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## LEGAL OPINION

### Maritime Liens

Claims for maintenance and watchkeeping of a vessel since her call in the last port before auction, are vested with maritime lien.

It is not required that they are incurred after the seizure. However, in the case when a seized vessel lays for a long period at a port, where the auction finally takes place, this does not render this port as the last port. For the purposes of vesting the claim with a maritime lien, such a port is the port where the vessel was prevented from sailing as a result of the seizure.

Supreme Court Judgment no 152/2020, Presiding: G. Lekkas, Rapporteur Judge: I. Balitsaris, Attorneys at law: N. Lygouris, Th. Kanavelis, Maritime Law Review vol. 48, p. 26.

NOTE: The crucial moment for considering a port as "last", is that of vessel's seizure. If the vessel called in the port, and, while she was there, she was seized, expenses for maintenance and watchkeeping, even if incurred before seizure, are privileged with maritime lien as well.

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