

cost imposed upon the person charged with said violation; the boat shall be held by the judge or justice before whom the party charged with the violation, is taken for hearing or trial; the justice shall hear and determine any charge against the owner of said boat; if a non-resident of the county, or if the offence has been committed with the knowledge and consent of the owner, he shall adjudge and impose a fine, as aforesaid, upon said owner, and hold the boat for twenty days, if said fine and cost are not sooner paid, at the end of which time he shall direct and authorize the sheriff or deputy sheriff of said county, after having given ten days' public notice in an advertisement in some newspaper printed in Cambridge, and by handbills, to sell said boat for cash to the highest bidder, and deduct the fine and all the costs, including three per cent. commissions for making the sale, and pay over the balance to the owner of said boat or lien creditors, according to their legal rights thereto, as adjusted by the auditor of said circuit court.

1888, ch. 394.

263. It shall be unlawful for any person to use or employ any boat or canoe licensed to take oysters with rakes and tongs, in the waters of Dorchester, Talbot, Queen Anne's and Anne Arundel counties, in taking or catching oysters with any implements or device other than ordinary rakes or tongs with wooden shafts, to be used entirely by hand, and without any ropes or hoisting gear whatever. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be liable to the penalties prescribed in the public general laws, article 72, title "Oysters," section 18, for taking oysters with rakes or tongs without license.

RECORDS BURNED.

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 10, sec. 152.

264. The records, or a copy thereof, of all deeds, wills or other papers or documents recorded under the laws passed to remedy the evils arising from the loss and destruction of papers and records occasioned by burning the court house of Dorchester county, shall have the same effect as evidence or otherwise as the original records or copies thereof would have had if the same had not been burned or destroyed.