

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.

Reference: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-10.15/page-16.html>

CRIMINAL CODE

Section 439 of the *Criminal Code of Canada* provides:

Interfering with marine signal, etc.

- **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.
- Marginal note:Idem
 - (2)** Every person who intentionally alters, removes or conceals a signal, buoy or other sea-mark that is used for purposes of navigation is guilty of
 - **(a)** an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for a term of not more than 10 years; or
 - **(b)** an offence punishable on summary conviction.

Reference: <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/c-46/page-57.html?txthl=439>

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