

New Regulations Governing Boat Operation Now Going Into Effect

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Pleasure boat owners and operators should be much interested in a number of measures relating to small boat matters which were passed at our last session, became law, and are now going into effect. Their total consequence is to change considerably the laws relating to boat registration, jurisdiction of counties or cities over boat operation, owner liability for damages, and

like matters. Both Senate and Assembly bills were enacted into law, and several resolutions were adopted in both houses, calling for further studies. PERHAPS THE most noticeable, if not the most important change made, is in the registration procedure. Under the old law, owners were obligated to register their vessels twice, once with the state dept. of motor vehicles, and a second

time with the assessor of the counties in which the boats were domiciled. Under the new law, effective July 1, 1962, only one registration will be needed, and that is to be made with the division of small craft harbors, which is transferring from the dept. of natural resources to the new resources agency. Both boat owners and county assessors will probably be considerably relieved by this action. OWNER LIABILITY for neg-

ligent operation was also revised on a major basis. Previously, the law provided that violation of a commission safety regulation was "prima facie" evidence of negligence, and so made liability almost automatic in such cases. This proviso was repealed. A new addition to the law revised the liability of boat owners for negligence. Under it, the right of action of a guest is limited on a basis similar to the automobile guest statute.

Another amendment in this same field requires either the owner of the operator of an undocumented vessel, rather than the operator only, to report any boat accident resulting in death or injury, or property damage over \$100.

A NEW STATUTE provides that state laws govern the operation, equipment, and all other matters relating to the operation of any motorboat or vessel (rather than any undocumented vessel) on waters of the state. Local rules relating to boat operation are now restricted to four areas: times-of-day limitations; speed zones; special use

areas; and sanitation and pollution control. Such rules must be submitted to the small boat division for advance approval. Authorization for special local regulations was repealed. The need for stepped-up education of boating safety matters was recognized in two measures. A Senate bill authorized the division to develop a program of public information and research in the field, and provides money for the purpose. A resolution calls for cooperation between the division and the department of education in developing educational material. CARNIVAL "water rides"

were also eliminated from regulation. Excluded from the term "vessel" are those craft which are limited to permanently fixed courses, or are controlled by mechanical devices. Financing of the small boat program was the basic topic of two measures. Both relate to amount of fuel used by boats, the taxability of which determines the amount of money available.

A very important matter is the subject of hearings just started by the Assembly committee on public utilities and corporations. That is the proposal to license, train, and regulate all operators of small craft. Indications are the discussions of this suggestion are likely to be vigorous and prolonged, because there are many factors and viewpoints to be considered.



PRIZE WINNING ICE CREAM... Officials announced that for the 13th consecutive year Thrifty Drug Stores' ice creams have received gold medals for consistent excellence from the Los Angeles County Fair and the California State Fair in Sacramento. Lovely motion picture and television actress Kathie Browne, receives sample of Thrifty's award winning ice cream from Jerry Sauer, merchandising manager of Thrifty Drug's ice cream division.

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William B. McKesson, District Attorney of Los Angeles County, today announced the arrival in the City of Los Angeles of Judge Tyge C. Heilelsen, of the Town Court of Copenhagen, Denmark, who has been sent by the United Nations for an extensive study of the operations, functions and administration of the world famous District Attorney's Office.

Judge Heilelsen, formerly prosecuting attorney for the town of Copenhagen, is particularly interested in McKesson's contributions as a prosecutor and jurist, in the development of adult and juvenile delinquency control and rehabilitation process in the Judicial Systems of the United States, which have earned McKesson and Los Angeles County, both national and international recognition.

McKesson's service as district attorney has received world wide acclaim for the high degree of public confidence and trust in his administration, and his impartial, effective and experienced direction of the district attorney's office. It is not unusual, it was learned, for prosecutors, jurists and government officials throughout the United States and the free world, to come to Los Angeles and Judge McKesson to learn the techniques he has perfected which have resulted in the most outstanding prosecutor's office in America.

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