Do Not Tie up to Aids to Navigation

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Per <u>14 USC 543</u> of the US Code. it shall be unlawful for any person, or public body, or instrumentality, excluding the armed forces, to remove, change the location of, obstruct, willfully damage, make fast to, or interfere with any aid to navigation established, installed, operated, or maintained by the Coast Guard pursuant to <u>Section 541</u> of this title, or with any aid to navigation lawfully maintained under authority granted by the Coast Guard pursuant to <u>Section 542</u> of this title, or to anchor any vessel in any of the navigable waters of the United States so as to obstruct or interfere with range lights maintained therein.

If you violate the provisions of this section, you will be guilty of a misdemeanor and will be fined not more than \$1,500 for each offense. Each day during which such violation continues will be considered as a new offense.

The only thing you can legally tie up to is a mooring buoy.