

### § 174.3

uniform vessel casualty reporting system for vessels by prescribing requirements applicable to the States for the approval of State numbering systems.

#### § 174.3 Definitions.

As used in this part:

*Operator* means the person who is in control or in charge of a vessel while it is in use.

*Owner* means a person who claims lawful possession of a vessel by virtue of legal title or equitable interest therein which entitles him or her to such possession.

*Reporting authority* means a State where a numbering system has been approved by the Coast Guard or the Coast Guard where a numbering system has not been approved. Reporting authorities are listed in Appendix A of Part 173 of this chapter.

[CGD 72-54R, 37 FR 21402, Oct. 7, 1972, as amended by CGD 96-026, 61 FR 33669, June 28, 1996; CGD 97-023, 62 FR 33365, June 19, 1997; USCG-2003-15404, 68 FR 37742, June 25, 2003]

#### § 174.5 Requirements for approval.

The Commandant approves a State numbering system if he or she finds, after examination of the information submitted by a State, that the State numbering system and vessel casualty reporting system meet the requirements of this part, 46 U.S.C. 6102, and 46 U.S.C. Chapter 123.

[CGD 97-023, 62 FR 33365, June 19, 1997, as amended by USCG-1998-3799, 63 FR 35533, June 30, 1998; USCG-2003-15404, 68 FR 37742, June 25, 2003]

#### § 174.7 Approval procedure.

To obtain approval by the Commandant of a numbering system or of any revision to a numbering system, an authorized representative of the State must submit three copies of the State laws, regulations, forms, and policy statements, if any, that pertain to the numbering system or revision to Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety (CG-542), 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.

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## Subpart B—Numbering System Requirements

#### § 174.11 Applicability of State numbering system.

(a) Except as allowed in paragraph (c) of this section, a State numbering system must require the numbering of vessels to which § 173.11 of this chapter applies.

(b) A State numbering system may require the numbering of any vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the State unless prohibited by the regulations in Part 173 of this chapter.

(c) A State numbering system may exempt from its numbering requirements any vessel or class of vessels to which § 173.13 of this chapter applies.

#### § 174.13 Owner or operator requirements.

A State numbering system must contain the requirements applicable to an owner or a person operating a vessel that are prescribed in the following sections of Part 173:

(a) Paragraph (a) of § 173.15 *Vessel number required*.

(b) Section 173.19 *Other numbers prohibited*.

(c) Paragraph (a) of § 173.21 *Certificate of number required*.

(d) Section 173.23 *Inspection of certificate*.

(e) Section 173.25 *Location of certificate of number*.

(f) Section 173.29 *Notification of issuing authority*.

(g) Section 173.71 *Application for certificate of number*.

(h) Section 173.73 *Duplicate certificate of number*.

(i) Section 173.77 *Validity of certificate of number*.

(46 U.S.C. 1451, 1467, 1488; 49 CFR 1.46(n)(1))

[CGD 77-117, 44 FR 42195, July 19, 1979]

#### § 174.14 State numbering system optional sections.

In addition to the requirements in § 174.13, a State numbering system may contain any of the other requirements

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applicable to a vessel owner or operator prescribed in Part 173.

(46 U.S.C. 1451, 1467, 1488; 49 CFR 1.46(n)(1))

[CGD 77-117, 44 FR 42195, July 19, 1979, as amended by USCG-1999-5832, 64 FR 34715, June 29, 1999]

### § 174.15 Validation stickers.

(a) If a State issues validation stickers, its numbering system must contain the requirements that stickers must be displayed within 6 inches of the number and the stickers must meet the requirements in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section.

(b) Validation stickers must be approximately 3 inches square.

(c) The year in which each validation sticker expires must be indicated by the colors, blue, international orange, green, and red, in rotation beginning with blue for stickers that expire in 1973.

### § 174.17 Contents of application for certificate of number.

(a) Each form for application for a certificate of number must contain the following information:

- (1) Name of the owner.
- (2) Address of the owner, including ZIP code.
- (3)-(4) [Reserved]
- (5) State in which vessel is or will be principally used.
- (6) The number previously issued by an issuing authority for the vessel, if any.
- (7) Whether the application is for a new number, renewal of a number, or transfer of ownership.
- (8) Whether the vessel is used for pleasure, rent or lease, dealer or manufacturer demonstration, commercial passenger carrying, commercial fishing, or other commercial use.
- (9) Make of vessel.
- (10) Year vessel was manufactured or model year.
- (11) Manufacturer's hull identification number, if any.
- (12) Overall length of vessel.
- (13) Type of vessel (open, cabin, house, or other).
- (14) Whether the hull is wood, steel, aluminum, fiberglass, plastic, or other.
- (15) Whether the propulsion is inboard, outboard, inboard-outdrive, sail or other.

(16) Whether the fuel is gasoline, diesel, or other.

(17) The signature of the owner.

(b) An application made by a manufacturer or dealer for a number that is to be temporarily affixed to a vessel for demonstration or test purposes may omit items 9 through 16 of paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) An application made by a person who intends to lease or rent the vessel without propulsion machinery may omit items 15 and 16 of paragraph (a) of this section.

[CGD 79-087, 47 FR 8176, Feb. 25, 1982]

### § 174.19 Contents of a certificate of number.

(a) Except as allowed in paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this section, each certificate of number must contain the following information:

- (1) Number issued to the vessel.
  - (2) Expiration date of the certificate.
  - (3) State of principal use.
  - (4) Name of the owner.
  - (5) Address of owner, including ZIP code.
  - (6) Whether the vessel is used for pleasure, rent or lease, dealer or manufacturer demonstration, commercial passenger carrying, commercial fishing or other commercial use.
  - (7) Manufacturer's hull identification number (if any).
  - (8) Make of vessel.
  - (9) Year vessel was manufactured.
  - (10) Overall length of vessel.
  - (11) Whether the vessel is an open boat, cabin cruiser, houseboat, or other type.
  - (12) Hull material.
  - (13) Whether the propulsion is inboard, outboard, inboard-outdrive, or sail.
  - (14) Whether the fuel is gasoline, diesel, or other.
- (b) A certificate of number issued to a vessel that has a manufacturer's hull identification number assigned, may omit items 8 through 14 of paragraph (a) of this section if the manufacturer's hull identification number is plainly marked on the certificate.
- (c) A certificate of number issued to a manufacturer or dealer to be used on a vessel for test or demonstration purposes may omit items 7 through 14 of paragraph (a) of this section if the