
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 2771

**The Merchant Shipping (Vessels in Commercial
Use for Sport or Pleasure) Regulations 1998**

Penalties

8.—(1) Contravention of any of these Regulations shall be an offence by the owner and the master of the vessel which shall render both of them liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or a fine, or both.

(2) It shall be a good defence to a charge under this regulation to prove that the person charged took all reasonable steps to avoid commission of the offence.