

oysters, the time of expiration of license, and the transfer of ownership shall apply to all vessels licensed by any county in this State, to take and catch oysters with scrape or scoop, and any law, general or local, in conflict herewith, shall be void and of no effect.

1894, ch. 380.

20. It shall not be lawful for the owner or master or any person on board of a vessel in this State to affix any crank, spool, winder or other machinery or equipment for operating or handling scoops or dredges, or to have on board any vessel a scoop, scrape or dredge, with intent to affix the same to said vessel for use in taking or catching oysters, without having first obtained a license to take or catch oysters with a scoop or dredge, as aforesaid; and the fact of having such scoop, dredge or scrape on board of any vessel shall be *prima facie* evidence of an intent to use the same contrary to this section.

1896, ch. 418.

21. The owner of such boat shall make oath before the comptroller or his clerk, or if the owner be a resident of Baltimore city, he may make oath before the clerk of the court of common pleas, or if a resident of a county, he may make oath before the clerk of the circuit court for said county, at the same time exhibiting his custom house license to said officer, before whom he makes the oath, that he is the *bona fide* owner of such boat described in the license; that he has been a resident of the State, for the time hereinbefore prescribed; that there is no lien on said boat, held by a non-resident, directly or indirectly, and that the said boat is not held, and shall not be knowingly used with an intention to violate or evade provisions of this article, and such applicant shall produce before the comptroller, at the time of making such application, the certificate of the taking of such oath, and the gross custom house tonnage, which gross tonnage the owner shall swear to, and shall further make oath that before the measurement of said vessel by the custom house officers, the said vessel was not dunnaged, so as to evade the just and proper measurement of tonnage of said vessel, with a view of evading a proper and just sum for the licensing of said vessel. The master of such boat shall also make oath before the comptroller