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# **BOATING REGULATIONS**

## **Registration and Numbering - Fees and Marine Dealers**

### **ISSUANCE OF VESSEL REGISTRATION BY MARINE DEALERS**

#### **Sec. 15-144-1. Dealer qualifications.**

No marine dealer shall be authorized by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to assign identification numbers and issue temporary certificates of number upon the sale or transfer of a motorboat pursuant to the provisions of subsection (e) of section 15-144 of the General Statutes until such dealer has satisfied the Commissioner that he meets the following requirements:

(a) Such dealer qualifies as a marine dealer as defined in section 15-141 of the General Statutes.

(b) That his application for authorization to assign such motorboat identification numbers and temporary certificates of number is accompanied by a surety bond in such form as the Commissioner shall prescribe in the amount of one-thousand-five-hundred dollars conditioned on the faithful performance by the applicant of his duties in connection with the assignment of identification numbers and temporary certificates of numbers to motorboats, such bond to be held by the Commissioner to satisfy any loss suffered by his department through any action, malfeasance, or failure to act on the part of such applicant.

#### **Sec. 15-144-2. Automatic revocation.**

The forfeiture of any bond filed with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles under the provisions of subsection (b) of section 15-144-1 shall result in the automatic revocation of any authorization to assign identification numbers and issue temporary certificates of number for motorboats granted under the authority of subsection (e) of section 15-144 of the General Statutes and all forms bearing identification numbers and other materials on hand shall be immediately returned to the department.

#### **Sec. 15-144-3. Motorboats not to be numbered.**

No identification number or temporary certificate of number shall be issued by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles pursuant to subsection (e) of section 15-144 of the General Statutes unless such motorboat was sold to the owner in whose name the motorboat will be registered by such authorized marine dealer.

**Sec. 15-144-4. Submission of registration application.**

Each marine dealer assigning an identification number and issuing a temporary certificate of number pursuant to the provisions of subsection (e) of section 15-144 of the General Statutes shall within ten days of the issuance by him of such identification number and/or certificate of number submit to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles an application together with all necessary documents and fees required for the registration of such motorboat.

**Sec. 15-144-5. Suspension or revocation.**

The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may suspend or revoke the authorization to issue identification numbers and temporary certificates of number pursuant to subsection (e) of section 15 144 of the General Statutes when after notice and an opportunity to be heard as provided by the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act as set forth in section 4-177 through 4-183 of the General Statutes it is established to the Commissioner's satisfaction that such marine dealer has violated a provision of these regulations, subsection (e) of section 15-144 of the General Statutes or of any other regulation or statute relating to the conduct of his business as a marine dealer.

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**Sec. 15-144-6. Purpose.**

These regulations apply to registrations of marine vessels where the registrant desires to claim an exemption from or reduction in the fees for registration authorized by section 15 144 of the General Statutes.

**Sec. 15-144-7. Evidence of ownership.**

Any owner desiring to obtain a vessel registration number or decal shall furnish evidence of ownership in the form of a bill of sale indicating that the owner has been the purchaser of the vessel. If the applicant for registration does not have a bill of sale, the applicant may file a sworn affidavit as to the fact of such applicant's ownership of the vessel desired to be registered. The applicant also shall disclose in writing to the Commissioner any other ownership interests in a vessel. Any marine dealer selling a used marine vessel shall provide the new owner with the name and address of the former owner and the previous vessel number.

**Sec. 15-144-8. Fee reductions for commercial fishing.**

In order to pay the fee applicable to commercial fishing activities as prescribed by section 15-144(b)(2), the applicant shall file a copy of form L-20\* or a similar form indicating commercial fishing tax status approved by the Commissioner of revenue services. The applicant also shall file a form B-229, the Commercial Fishing Affidavit. The filing of this form also is required with each application for renewal.

**Sec. 15-144-9. Educational institution vessel.**

In order to claim the registration fee exemption applicable to vessels built by students in an educational institution authorized by section 15-144(b)(4)(B), the applicant shall furnish a statement attesting to the character of the vessel from an authorized official of the institution.

**Sec. 15-144-10. Nonprofit organizations.**

In order to claim the registration fee prescribed for a nonprofit organization in accordance with section 15-144(b)(6), the applicant must file its exemption number (“E” number) issued by the Department of Revenue Services.

**Sec. 15-144-11. Coast Guard Auxiliary vessels.**

Applications for registration of Coast Guard Auxiliary vessels claiming fee exemptions provided by section 15-144(b)(8) shall be accompanied by an affidavit of prescribed use, certified by an officer of the United States Coast Guard. Initially all applications claiming this exemption must be submitted directly to and approved by the Marine Vessel Section of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

\* Superseded by form REG-14