

61. Any person who shall be convicted before a justice of the peace for said county of throwing out the ballast of any boat or vessel in said waters, so as to injure the navigation thereof, or prevent boats or vessels from lying alongside of the wharves, or who shall be convicted of keeping or making any weirs or hedges in the channels of said rivers or creeks, or of throwing stones, shells, gravel or other things into said rivers and creeks, so as to obstruct and injure the navigation, shall forfeit and pay a sum, in the discretion of the justice, not exceeding fifty dollars, one-half to the informer and the other half to the county.

62. All persons owning, commanding or having charge of any boat or vessel navigating said rivers or creeks, shall charge and command all persons belonging to or engaged in the service of such boat or vessel to be careful of the discharge of its ballast, so that the preceding section shall not be violated; and if it shall appear that the provisions of said section have been violated from the negligence of the owner, commander or person having charge of any boat or vessel, such person may be fined as aforesaid.

63. It shall be the duty of every justice of the peace of said county, whenever he shall have knowledge or shall be credibly informed of any violation of sections 60 and 61 of this article, to issue a warrant in the name of the State against the person charged, directed to some constable, and on return thereof and the appearance of the party, to hear and determine the matter as shall be just and right.

64. Any justice may receive the fine and cost imposed under the 61st section of this article, and shall, under the penalty of two hundred dollars, account for the same (except the cost and such part thereof as the informer may be entitled to) to the county commissioners of said county within six months thereafter.

65. No informer shall be entitled to any part of said fine unless the offence charged shall have been proved by a disinterested witness.

66. If any person shall obstruct any part of the Pocomoke River by cutting timber therein, hedging across, wantonly allowing old vessels to sink, or otherwise, and shall allow the said obstructions or any part thereof to remain for the space of seven days, he shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten nor more