 5 When a fire occurs on the waterfront the officers of the Harbor Patrol Unit shall give aid in removing endangered vessels and at all times shall assist in saving life and property.

Sec. 6 During the daylight hours, police boats shall patrol the upper harbor visiting the wharves, yacht clubs, moorings, islands, and shipping, as time and duty may allow. One boat shall patrol the lower harbor at least once each day when practicable. An adequate patrol of the harbor shall be maintained during the nighttime hours.

Sec. 7 When the police boats are at their dock they shall be kept in such condition that they can be brought into immediate use, if required.

Sec. 8 No person shall be allowed on board a police boat except on business or with the permission of the Police Commissioner, Superintendent or Harbor Master.

Sec. 9 No one shall be allowed to use a police boat for any purpose not directly connected with the business of the Police Department or of the Harbor Master.

NOTE: Rule 103C amended by Special Order 96-4, January 9, 1996, POLICE OFFICER AS A RANK:
References in Rule 103C to the rank of Patrol Officer amended to read as Police Officer.