

Wild Fowl.

1910, ch. 251, sec. 1 (p. 333). 1912, ch. 713. 1914, ch. 579. 1916, ch. 542, sec. 1.

13. It shall be unlawful to purposely or unnecessarily disturb in the waters of this State, or to pursue, kill or shoot at any wild fowl in or from any boat of any description within the limits of the State of Maryland, or to pursue, shoot or gather any wounded or dead ducks, geese, swan or brant in any boat propelled by or equipped with sail or engines of any kind within the said limits.

And it shall be unlawful for the owner or owners of any boat propelled by or equipped with sail or engines of any kind, or of any share or interest in such boat, to use or permit the use of such boat for any of the acts above prohibited, or to loan or hire such boat at any time between the 15th day of October of any year and the 1st day of April in the then next ensuing year, to any person or persons without making due inquiry into the purpose of those applying for the use of such boat and becoming satisfied that those applying for the use of such boat intend to use the same exclusively for other purposes than the violations of the provisions of this section, and that such persons are not equipped with and do not place in such boats any guns or ammunition suitable for shooting wild fowl.

Each and every person on board of any boat by or from which wild fowl shall be unnecessarily disturbed or in which wild fowl shall be pursued, or from which wild fowl shall be shot at in violation of the provisions of this Section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof each person convicted shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred dollars for each offense, and in the event of the non-payment of the fine, the person or persons so convicted shall stand committed to the County Jail or the jail of Baltimore City until such fine and costs are paid, but such imprisonment shall not exceed sixty days for each offense, and in addition to such fine or fines all boats used by said offenders and the guns and paraphernalia found in or on such boats or in possession of such persons so convicted, or used in such violation of the provisions of this Section, shall be adjudged confiscated and ordered to be sold and conveyed by the officer making the arrest or sheriff of the City or County wherein the conviction shall be had. After deducting the cost of the arrests and trials of the persons so convicted, and of the custody, sale and conveyance of said boats, guns and paraphernalia, one-half of the fine and proceeds of sale of the confiscated property shall go to the deputy game warden, constable or other person who shall procure the conviction of any persons for violating the provisions of this Section, and the remaining half shall be paid to the State Treasurer to the account of the State Game Protection Fund, to be used by the State Game Warden as may be provided by law.

If any such power boats or boats impelled by sail or engines of any description be found in or near the waters where wild fowl are then