

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 632

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND NINE.

AN ACT establishing rules and regulations for Portland
Harbor.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. No owner, master, pilot or other person having
2 charge of any vessel, and no owner, master, pilot or other
3 person having charge of any vessel towing or otherwise con-
4 ducting another vessel to anchorage in the harbor and bay of
5 Portland, shall place such vessel in anchorage in said harbor
6 and bay in any anchorage ground other than that hereinafter
7 described, and all persons shall conform to the following
8 rules and regulations:

Sect. 2. Vessels not exceeding five hundred tons burden

2 may be anchored on the southerly side of the line ranging
3 with the white buoy off the breakwater, and a white buoy on
4 a westerly course, thence on a line ranging with said white
5 buoy and the southeasterly end of the draw of Portland
6 bridge, but not west of a line drawn from the northerly end
7 of the slip of the Portland and South Portland Ferry, Port-
8 land, to the northerly end of said Ferry Company's wharf at
9 South Portland.

Vessels of larger tonnage may also be anchored on the
11 above described grounds provided the anchorage grounds
12 designated for such vessels shall be crowded, but not so
13 as to obstruct the free entrance or egress of regular lines
14 of steamers to or from their docks on the northerly side of
15 the harbor.

Sect. 3. Vessels not exceeding one hundred and fifty tons
2 may anchor to the westward of above lines drawn from
3 northerly end of the ferry wharves and south of line ranging
4 from the white buoy above mentioned with southeasterly end
5 of draw of Portland bridge.

Sect. 4. Vessels exceeding five hundred tons shall be an-
2 chored easterly of a line drawn from the southeasterly end
3 of the Portland Company's wharf as now built and the
4 westerly end of the Bay View Wharf at Peaks Island. This
5 line shall be marked by three white buoys.

Sect. 5. Vessels anchoring within above described limits
2 must anchor entirely within said boundaries so that no por-
3 tion of the hull, spars or booms shall extend beyond said

4 boundaries after veering chain or when riding to the tide.

Sect. 6. Permits may be granted by the Harbor Master
2 of the City of Portland to wrecking plants to anchor outside
3 of the above limits for the purpose of recovering sunken
4 property subject to his supervision. Such plants must com-
5 ply with all the navigation laws in regard to lights, fog
6 signals and other requirements, and must move in ample
7 season to give safe and clear passage to arriving and de-
8 parting regular lines of steamers.

Sect. 7. Vessels may be anchored south of a line ranging
2 with the Spring Point Lighthouse and the white buoy off the
3 breakwater.

Sect. 8. All vessels at anchor in the harbor shall display a
2 distinct white light forward not less than six feet above the
3 forecastle deck during the night. All vessels at anchor shall
4 keep their foresails and jibs furled during the night. An-
5 chor watch shall be kept and fog signals sounded in fogs or
6 thick weather.

Sect. 9. Vessels ordered to quarantine shall be anchored
2 on the northeasterly side of a line ranging with the United
3 States Marine Hospital and Fort Gorges, which anchorage
4 shall be designated as the "Quarantine Anchorage."

Sect. 10. All steamers passing up and down the harbor,
2 near the ends of the wharves, shall run at a slow rate of
3 speed.

Sect. 11. Vessels lying across the end of a wharf and
2 projecting over to obstruct free passage to adjoining

3 wharves or docks must move when necessary, to allow such
4 free passage to such docks. All vessels lying across ends or
5 at sides of wharves must have their anchors at cathead or
6 hawse pipes and booms hauled in and boats at davits hauled
7 inboard.

Sect. 12. Vessels lying at the side of wharves, so as to
2 obstruct the passage to adjoining wharves, or to the same
3 wharf, must move when necessary to accommodate other
4 vessels entering or leaving the docks.

Sect. 13. Light vessels lying alongside of a wharf and
2 not taking in or discharging cargo, must make way for, and
3 permit other vessels that want to load or unload cargo, to
4 come inside next to the wharf.

Sect. 14. No warp or line shall be passed across a channel
2 or dock so as to obstruct vessels passing along same.

Sect. 15. If any vessel occupying a berth at any wharf,
2 either with or without the consent of the wharfinger or own-
3 er thereof, shall fail to vacate such berth upon notice from
4 such wharfinger or his agent, to the master or those having
5 such vessel in charge for the time being, in a reasonable
6 time, to be adjudged by the harbor master, the harbor mas-
7 ter shall then cause such vessel to be moved to some other
8 berth, or proper anchorage at the risk of owners of the
9 vessel, the expense thereof to be paid by the owners of said
10 vessel.

Sect. 16. No vessel shall make fast or lie to the end or
2 side of any wharf where such action shall interfere with the

3 free access to or departure from an adjoining dock of any
4 regular line of steamers or ferry boat, when notice forbid-
5 ding such making fast or lying moored shall have been given
6 by signs or other displayed notice.

Sect. 17. No vessel shall be anchored in Portland Harbor
2 so as to obstruct the free passage of the regular lines of
3 steamers running to and from this port, the island steamers,
4 the ferry boats or the entrance to the Marine Railway.

Sect. 18. No person shall throw, sweep or cause to be
2 thrown or swept into the waters of Portland Harbor or
3 into the waters adjacent thereto any ashes, dirt, stones,
4 gravel, mud, ballast, logs, planks or any other substance
5 tending to obstruct the navigation of said harbor or waters
6 adjacent thereto or to shoal the depth of said harbor or
7 pollute the waters thereof.

Sect. 19. The Harbor Master of the City of Portland shall
2 have the authority to move or direct the moving of any
3 vessel at anchor in the harbor or moored at any wharf or
4 dock in violation of above rules and such vessel shall be
5 moved at the risk and expense of said vessel or of the
6 owner or owners of said vessel.

Sect. 20. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this
2 act or refuses to obey the lawful orders of the said harbor
3 master or resists him in the execution of his duties, shall
4 be punished by a fine of not less than twenty dollars, or by
5 imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both.

Sect. 21. The three buoys defining the anchorage in the

2 lower harbor shall be on a line drawn from the Portland
3 Company's wharf in Portland to Bay View wharf, Peaks
4 Island. The most easterly buoy "A" to lie three hundred
5 yards northeasterly of House Island; the next buoy "B"
6 to lie eight hundred and seventy-five yards west-northwest
7 from "A"; buoy "C" to lie twelve hundred and fifty yards
8 west-northwest from "B" and be seven hundred yards north-
9 east five-sixteenths east from Portland Breakwater Light-
10 house. The three buoys defining the anchorage in the up-
11 per harbor shall be on a line drawn southwest by west one-
12 half west through the draw pier of Portland bridge. The
13 upper one of these buoys, "F," to lie on this latter line at
14 a distance of nine hundred and fifty yards northeast by
15 east one-half east from the draw pier above named; the
16 next buoy, "E," to lie on the same line six hundred yards
17 from buoy "F"; the third buoy, "D," to lie on the same line
18 six hundred yards from buoy "E."

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

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