

not apply to boats or vessels licensed in the counties to take oysters with scoop or scrape, which time shall begin on the first day of October and end on the thirty-first day of March; except Talbot and Dorchester Counties where time for taking oysters with scoop, scrape or dredge, shall begin on the first day of October and end on the first day of March.

5. Before granting such license the comptroller shall receive for it from the applicant at the rate of three dollars per ton for every ton the boat may measure; and the license shall be exhibited whenever called for by any officer of this State.

Cost of
license

11. Any boat, owned wholly or in part by any non-resident, used in catching oysters in this State, with scoop, dredge or similar instrument, is hereby declared to be forfeited, and shall be condemned by order of any judge of a Circuit Court most accessible to the place of her capture, or if captured in Baltimore City, by order of the city court, and shall be sold by the sheriff of the county where condemned, or if condemned in Baltimore City, by the sheriff of said city to the highest bidder for cash, after twenty days' notice of the time and place of sale; such notice to be published at least three times in a newspaper, having the largest circulation, printed in Baltimore City or in the county where condemned; one-fourth of the proceeds of such sale shall be paid to the party making the capture, including the officers and crews of the State fishery force, and the balance, shall be paid into the treasury of the State to be credited to the oyster fund; provided, however, that any person claiming an interest in such vessel, shall have the right to make an appeal upon giving to the State a good and sufficient bond as required in such cases; provided, however, that when the *bona fides* of the owner of any vessel shall be called in question, the burden of proving such *bona fides* shall be upon those claiming to be such owners; and provided also, that upon taking such appeal and filing such bond the said vessel shall be released from custody.

Boats of
non-resi-
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12. The comptroller shall have painted in black figures on white canvas two sets of numbers corresponding to the license to catch oysters with scoop, scrape, dredge or any other similar instrument; each figure shall be twenty-two inches in length and of proportionate width, and the figures at least six inches apart; and he shall give to each person taking out such license two numbers thereof, one of which shall be securely sewed upon the starboard side, and in the middle of that part of the mainsail which is above the close reef, and the other number on the port side, in the middle part of the jib which is above the bonnet and reef; these

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