

obstruct any vessel which shall be coming into the same, or moving from one place to another therein, or going out of the same, the vessel so obstructing shall be removed to such place as shall be necessary to give room to the passing vessel under penalty of five dollars for refusal so to remove, and at the rate of five dollars an hour for the delay, which shall be occasioned to the passing vessel, to be paid by the master or owner of the obstructing vessel to the master or owner of the passing vessel, unless in cases where some unavoidable casualty or accident may make it impracticable to remove said obstructing vessel, and if a vessel when moving to make room for another be obstructed by any vessel, the master or owner of such obstructing vessel shall forfeit five dollars for such obstruction, and at the rate of five dollars per hour during the continuance of such obstruction, to be recovered by the master or owner of the passing vessel aforesaid.

Vacant place. 196. No vessel shall enter Smith's Dock, Union Dock or Frederick Street Dock, without first ascertaining whether there is a vacant place at the wharf where she can lie, under a penalty of five dollars.

Vessels to remove when requested. 197. All vessels which shall be found obstructing the passage of said Docks, shall remove when requested by the master or agent of the passing vessel in such manner as will afford a free and unobstructed passage to such passing vessel, under a penalty of five dollars for refusal to remove, and five dollars per hour for each hour they shall obstruct such passage after due notice shall have been given to the master, owner or person in charge of such obstructing vessel.

In force. Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.