

court, giving the tonnage of such boat, and shall also give a duplicate certificate to the master or managing owner of said boat, to be by him produced for comparison to the said clerk at the time of applying for said license; if upon examination and measurement the admeasurers are satisfied that the previous measurements made by the custom-house officials is incorrect, and that said boat is of greater tonnage than that which entitles the same to be used in taking and catching oysters in said waters as herein provided, then such measurement so made by them shall be deemed for the purposes of this Act, to be the true measurement of said boat, and their decision shall be conclusive; provided, however, that no certificate shall be required to procure a license for any boat whose tonnage does not exceed six tons gross (custom-house measurement), but should a license be issued to such boat, which afterwards, on measurement by the admeasurers, is shown to be of greater tonnage than permitted or allowed, under the provisions of this Act, such license shall be null and void, and such party using said license after notice given, shall be deemed guilty of taking oysters without a license, and shall be punished as is provided by Article 72 of the Code of Public General Laws for that offense. After the certificate of the admeasurers shall be filed with said clerk, and the applicant shall present to said clerk the duplicate certificate hereinbefore provided for, the clerk shall issue to the said applicant a license for said boat if all the requirements and conditions aforesaid herein provided shall be complied with, whenever a boat has been once measured and certified to by the admeasurers no second measurement or certificate shall be required, unless good reason exists to justify the belief on the part of the admeasurers that the size of said boat has been increased since it was last measured.

Proviso.

Clerk of
Circuit Court
shall, upon
application of
owners, issue
license to boat
of certain
capacity.

255. The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dorchester County upon application of the managing owner, who has been a resident of said county for one year next preceding said application, and to no other person, shall issue a license to such resident to employ his boat of a capacity of seven tons gross or under; such capacity to be ascertained by rules of custom-house measurement, as in the preceding section provided, in taking or catching oysters with scrapes or dredges in the waters named in Section two hundred and sixty-three of this Article, which said license shall hold good for one season only, and shall authorize the catching of oysters from the first day of November to the fifteenth day of March next succeeding, both inclusive, on which last-named day said license