3 Requirements Related to the Protection of Aids to Navigation

CANADA SHIPPING ACT, 2001

PART 5, Section 129

Obligation to report damage

129 (1) If a vessel, or anything towed by a vessel, runs down, moves, damages or destroys an aid to navigation in Canadian waters, the person in charge of the vessel shall, without delay, make a report to a marine communications and traffic services officer or, if that is not feasible, to an officer of the Canadian Coast Guard.

Obligation to report — navigation hazard

(2) A person in charge of a vessel in Canadian waters who discovers an uncharted hazard to navigation, or discovers that an aid to navigation is missing, out of position or malfunctioning, shall make a report without delay to a marine communications and traffic services officer or, if that is not feasible, to an officer of the Canadian Coast Guard.


CRIMINAL CODE

Section 439 of the Criminal Code of Canada provides:

439 (1) Every one who makes fast a vessel or boat to a signal, buoy or other sea-mark that is used for purposes of navigation is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction.

(2) Every one who wilfully alters, removes or conceals a signal, buoy or other sea-mark that is used for purposes of navigation is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years.


Authority: Justice Laws Canada
Transport Canada
Canadian Coast Guard
Canada Shipping Act, 2001
http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-10.15/FullText.html