

licensed to take oysters, as aforesaid, with scoop, scrape or dredge in said waters for the dredging season ending March 15, 1900, be and they are hereby authorized and directed upon a certificate of the admeasurer hereinafter referred to and provided for, and upon full compliance with the provisions for the issuing of license hereinafter referred to, to issue a license for the use of said boat in taking oysters in the waters aforesaid in the manner aforesaid; but no license shall be issued to any boats so licensed for said dredging season ending on March 15, 1900, the tonnage of which is greater than ten and fifty-two one-hundredths gross tons by rules of custom-house measurement to be ascertained by said admeasurers; and if either of the clerks authorized by this Act to issue such licenses shall issue the same without the said admeasurers certificate; when such certificate is necessary or contrary to the provisions of this Act, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before a justice of the peace, or either of said courts having jurisdiction thereof, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars for each and every offense, and stand committed until such fine and costs are paid.

Shall not issue license without admeasurers' certificate.

245 and 156. The managing owner of such boats shall make oath or affirmation before the clerk that he is a bona fide managing owner of such boats described in the license; that he has been a resident of said county for the time before named; that the boat is owned wholly by residents of said county; that there is no lien, interest or claim on said boats held by non-residents of Dorchester or Talbot County, respectively, as the case may be; that the said boat is not held with intention to violate any of the provisions of the sub-title of these Articles; that said boat has been owned in whole or in part by residents of such county the six preceding months, if it is six months old; and the said master of said boat shall also make oath before said clerk that he has been a resident of said county for twelve months next preceding the time of taking said oath, and that he will comply with all laws, general or local, regulating the catching of oysters, and that the time of taking such oath he shall exhibit to the clerk the custom house license if five tons gross or over, and also the certificate of the measurers of all boats whose gross tonnage, by the rules of custom house measurement, are as shown by said custom house license to be in excess of six tons gross measurement; and such licensee shall carry such license at all times when working in his occupation and produce the same when it shall be demanded by any duly authorized officer.

Managing owner of boats shall make oath, etc.

Shall make oath of residence and exhibit custom house license.