

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland*, passed in the year 1866. J. C. Withers,  
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29 Victoria – Chapter 10

**An Act for Preventing Collisions at Sea on the Coast within the limits of the jurisdiction of this Colony.  
(Passed 1st May, 1866.)**

Whereas great loss of life and property has been occasioned by Collisions at Sea on the Coast within the limits of the jurisdiction of this Colony; and whereas It is expedient and necessary to adopt measures to prevent the same.

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, as follows:—

- I. The Lights mentioned in the following sections of this Act shall be carried, in all weathers, between sunset and sunrise.
- II. Coasting Vessels, Fishing Vessels, open Fishing Boats, and other Boats, when under sail, at anchor, or attached to their nets, and stationary, shall exhibit a bright white light at the masthead when practicable, or in the most conspicuous place the circumstances will admit of: Provided that nothing herein contained shall apply to vessels carrying lights as provided by Imperial Legislation.
- III. Coasting Vessels, Fishing Vessels, open Fishing Boats, and other Boats, shall, however, not be prevented from using a flare-up in addition, if considered expedient.
- IV. Whenever there is fog, whether by day or night, a fog horn shall be carried and used, and shall be sounded at least once in every half hour.
- V. Nothing in this Act contained shall exonerate any Vessel or Boat, or the Owner, Master, or Crew thereof, from the consequences of any neglect to carry lights or signals, or of any neglect to keep a proper look-out, or of the neglect of any precaution which may be required by the ordinary practice of seamen, or by the special circumstances of the case.
- VI. Any person offending against any of the provisions of this Act, shall, on conviction thereof before any Stipendiary Justice of the Peace, on the oath of one or more credible witnesses, be liable to a fine not exceeding Fifteen Dollars, and in default of payment of such fine, be liable to imprisonment for any term not exceeding Fourteen Days.
- VII. This Act shall come into operation at such time as shall be appointed therefor by proclamation of His Excellency the Governor.