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BOATING AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**CHAPTER 1660-02-01
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR BOATING CERTIFICATES**

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1660-02-01-.01 APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER.

- (1) All applications for a Certificate of Number shall include the following information and shall be submitted on forms furnished by the Wildlife Resources Agency.
 - (a) Name and address of registrant, including zip code; registrant identifier, which must be the registrant's social security number, or date of birth together with driver's license number, or date of birth together with TWRA Identification Number;
 - (b) Name and address of co-registrant (if applicable), including zip code; co-registrant identifier, which must be the co-registrant's social security number or date of birth together with TWRA identification number; maximum of one co-registrant per Certificate of Number;
 - (c) Present TN number (if any) on vessel;
 - (d) Hull materials: Authorized terms are "aluminum," "fiberglass," "plastic," "rubber/vinyl/canvas," "steel," "wood," or "other";
 - (e) Type of propulsion: Authorized terms are "air thrust," "manual," "propeller," "sail," "water jet," or "other";
 - (f) Fuel: Authorized terms are "electric," "diesel," "gas," or "other";
 - (g) Make and model of vessel;
 - (h) Model year of vessel;
 - (i) Overall length of vessel (in feet and inches);
 - (j) Primary operation: Authorized terms are, "charter fishing," "commercial fishing," "commercial passenger carrying," "dealer or manufacturer demonstration," "other commercial operation," "pleasure," or "rent or lease";
 - (k) Signature of registrant and co-registrant (if applicable);
 - (l) 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";
 - (m) Engine drive type: Authorized terms are "inboard," "outboard," "pod drive," "sterndrive," or "other";

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- (n) State of principal operation and use;
 - (o) Indicate whether the application is for a new number, renewal of a number, or transfer of registration; and
 - (p) Manufacturer's hull identification number (if any) for all vessels built 1972 or after.
- (2) All requirements of paragraph (1) shall apply to rental boats, except that a description of motor, if any, and type of fuel need not be completed on the application in every case where the engine is not rented as part of the boat.
- (3) Paragraph (1) shall apply for dealers' or manufacturers' vessels except a description of the vessel shall not be required since the number issued may be transferred from one vessel to another. In lieu of the description, the word "manufacturer" or "dealer" as appropriate will be plainly indicated on the application.
 - (a) Application for a dealer or manufacturer certificate must be accompanied by a notarized copy (copies) of the dealer/manufacturer license to conduct such business, the sales tax number issued to said business, and the most recent sales tax certificate.
 - (b) A dealer and manufacturer certificate is to be used only for demonstration and/or testing purposes and may be transferred from boat to boat. However, no certificate may be used to operate more than one boat at the same time and each boat operated simultaneously requires a separate certificate.
- (4) Application for a duplicate Certificate of Number containing the information as required by paragraph (1) of these regulations shall be made if the Certificate of Number is lost or destroyed. Such an application shall be made within fifteen (15) days of loss or destruction.
- (5) The application for number by a new registrant and co-registrant (if applicable) of a vessel bearing a Tennessee number shall, for the purpose of fee, be regarded as an original application for number and the number issued shall be identical to the previous one.
- (6) Applications for a consignment vessel, Certificate of Number, shall adhere to the following guidelines:
 - (a) A consignment vessel is one which is owned by a vessel manufacturer or boat dealer, and is consigned to an individual or other entity for a period of time for demonstration or advertising use, and for which no sale has occurred.
 - (b) A consignment vessel Certificate of Number may only be issued to a vessel manufacturer or boat dealer located in Tennessee.
 - (c) Applications for consignment vessels shall be made using the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency "application for boat Certificate of Number" (WR0292), and include all applicable information outlined in 1660-02-01-.02 (Issuance of Certificate of Number).
 - (d) Applications must be accompanied by proof of manufacturer's or dealer's status which shall include at least the company name, Manufacturer Identification Code, location of the company office, and United States tax identification number or tax number issued by the Tennessee Department of Revenue.
 - (e) The application fee shall be the same as any other vessel of the same length.

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- (f) Applications for consignment vessels may be made with any regional office of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.
- (g) The Certificate of Number shall be issued in the name of the manufacturer's or dealer's business name.
- (h) If the vessel is sold at the end of the consignment period, it must be sold as a used vessel.
- (i) The vessel number will remain unchanged at the time of sale unless the state of principal use changes or as outlined in 1660-02-01-.01(5), 1660-02-01-.02(8) or 1660-02-01-.02(9).

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1660-02-01-.02 ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER.

- (1) All Certificates of Number issued by the Wildlife Resources Agency shall be pocketsize, water resistant and available for examination on the vessel for which issued whenever the vessel is in use, and shall contain the following information:
 - (a) Name and address of registrant, including zip code;
 - (b) Name of co-registrant (if applicable);
 - (c) Number issued to the vessel;
 - (d) Expiration date;
 - (e) Make and model of boat;
 - (f) Hull material: Authorized terms are "aluminum," "fiberglass," "plastic," "rubber/vinyl/canvas," "steel," "wood," or "other";
 - (g) Overall length of vessel (in feet and inches);
 - (h) Propulsion type: Authorized terms are "air thrust," "manual," "propeller," "sail," "water jet," or "other";
 - (i) Type of fuel: Authorized terms are "electric," "diesel," "gas," or "other";
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- (m) State of principal operation and use;
 - (n) Manufacturer's hull identification number (if any); and
 - (o) Model year of vessel.
- (2) Certificates of Number issued to rental motorboats need not include the type of fuel or method propulsion if the motor is not rented as part of the boat, but shall be plainly marked with the word "Rental."
- (3) The Certificate of Number for vessels less than 26' in length and leased or rented to another for the latter's non-commercial use of less than twenty-four (24) hours may be retained on shore by the vessel's owner or his representative at the place from which the vessel departs or returns to the possession of the owner or his representative; provided, however, the operator shall have with him a copy of the lease or rental agreement signed by the owner or his authorized representative and by the person leasing or renting the vessel that contains the vessel's number than appears on the Certificate of Number and the period of time for which the vessel is leased or rented.
- (4) Certificates of Number issued for a dealers' or manufacturers' vessel shall, in lieu of the description of the vessel, be plainly marked with the words 'MANUFACTURER' or 'DEALER' as appropriate.
- (5) Certificates of Number issued are valid for a period of up to three (3) years from date of issuance unless sooner cancelled. Certain causes for cancellation of certificates and voiding of numbers are:
 - (a) Surrender of certificate for cancellation;
 - (b) Notification of sale;
 - (c) Issuance of a new Certificate of Number for the same vessel;
 - (d) Issuance of a marine document by the U. S. Bureau of Customs for the same vessel;
 - (e) False or fraudulent certification in an application for number.
- (6) When a registrant and/or co-registrant of a vessel numbered by Tennessee changes their address from that shown on the Certificate of Number, they shall notify in writing the Wildlife Resources Agency of the new address within fifteen (15) days from such change.
- (7) When a vessel numbered by Tennessee is lost, stolen and/or recovered, destroyed, abandoned or transferred to another person, the Certificate of Number issued for the vessel shall be surrendered together with written notification of the change in status of the vessel to the Executive Director, within fifteen (15) days from such event.
- (8) The owner of a vessel must remove the number when the vessel is documented by the United States Coast Guard, the Certificate of Number becomes invalid, or the vessel is no longer principally used in Tennessee.
- (9) The Certificate of Number is invalid if the person whose name appears on the certificate dies or loses their interest by sale or other legal process.

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1660-02-01-.03 FEES FOR VESSEL REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER.

The fee to be collected for issuance of a vessel Certificate of Number or registration shall be as follows:

Vessel Fee Category	1 year	2 years	3 years
16 feet and under	\$18	\$34	\$50
Over 16 feet to less than 26 feet	\$35	\$68	\$101
26 feet to less than 40 feet	\$54	\$102	\$153
40 feet and over	\$72	\$138	\$203
Dealer/Manufacturer	\$45	\$92	\$135
Duplicate	\$9		
Consignment:			
16 feet and under	\$18	\$34	\$50
Over 16 feet to less than 26 feet	\$35	\$68	\$101
26 feet to less than 40 feet	\$54	\$102	\$153
40 feet and over	\$72	\$138	\$203

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