

BULK OIL

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Official No. 241473

8071 G.Tons

Owned by National Bulk Carriers, Inc.  
Bengt H. Larson, Master.  
 15 Seaway Road, Squantum, Mass.

This vessel entered the East Passage of the Narragansett Bay Defensive Sea Area without first obtaining military clearance for entry. The Pilot and Master failed to comply with the rules and regulations governing the Narragansett Bay Defensive Sea Areas. Upon approaching this area they failed to await the arrival of Examination Boat and to obtain military clearance. The Pilot and Master allowed the vessel to proceed on up the channel through the restricted area in the East Passage of Narragansett Bay and did ~~not~~ navigate the vessel to cause damage to military defenses. In questioning the Pilot he stated that he was familiar with the rules and regulations but due to the condition of the sea he believed that all boarding and clearance would be handled from the inner side of the defenses. He stated that he was wrong in his procedure and that it was a case of poor judgement. The master stated ~~that~~ that he had confidence in the pilot and did not question his judgment in this procedure. He also stated that he was familiar with the rules and regulations.

3. In connection with this case the following violations were involved:

(a) Entering the waters of the Narragansett Bay Defensive Sea Area without permission or obtaining military clearance, and thus rendering himself liable to prosecution as provided for in Section 44 of the Criminal Code as amended (USC title 18, Section 96) Regulations thus violated were published in U.S. Coast Guard Notices to Mariners as follows:

1. #51 12/17/41 par. 2498. (Establishment of Examination Area for entrance of vessels into Narragansett Bay.)
2. #52 Dec. 24. 1941 Par. 2549 (Establishment of Defensive Sea Area)
3. # 4 1/28/42 paragraph 190 (Narragansett Bay Entrance - Amended Examination Regulations).
4. # 6 2/11/42 par. 313 (Narragansett Bay - Mined Area).