

11. Any packer, commission man or boatman who shall conspire or agree with any other person to evade any of the provisions of this article, or who shall knowingly connive at or participate in such violation, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction before any court or justice of the peace having jurisdiction, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the house of correction for not less than six months nor more than twelve months, in the discretion of the justice or judge trying the same.

12. It shall be the duty of the general measurers and inspectors of oysters and officers of the police force, to supervise the operation of this article, and diligently to aid in the enforcement of its provisions. That any packer, commission man or boatman who shall refuse to open his house or boat where oysters may be dumped or stored, for inspection by any officer whose duty it shall be to so inspect the same, or who shall conspire or agree with any other person to evade any of the provisions of this act relating to the culling of oysters, or who shall knowingly connive at or participate in such violation, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be subject to the penalties prescribed in section 15 of this article.

13. Any general measurer or inspector of oysters in this State, who shall knowingly permit any evasion or violation of this article to take place without causing the arrest of the offender, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction of the same, shall be dismissed from the service, and be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than three hundred dollars, in the discretion of the court or justice of the peace.

14. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take or catch oysters, or have oysters in his or their possession, between the twenty-fifth day of April and the first day of September, in each and every year; provided, that oysters caught before the twenty-fifth day of April may be disposed of at any time before the thirtieth day of April; provided, that this section shall not prevent transportation companies from carrying oysters brought from other States; nor hotel and restaurant keepers or private persons from purchasing oysters outside of the State of Maryland; nor shall it be construed to prevent any person from taking oysters for private use, or transplanting or cultivating, not for sale, at any time from his private beds within the State; persons violating the