



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LICENSING & REGISTRATION SERVICE
HULL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

U.S. Coast Guard requirements [33 CFR Part 181 Federal Register]

U. S. Coast Guard regulations requiring Hull Identification Numbers (HINs) for recreational boats are intended to provide a uniform positive identification of each boat manufactured in or imported into the United States. The Coast Guard uses the HIN to identify the safety standards that apply to a particular boat and to identify boats involved in a defect notification campaign.

The HIN is used by States to identify boats for registration and titling and by State marine police units and Federal law enforcement agencies (such as the FBI and National Crime Information Center) to trace stolen boats.

A 12-digit HIN is required by the U.S. Coast Guard on vessels of a certain age. It must be permanently affixed, engraved or embossed by the manufacturer or importer to the starboard half of the transom on the outboard or exterior side (visible from the outside).

Maryland will issue a 12-digit hull identification number (HIN) when a vessel is:

- Model year 1973 to 1983 -- existing HIN of less than 10 characters, or
- Model year 1984 and newer – existing HIN of less than 12 characters.

If either of those situations apply, complete and sign the Affidavit below (all owners must sign). Attach to your application along with a pencil tracing or photograph of the existing hull identification number (if a HIN exists but is less than 12 digits).

AFFIDAVIT

☐ Registered Vessel ☐ Documented Vessel ☐ Commercial Waterman

Vessel Number _____ Year _____ Length _____

Manufacturer or Builder _____

Model _____ Material _____

I certify under penalty of perjury that a valid hull identification number is not affixed to the vessel described above. I understand that the Maryland (MDZ) hull identification number assigned by the Department must be affixed to my vessel, and agree to notify the Department of Natural Resources within 30 days if I subsequently discover a previously assigned hull identification number.

Signature of Vessel Owner Date

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