

Where not
to stop.

40. No float shall unnecessarily stop, lie by, or be moored within twenty rods of any lock, except in a basin. And every master, owner, or navigator of any float, who shall violate this regulation, shall be subjected to the penalty of ten dollars.

Delay in a
lock.

41. Any unreasonable or unnecessary delay of a float in a lock, or in entering or leaving a lock, shall subject the person or persons having charge of such float to the penalty of five dollars; and every float which shall not be towed into a lock and out of it, when other floats are in waiting to pass said lock, shall be considered as having violated this regulation.

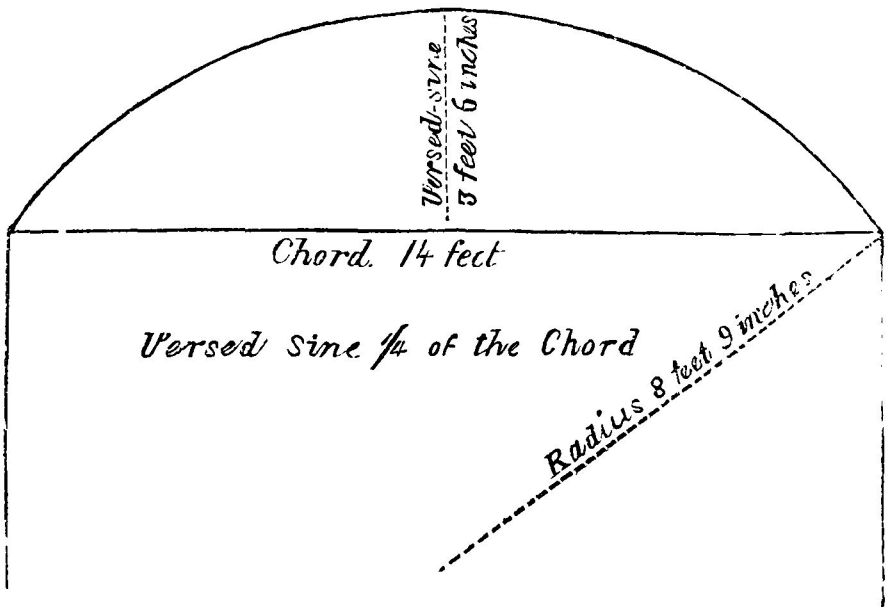
Delay in pas-
sing lock.

42. Every float which shall arrive at any lock, and which shall not improve the first opportunity of passing the same, shall lose its preference, so long as there may be any other boat at the lock ready to pass in the same direction.

Semi-circu-
lar bow.

43. In order to protect other boats from injury, no scow or other boat hereafter to be built, and registered, shall be permitted to navigate any canal, unless the bow of said scow or boat be constructed of an elliptical or semi-circular form, the versed sine of which shall not be less than one-fourth of the chord, in form as follows:

FORM.



The master, owner, or navigator of any scow or other boat used on any of the canals, in violation of this regulation, shall be subject to a penalty of ten dollars.

44. No carcass, dead animal, putrid substance, or filth of any kind, shall be thrown or discharged into either of the canals, or into any basin, reservoir or feeder connected therewith: And a breach of this regulation shall subject the offender to a fine of five dollars.

Filth not to be thrown into canals.

45. In case of a breach or other obstruction on either of the canals, or when the canal is filling with water, the superintendent, canal commissioner, engineer, collector, foreman or lock tender, shall direct the floats which may be collected near such breach or other obstruction, or which, in his opinion, may obstruct the filling of the canal with water, to lie in such places and to be moved backward or forward on the canal, as he shall think most advisable and proper: And a refusal to comply promptly with his directions in this respect, shall subject the owner, master, or person having charge of said float, to a penalty of ten dollars.

Duty of canal officers at a breach.

46. The master or person having charge of any float, who shall refuse to take the oath required by any collector, or who shall refuse to answer on oath any question which the collector is authorized to propound, shall be subject to a penalty of twenty dollars.

Master refusing to take oath.

47. Any person having charge of any boat, who shall refuse to take his boat into a weigh-lock, when required by a collector or weighmaster, shall be subject to a penalty of twenty-five dollars.

Refusing to go into a weigh-lock.

48. No raft or tow of timber passing on either of the canals or feeders, shall consist of more than six cribs, and no raft or tow of timber, shall approach any other raft or tow of timber nearer than thirty rods, unless for the purpose of passing, or be moored nearer than thirty rods to any other raft or tow of timber which shall be first moored. The first and leading crib in every raft or tow of timber, on either of the canals or feeders, shall have the outer edge of the forward end of every outside stick rounded. And no traverse stick on any crib of timber shall extend within one inch of the outer edge of the outside stick of such crib of timber. And every violation of either of the provisions of this regulation, shall subject the owner, person or persons having charge of said tow or raft, to a penalty of ten dollars.

Rafts.

49. Every boat passing on either of the canals, shall have its rudder so constructed or secured as not to catch or cut the tow-rope of a passing boat. And every violation of this regulation shall subject the master or owner to a penalty of five dollars.

Rudder.

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