

shall pay to said clerk before the issuing of said license, the sum of two dollars per ton, according to the capacity of the vessel to be licensed, which said license shall be good for twelve months from the day of its issue; and until such license is obtained, it shall be unlawful to use or employ any vessel in taking or catching oysters, as hereinbefore described; provided that the waters of Talbot county lying between Black Walnut point and a line drawn from Tilghman's point to the southwest point of Parson's island, except the waters between Poplar island and the main land lying within a line drawn from a point of land on the north side of Ferry cove, known as Lowe's point, to the northern extremity of Poplar island, on the north, to a line from the northwest extremity of Tilghman's island to the southern extremity of south bar of Poplar island, on the south, which are hereby reserved for the use of tong men, shall be opened to the citizens of Talbot county licensed under this act, between the fifteenth day of September, in each year, and the first day of May next following, but it shall be unlawful to take oysters with scoop or dredge in any other waters of Talbot county; provided, also, that the waters of Choptank river lying north of a straight line running from Benoni's point to Clara's point, are hereby reserved for tong men, and it shall not be lawful to catch oysters with scoop, scrape or similar instrument to the northward of said line.

When unlawful.

What is reserved.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the owner of such oath shall make oath before the said clerk that he is the *bona fide* owner of such boat, which boat shall be described in the license, that he has been a resident of the county in which his application is made for twelve months, that there is no lien on said boat held by a non-resident, and that such boat is not held with an intention to violate the provisions of this law; and shall also make oath as to the tonnage of such boat; and the master and crew of such boat shall each make oath before said clerk that he has been a resident of the said county for twelve months next preceding the time of taking such oath.

Term of residence

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That all owners and masters of boats licensed under this article are hereby constituted officers of the county, and are hereby