

Ohio Department of Natural Resources DIVISION OF WATERCRAFT



To register a boat, you must have:

- 12-character hull identification number for boats manufactured on or after November 1, 1972**
- Ohio boat number (renewals and transfers only)** — If you cannot provide the Ohio boat number, provide agent with proper boat information to call the Division of Watercraft during hours of operation.
- Acceptable identification** — Current driver's license number, or state-issued identification card number, or Immigration & Naturalization Service document, or certified court order number, or military identification number, or valid U.S. or Canadian passport number, or state-issued learners permit number
- Date of birth**
- Verification for any changes in boat description** — The information listed on the title (if your boat requires a title) must be correct in order to change any of that information on your boat registration
- Registration fee** (see poster, Triennial Registration Fees)

NOTE: If someone other than the owner is renewing a boat registration, Power of Attorney with owner's date of birth and driver's license or other I.D. is required. Also I.D. is required for person designated to sign on behalf of owner. See your watercraft agent for details.

To renew a boat registration, you must also have:

- Any type of hull identification number for boats manufactured before November 1, 1972** — Cannot register if hull identification number is listed as "Unknown" or begins with "UNK."

To register a new boat or transfer ownership:

Titled boats must also have:

- A valid Ohio title with a 12-character Hull Identification Number issued in the owner's name(s).** U.S. Coast Guard Documented Vessels require a current certificate of documentation but not a title. (These vessels weigh more than 5 net tons.)

Non-titled boats must also have ONE of these: (all canoes & kayaks)

- Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO)**
 - Bill of sale from a store or casual sale**
 - Sales receipt**
- MUST include
- make of boat
 - hull identification number*
 - owner's name
 - year of boat manufacture
 - length of boat
 - date of purchase
- Completed and signed transfer of ownership section located on the back of previous owner(s) registration**
 - Completed Section 2 Notarized Affidavit of Ownership of the Certified Watercraft Registration Application form** (For details ask your Watercraft Agent)

Non-titled boats manufactured before 11/1/1972 without a proper hull identification number MAY be registered with authorization from the Division of Watercraft.
Boat MAY REQUIRE AN INSPECTION if research finds any discrepancies.
It CANNOT be registered if hull identification number is listed as "Unknown" or begins with "UNK."

*If the hull identification number is not listed, a pencil tracing is required.



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