

STATE LAWS, &c.

AN ACT passed by the Legislature of the State of Florida for the protection of beacons and buoys.

CHAPTER II. SECTION 1. If any person or persons shall, maliciously or without authority, cut down, remove, or destroy any beacon or beacons, buoy or buoys, erected by any commission of pilotage, or by any other person or persons duly authorized for that purpose, he, she, or they shall, on conviction, be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars, or whipped not exceeding thirty-nine stripes, at the discretion of the jury.

Approved July 28, 1847.

W. D. MOSELY,
Governor of Florida.

By the Governor:

JAMES T. ARCHER,
Secretary of State.

DIRECTIONS.

In conformity to the terms of the act of Congress, approved September 28, 1850, prescribing the manner of coloring and numbering the buoys along the coasts and in the bays, sounds, rivers, and harbors of the United States, the following order must be observed, viz:

1. In approaching the channel, &c., from seaward, RED BUOYS, with EVEN NUMBERS, will be found on the STARBOARD side of the channel, and must be left on the STARBOARD hand in passing in.
2. In approaching the channel, &c., from seaward, BLACK BUOYS, with ODD NUMBERS, will be found on the PORT side of the channel, and must be left on the PORT hand in passing in.
3. Buoys painted with RED AND BLACK HORIZONTAL STRIPES will be found on obstructions, with channel-ways on either side of them, and may be left on either hand in passing in.
4. Buoys painted with WHITE AND BLACK PERPENDICULAR STRIPES will be found in MIDCHANNEL, and must be passed close-to to avoid danger.
5. All other distinguishing marks to buoys will be in addition to the foregoing, and may be employed to mark particular spots; a particular description of which will be given in the printed list of buoys.
6. Perches with balls, cages, &c., will, when placed, be at turning-points, the color and number indicating on which side they shall be passed.
7. No deviation from the foregoing directions will be permitted.
8. Lists of beacons and buoys, &c., will be published from time to time, showing their relative positions in each harbor, channel, bay, sound, &c., and a particular description of each given in the proper columns.
9. Red buoys are marked on Coast Survey Charts, R, Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, &c.; black buoys are marked on Coast Survey Charts, B, Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7, &c.; red and black horizontally striped buoys are marked on Coast Survey Charts, H. S., without numbers; white and black perpendicularly striped buoys are marked on Coast Survey Charts, P. S., without numbers.

By order of the Light-house Board:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Office Light-house Board, Washington, D. C.