

**RULES
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TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES AGENCY
BOATING AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**CHAPTER 1660-02-02
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR NUMBER**

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1660-02-02-.01 PATTERN.

- (1) Every vessel identification number issued by the State of Tennessee shall consist of three parts. The first part shall consist of the capital letters "TN". The second part shall consist of not more than four (4) Arabic numerals. The third part shall consist of not more than two (2) capital letters. A validation decal shall be required as a part of the pattern of identification. Each part shall be separate from the other by a hyphen or equivalent space. For example: •-TN-I-A; •-TN-1234-AA; •TN 46 ZZ. Since the letters "I", "O" and "Q" may be mistaken for Arabic numerals, they shall not be used in the suffix. Objectionable words formed by the use of two or three letters shall not be used.

Authority: T.C.A. § 70-1-206(3). **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 8, 1974. Amendment filed May 7, 1985; effective June 6, 1985.

1660-02-02-.02 DISPLAY.

- (1) The identification number awarded to any vessel under the Tennessee numbering system shall be displayed thereon by being:
 - (a) Painted on, or attached to, each side of the bow (i.e., the forward half) of the vessel; read from left to right; and in such position to provide clear legibility for identification.
 - (b) In block characters of good proportion not less than three (3) inches in height and of a color which will contrast with the color of the background (i.e., dark numbers on a light background, or light numbers on a dark background) and so maintained as to be clearly visible and legible. Vessels operated by manufacturers or dealers for demonstration purposes may have the number issued printed upon or attached to a removable sign or signs to be temporarily but firmly mounted upon or attached to the vessel being demonstrated or tested so long as the display meets the above requirements.
 - (c) On vessels so configured that a number on the hull or superstructure would not be easily visible, the number must be painted on or attached to a backing plate that is attached to the forward half of the vessel so that the number is visible from each side of the vessel.
 - (d) A validation decal must be affixed to the vessel on each side of the forward half of the vessel immediately preceding or following the TN identification number.
 - (e) Vessels with a valid document issued by the United States Coast Guard shall not be required to display a certificate of number but shall display a current vessel validation decal issued by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. The decal shall be located on each side of the vessel on the windows located nearest the main operator station, or if not equipped with windows, the decal shall be placed in the immediate vicinity of the operator so that the decal is clearly visible to enforcement officers. Sailboats, in lieu of

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that location, may place the decal on the bottom of the main mast, on both the port and starboard sides.

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