board when the vessel is in use, rendering aid in a vessel accident, and reporting of vessel casualties and accidents.
(46 U.S.C. 1451, 1467, 1488; 49 CF R 1.46(n)(1))
[CGD 72-54R, 37 FR 21402, Oct. 7, 1972, as amended by CGD 77-117, 44 F R 42195, J uly 19, 1979; USCG-1999-5832, 64 FR 34715, J une 29, 1999]
$\S 174.21$ Contents of temporary certificate.
A temporary certificate issued pending the issuance of a certificate of number must contain the following information:
(a) Make of vessel.
(b) Length of vessel.
(c) Type of propulsion.
(d) State in which vessel is principally used.
(e) Name of owner.
(f) Address of owner, including ZIP code.
(g) Signature of owner.
(h) Date of issuance.
(i) Notice to the owner that the temporary certificate is invalid after 60 days from the date of issuance.

## § 174.23 Form of number.

(a) Each number must consist of two capital letters denoting the State of the issuing authority, as specified in Appendix A of Part 173 of this chapter, followed by-
(1) Not more than four numerals followed by not more than two capital letters (example: NH 1234 BD); or
(2) Not more than three numerals followed by not more than three capital letters (example: WN 567 EFG).
(b) A number suffix must not include the letters "I", "'O", or "Q," which may be mistaken for numerals.

## § 174.25 Size of certificate of number.

Each certificate of number must be approximately $2 \frac{1}{2}$ by $31 / 2$ inches.
§ $\mathbf{1 7 4 . 2 7}$ Duration of certificate of number.

A certificate of number must not be valid for more than 3 years.
§ 174.29 Temporary certificate of number.
A State may issue a temporary certificate of number that is effective for not more than 60 days.

## § 174.31 Terms imposed by States for

 numbering of vessels.A State numbering system may condition the issuance of a certificate of number on-
(a) Title to, or other proof of ownership of a vessel except a recreationaltype public vessel of the United States; or
(b) Proof of liability insurance for a vessel except a recreational-type public vessel of the United States; or
(c) The payment of State or local taxes, except for a recreational-type public vessel of the United States.
[CGD 72-54R, 37 FR 21402, Oct. 7, 1972, as amended by USCG-2003-15708, 70 FR 13105, Mar. 18, 2005]

## Subpart C-Casualty Reporting System Requirements

$\S$ 174.101 Applicability of State casualty reporting system.
(a) A State casualty reporting system must require the reporting of vessel casualties and accidents involving vessels to which $\S 173.51$ of this chapter applies.
(b) The State casualty reporting system may also require vessel casualty or accident reports for property damage in amounts less than that required under $\S 173.55$ of this chapter.
(46 U.S.C. 1486; 49 CF R 1.46(n)(1))
[CGD 72-54R, 37 FR 21402, Oct. 7, 1972, as amended by CGD 76-155, 44 FR 5309, Mar. 25, 1979; CGD 82-015, 54 F R 5610, F eb. 6, 1989]

## § 174.103 Administration.

The State casualty reporting system must be administered by a State agency that-
(a) Will provide for the reporting of all casualties and accidents prescribed in § 173.55 of this chapter;
(b) Receives reports of vessel casualties or accidents required in §174.101;
(c) Reviews each accident and casualty report to assure the accuracy and completeness of each report;
(d) Determines the cause of casualties and accidents reported based on information available and indicates the apparent cause on the casualty report or on an attached page;
(e) Notifies the Coast Guard, in writing, when a problem area in boating safety peculiar to the State is determined, together, with corrective measures instituted or recommended; and
(f) Reports on vessel numbering and vessel casualties and accidents as required in Subpart D of this part.

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\text { (46 U.S.C. 1486; } 49 \text { CF R 1.46(n)(1)) }
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[CGD 72-54R, 37 FR 21402, Oct. 7, 1972, as amended by CGD 76-155, 44 FR 5309, Mar. 25, 1979]
§ 174.105 Owner or operator casualty reporting requirements.
A State casualty reporting system must contain the following requirements of Part 173 applicable to an owner or a person operating a vessel:
(a) Section 173.55 Report of casualty or accident.
(b) Section 173.57 Casualty or accident report.
(c) Section 173.59 W here to report.
(46 U.S.C. 1451, 1467, 1488; 49 CF R 1.46 (n)(1))
[CGD 77-117, 44 F R 42195, J uly 19, 1979]
§ 174.106 State casualty reporting system optional sections.
In addition to the requirements in §174.105, a State casualty reporting system may contain any of the other requirements applicable to a vessel owner or operator prescribed in Part 173.
(46 U.S.C. 1451, 1467, 1488; 49 CF R 1.46 (n)(1))
[CGD 77-117, 44 FR 42195, July 19, 1979, as amended by USCG-1999-5832, 64 FR 34715, J une 29, 1999]
§ 174.107 Contents of casualty or accident report form.
Each form for reporting a vessel casualty or accident must contain the information required in $\S 173.57$ of this chapter.

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## Subpart D—State Reports

§ 174.121 Forwarding of casualty or accident reports.
Within 30 days of the receipt of a casualty or accident report, each State that has an approved numbering system must forward a copy of that report to the Commandant (G-OPB), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.
[USCG-1998-3799, 63 F R 35533, J une 30, 1998, as amended by USCG-2004-18057, 69 FR 34926, $J$ une 23, 2004]

## § 174.123 Annual report of numbered vessels.

Before March 1 of each year, each State that has an approved numbering system must prepare and submit Coast Guard Form CGHQ-3923, Report of Certificates of Number Issued to Boats, to the Coast Guard.

## § 174.125 Coast Guard address.

The report required by $\S 174.123$ must be sent to the Office of Boating Safety, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.
[CGD 88-052, 53 FR 25122, July 1, 1988, as amended by CGD 96-026, 61 FR 33669, J une 28, 1996]

## PART 175-EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

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