

Penalty for refusal.

thereof and in charge or appearing to be in charge of the same, or of the boiler or machinery thereof, such pertinent questions concerning the same, or concerning any accident that may have happened thereto, as he may think fit; and every such person shall fully and truly answer every such question so put to him respectively, to the best of his knowledge and ability; and every person refusing to answer or falsely answering such question or preventing any such inspection or obstructing any Inspector in the same, shall, by so acting, incur a penalty of forty dollars.

Certificate of registry to be exhibited.

13. Any Inspector of Steamboats is hereby empowered to demand of the owner or master of any steamboat being inspected by him, the production of the certificate of registry of such steamboat; and it shall thereupon be the duty of such owner or master to produce and exhibit the same to such Inspector.

Owner to pay certain expenses of examination.

14. When the Inspector finds it necessary to open up the hull of a vessel for the purpose of examining her condition the expense incurred thereby shall be chargeable to the owner of such vessel.

Inspection of machinery in motion: free passage of inspector.

15. The Inspector may require that the engine and machinery under inspection by him, be put in motion; and any Inspector shall be carried free of expense on any steamboat which he shall desire to inspect while under way, and during such period as may be necessary for such inspection, and for his return to the port at which he embarked on such steamboat for such purpose, or for his disembarkation at any port at which such steamboat touches on her voyage.

Certificate of inspection of hull and equipment.

And of boilers.

To be signed by both inspectors.

16. If the Inspector who inspects any steamboat in the manner required by this Act, approves the hull and equipment of such steamboat, he shall sign a certificate according to the form A in the schedule of this Act, and triplicates of such certificate, signed by the Inspector of hulls and equipment shall be delivered by him to the Inspector of boilers and machinery for the same district, who, if he has then inspected and approved the boilers and machinery of the steamboat and has also satisfied himself that the certificate of the Inspector of hulls and equipment is true and correct as to the said equipment and as to the number of passengers the steamboat may lawfully carry, and as to all the particulars mentioned in the said form, and that the equipment is sufficient and in accordance with the requirements of this Act, shall sign the certificate in triplicate and deliver two of such triplicates to the owner or master of the steamboat,—who shall deliver one triplicate to the chief officer of Customs as aforesaid, and the other he shall cause to be posted up, framed and protected by glass, in some conspicuous part of the steamboat for the information of the