

directed to the sheriff of the county or city and returnable to the next ensuing court that shall sit within twenty days after the issuing the writ.

50. The sheriff shall immediately serve such writ on the owner or his agent, if the agent have charge of the boat, or if neither can be found within his bailiwick, shall set up a copy of the writ, or a short notice containing the substance thereof, at the nearest post office where such boat was built, and shall also cause a copy to be published once in each of two consecutive weeks in some newspaper having general circulation in said county or city.

51. Upon the return of the writ endorsed summoned by the sheriff, or where the owner or his agent cannot be found, upon its return with the sheriff's and printer's certificates showing that a copy was set up at the nearest post office, and also published as directed in the preceding section, if the owner or his agent do not appear, judgment shall be rendered for the principal and interest of the claim and costs.

52. If the owner shall appear on the return of the writ, he may, with the consent of the claimant, submit the case upon the evidence to the court, or either party may demand a trial by jury, which shall be had at the term to which the writ is returnable, unless for good cause the court shall continue the cause.

53. The judgment rendered in such scire facias may be enforced as other judgments, and the sheriff shall deposit the money made thereon with the clerk of the court, to be disbursed under the order of the court among the parties entitled to the same.