

STEPS FOR STATES TO IMPLEMENT USCG CHANGES STATES HAVE UNTIL 1/1/2017

Changes under 33 CFR Part 174

174.3 Definitions:

Airboat means a vessel that is typically flat-bottomed and propelled by an aircraft-type propeller powered by an engine.

Auxiliary sail means a vessel with sail as its primary method of propulsion and mechanical propulsion as its secondary method.

Cabin motorboat means a vessel propelled by propulsion machinery and providing enclosed spaces inside its structure.

Certificate of number means the certificate required by 33 CFR [173.21](#).

Charter fishing means a vessel carrying a passenger(s) for hire who is (are) engaged in recreational fishing.

Commercial fishing means a vessel that commercially engages in the catching, taking, or harvesting of fish which, either in whole or in part, is intended to enter commerce through sale, barter, or trade.

Houseboat means a motorized vessel that is usually non-planing and designed primarily for multi-purpose accommodation spaces with low freeboard and little or no foredeck or cockpit.

Hull identification number or *HIN* means a number required by 33 CFR [181.23](#).

Inboard, in the context of an engine, means an engine mounted inside the confines of a vessel which powers a drive shaft that turns a water jet impeller or that runs through the bottom of the hull and is attached to a propeller at the other end.

Inflatable boat means a vessel that uses air-filled flexible fabric for buoyancy.

Open motorboat means a vessel equipped with propulsion machinery and having an open load carrying area that does not have a continuous deck to protect it from the entry of water.

Operate means use, navigate, or employ.

Operator means the person who is in control or in charge of a vessel while it is in operation.

Outboard, in the context of an engine, means an engine with propeller or water jet integrally attached, which is usually mounted at the stern of a vessel.

Owner means a person, other than a secured party, having property rights in or title to a vessel, including persons entitled to use or possess a vessel subject to a security interest in another person, but excluding lessees under a lease not intended as security.

Paddlecraft means a vessel powered only by its occupants, using a single or double bladed paddle as a lever without the aid of a fulcrum provided by oarlocks, thole pins, crutches, or similar arrangements.

Person means an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, association, joint-stock association, or governmental entity and includes a trustee, receiver, assignee, or similar representative of any of them.

Personal watercraft means a vessel propelled by a water-jet pump or other machinery as its primary source of motive power and designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing, or kneeling on the vessel, rather than sitting or standing within the vessel's hull.

Pod drive means an engine mounted in front of the transom of a vessel and attached through the bottom of the hull to a steerable propulsion unit.

Pontoon boat means a vessel with a broad, flat deck that is affixed on top of closed cylinders which are used for buoyancy, the basic design of which is usually implemented with two rows of floats as a catamaran or with three rows of floats as a trimaran.

Reporting authority means a State listed in 33 CFR part [173](#), Appendix A, as having a numbering system approved by the Coast Guard or the Coast Guard itself when a numbering system has not been approved.

Rowboat means an open vessel manually propelled by oars.

Sail only means a vessel propelled only by sails.

State means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and any other territory or possession of the United States.

State of principal operation means the State in whose waters a vessel is or will be operated most during a calendar year.

Sterndrive means an engine, powering a propeller using shifts and gears, mounted in front of the transom of a vessel and attached through the transom to a drive unit that is similar to the lower unit of an outboard, which may also be known as an inboard-outdrive or an inboard-outboard.

Vessel means every description of watercraft or other artificial contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on water.

174.16 Issuing Authority must verify that the owner of a vessel that is issued a State assigned HIN has permanently affixed the assigned HIN to the vessel in compliance with 33 CFR Part 181, subpart C

174.17 Collect required owner identifiers. (Owner's tax I.D Number, date of birth together with the driver's license number, or date of birth with other unique number

174.17 Use authorized terms for Contents of Application for Certificate of Number:

- Primary Operation
- Vessel Type
- Hull Material
- Propulsion Type
- Engine Drive Type (New)
- Fuel

Note: Once the laws and rules are changed, you will want to ensure that the effective date allows ample time to implement your changes.

Revise or generate new forms

- CFR 174.17 Contents of Application for Certificate of Numbers Must Contain the Following Information:
 1. Name of owner
 2. Address of owner, including ZIP code
 3. Owner identifier, which must be the owner's tax identification, date of birth together with a driver's license number, or date of birth together with other unique number.
 4. State of principal operation
 5. Number previously issued by an issuing authority
 6. Application type. Authorized terms are:
 - a. New number
 - b. Renewal of number
 - c. Transfer of ownership
 7. Primary operation. Authorized terms are:
 - a. Charter fishing
 - b. Commercial fishing
 - c. Commercial passenger carrying
 - d. Dealer or manufacturer demonstration
 - e. Other commercial operation
 - f. Pleasure
 - g. Rent or lease
 8. Make and model of vessel
 9. Model year
 10. Hull identification number, if any

11. Overall length of vessel
12. Vessel type. Authorized terms are:
 - a. Air boat
 - b. Auxiliary sail
 - c. Cabin motorboat
 - d. Houseboat
 - e. Inflatable boat
 - f. Open motorboat
 - g. Paddlecraft
 - h. Personal watercraft
 - i. Pontoon boat
 - j. Rowboat
 - k. Sail only
 - l. Other
13. Hull material. Authorized terms are:
 - a. Aluminum
 - b. Fiberglass
 - c. Plastic
 - d. Rubber/vinyl/canvas
 - e. Steel
 - f. Wood
 - g. Other
14. Propulsion type. Authorized terms are:
 - a. Air thrust
 - b. Manual
 - c. Propeller
 - d. Sail
 - e. Water jet
 - f. Other
15. Engine drive type. Authorized terms are:
 - a. Inboard
 - b. Outboard
 - c. Pod drive
 - d. Sterndrive
 - e. Other
16. Fuel. Authorized terms are:
 - a. Electric
 - b. Diesel
 - c. Gas
 - d. Other
17. Signature of the owner

CFR 174.19 Contents of Certificate of Number must contain the following information and be approximately 2 ½ by 3 ½ inches per CFR §174.25.

1. Number issued to the vessel

2. Expiration date of the certificate
3. State of principal operation
4. Name of owner
5. Address of owner, including ZIP code
6. Primary operation (Authorized terms are: charter fishing, commercial fishing, commercial passenger carrying, dealer or manufacturer demonstration, other commercial operation, pleasure or rent or lease)
7. Hull identification number, if any
8. Make and model
9. Model year
10. Overall length of vessel
11. Vessel type (Authorized terms are: air boat, auxiliary sail, cabin motorboat, houseboat, inflatable boat, open motorboat, paddlecraft, personal watercraft, pontoon boat, rowboat, sail only, or other)
12. Hull material (Authorized terms are: aluminum, fiberglass, plastic, rubber/vinyl/canvass, steel, wood, or other)
13. Propulsion type (Authorized terms are: air thrust, manual, propeller, sail, water jet, or other)
14. Engine drive type (new term) (Authorized terms are: inboard, outboard, pod drive, sterndrive, or other)
15. Fuel (Authorized terms are: electric, diesel, gas, or other)

- Boat Type Codes (Public Handout example from Arizona)

Database enhancements / changes

- Convert existing data to new authorized terms for:

Vessel Type
Propulsion Type
Engine Drive Type
Hull Material
Fuel
Primary Operation

- Change or modify programming for printing the new data on the certificate of number form.
- Record verification of state assigned HIN number.