

45. No person shall be entitled to a lien under the preceding section, unless he shall, within twenty days after such debt shall have accrued, deliver to the clerk of the Circuit Court for the county where the building, repairing or refitting was done, or the Superior Court of Baltimore city, if done in the city of Baltimore, an account or statement verified by the oath of the claimant, taken and subscribed before some officer authorized to administer an oath, setting forth the names of the claimant and debtor, and if the debt was not contracted by the owner, but his agent, the name of such agent, the name or other certain description of the boat or vessel, and the place where built, repaired or equipped, and the particulars or items of the claim or debt.

46. The clerks of the several Circuit Courts for the counties and of the Superior Court of Baltimore city shall each keep a docket to be called "Boats Lien Docket," wherein, immediately after receiving and filing the account or statement mentioned in the preceding section, he shall docket a case between the parties to the claim, entering the claimant as plaintiff, and the boat and its owner and the owner's agent, when the debt was contracted by an agent, as defendants, and the day when such claim was filed and the amount thereof, and the clerk shall be entitled to fifty cents for such entry, to be paid by the defendant and taxed as costs against him; for which, and for other costs in prosecuting the claim, the defendant shall be liable.

47. Every such boat or vessel against which an account or statement shall be filed under this article, shall be subject to a lien for the debt and costs justly chargeable against it for one year from the day on which the account or statement shall be filed, and no longer, but the claimant may have the benefit of any other lien upon said boat or vessel to which he may be entitled by mortgage, bill of sale or otherwise.

48. The lien given by this article on boats or vessels shall not entitle the claimant to preference over creditors or claimants secured by mortgage or bill of sale properly executed and recorded before the claim to be secured by such lien shall have accrued.

49. The claimant under such lien on any boat or vessel may, at any time after his claim has been filed as aforesaid, within the period to which he is entitled to the benefit of his lien, sue out of the court in which his claim is filed, a writ of scire facias