

Government of Burma

Public Works Department

Rules to regulate the navigation of the Kanaungto creek.

Notification No. 60

dated the 26th June, 1916.

In exercise of the power conferred by section 79 of the Burma Canal Act, 1905, the Lieutenant-Governor is pleased to make the following rules to regulate the navigation of the Kanaungto Creek and for its maintenance. These rules will come into force on the 1st July, 1916, and will be in addition to the rules issued under Marine and Commerce Department Notification No. 32, dated the 5th August 1901:

1. - In these rules "vessel" includes anything made for the conveyance by water of human beings or of property and all rafts, timber and other floating bodies.
2. - In the Kanaungto Creek, which lies partly in the Rangoon Town District and partly in the Hanthawaddy District, from its mouth at the Rangoon River to the junction with the Twante Canal at Letpangon, no vessel shall, when moving against the tide or current, have more than two cargo-boats or other craft or four paddy gigs, lashed in pairs, in tow astern, and the tow rope between the vessel towing and the nearest vessel towed shall not be over fifty feet in length : and the tow rope of the subsequent vessel being towed shall not be over twenty-five feet in length. When moving with the tide or current a vessel may take only one cargo-boat or other craft in tow made fast alongside, or two paddy gigs lashed together and made fast alongside.
3. - Every vessel entering or navigating the creek shall, when it is safe and practicable, keep to that side of the fairway or mid-channel which lies on her own starboard side.
4. - No vessel shall be allowed to navigate the Kanaungto Creek recklessly.
5. - No vessel shall proceed abreast of another except in the act of overtaking and passing it, in which case the overtaking vessel must keep out of the way of the overtaken vessel. There shall be no attempt by one vessel to strive or race against another.
6. - A vessel proceeding against the tide or current shall invariably give way to a vessel proceeding with the tide or current.

7. - No rafts and no logs other than single logs under proper control shall be allowed to enter or pass along the creek. Provided that Drift Collectors shall be allowed, subject to the directions of the Canal Officer, to remove any logs which have drifted into the creek by accident.
8. - No vessel shall be anchored in the fairway of the creek so as to impede traffic.
9. - Vessels shall only be moored or anchored in accordance with the directions of the Canal Officer, and shall not, without the permission of such officer, be moored abreast of one another more than two deep.
10. - No vessel shall be placed or shall remain in such a position as to endanger the safety of other vessels or to obstruct their passage or to impede navigation.
11. - Cargo boats and paddy gigs when moored shall have at least three persons in attendance on board. All other vessels, except sampans and dug-outs, shall have one person at least in attendance.
12. - No wreck or stranded vessel or any portion of such wreck or stranded vessel or any bamboo, pole, anchor, chain, rope, net or fishing implement or any article whatsoever which impedes the navigation of the creek shall remain in the creek; and the Canal Officer may remove such obstructions on the expiry of twenty-four hours from the wrecking or stranding of such vessel or the causing of such obstruction and all costs of removing such obstruction shall be recoverable from the owners.
13. - No dock, wharf, quay, stage, jetty, pier, erection, structure or revetment of any kind shall be erected on or moored alongside of or fixed to the bank of the creek without the previous permission in writing of the Canal Officer who shall fix the level at which such structure shall be erected.
14. - No laterite or stone shall be deposited on the bank of the creek below highest high water mark except with the previous permission in writing of the Canal Officer. In cases of dangerous slips taking place suddenly, temporary precautions may be resorted to, but the Canal Officer should be immediately informed of the measures taken.
15. - No person shall place any bamboo, pole, fishing stake, fishing net or obstruction of any kind in the creek.
16. - Nothing except paddy husk shall be thrown into the creek either from the banks or from any vessel plying on or moored in the creek.
17. - When traffic is temporarily suspended by the Canal Officer or his representative no vessel or boat shall pass the red flag exhibited as a sign of such suspension.

18. - Free access shall be given to the Canal Officer or his representatives to visit the foreshore; and to build bench marks on the banks or carry out such other works for the proper maintenance of the creek and its navigation as may be considered necessary.
19. - The penalty specified in section 75 of the Burma Canal Act, 1905 (Burma Act II of 1905) shall attach to these Rules.

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